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*DAY 2*

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**Hello. Welcome to the fasting devotional for today. I'm so delighted to be with you and share this devotion on the faithfulness of God.**

**What does it mean to feed on His faithfulness? It is relying and depending on Him to find strength and assurance in His unwavering character. We need the Lord to sustain and carry us through, till He returns. Maranatha!**

**We will be going a few places in the scriptures, but let's start with Psalm 37:1-4 (NKJV). David knew the secret of feasting on the Lord's faithfulness.**

**"Do not fret because of evildoers, nor be envious of the workers of iniquity."**

**In this verse, David is speaking out of his experience. Don't be envious of people who are around you, don't be in fear and dwell in anxiety. Fear and anxiety are not going to help to build your faith, they are only going to weaken you.**

**Of course, there are many workers of iniquity and evil doers prospering all around, but we can't feast on the wisdom and works of this world.**

**"For they shall soon be cut down like the grass,  
and wither as the green herb. Trust in the Lord, and do good; dwell in the land,  
and feed on His faithfulness" (Psalm 37:2-4).**

**Yes, everything looks great. The grass is looking green. They have flourished, but they will wither. But you, man of God, woman of God, trust in the Lord, and do good. Dwell in the land, and feed on his faithfulness.**

**David had seen and experienced God's faithfulness throughout his life. In his younger age, he saw the faithfulness and power of God in defeating Goliath. I want you to realize one thing that is perhaps difficult to do: to be faithful during great challenges. The spirit of this world will push with temptation, stress, anxiety and past wounds, but we must go back to His faithfulness through our testimonies in the Lord.**

**David fed on God's faithfulness by reflecting on the victories he had already won. Reflect on how God has shown up for you in the past, and how He has been faithful to you and others. He has always been faithful, He is faithful, and He will always be faithful. He never changes.**

**Daniel 3:16-18 (NKJV) says, "Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego answered and said to the king, 'O Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to answer you in this matter. If that is the case, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and He will deliver us from your hand, O king. But if not, let it be known to you, O king, that we do not serve your gods, nor will we worship the gold image which you have set up.'"**

**Take a look at Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-Nego in the midst of great challenge. They said to the king, "We will not bow down to you even if our God does not deliver us". They stood firm knowing our God is more than enough and powerful to deliver from this pagan king. More important than a miracle is God's faithfulness in the midst of the mystery of how it will turn out. Because we feast on his faithfulness, we receive ability and boldness to make such a declaration. God is a faithful. God, his very character, is faithful. Whether we are to Him or not, He is always faithful.**

**I have a personal testimony of God's faithfulness that I recall in difficult times. The Lord put the desire in my heart to come to the USA when I was young, which many of you may not understand. It looked practically impossible. In 1997, at the age of 23, I arrived to this country in the freezing cold with \$300 in my pocket, not even wearing the proper clothing. I did not have any support, but God is faithful who called me. He provided for me every step of the way and brought me through. When the time came, I stood along with many others in Faneuil Hall, Boston, where I waved the American flag and took my oath as a brand new citizen of the United States.**

**Through those times of challenges and struggles, and all the times since, God was faithful and taught me faithfulness. I understand how to feast and be delightful in Him.**

**Psalms 37:3-4 (NKJV) says, "Trust in the Lord, and do good; dwell in the land and feed on His faithfulness. Delight yourself also in the Lord, and He shall give you the desires of your heart."**

**No matter where you are at this hour or in this season of your life, be faithful unto Him who called you. Feed on His faithfulness. Maybe the Lord is asking you to reflect on what He has done for you, is doing, or will do. Maybe He is asking you to be faithful.**

**Be faithful to your spouse. Be faithful to what is being given to you; your finances, your friends, your relationships. Be faithful to the House of God where the Lord has placed you. Be faithful in your giving; be faithful in everything that you do. When we feast on His faithfulness this will become our testimony, to overcome this world and shine bright.**

**I recently watched a movie about a 10-year old that was lost in an abandoned mine in Utah, in the 1980's. He went with his father and some church folks for an adventurous camping trip. Apparently he got lost in the dark mines with no flashlight, no food and no water. For 5 days he was in complete darkness. He knew the Lord would rescue him if he called upon Him, so he did. He testified later of the peace he had in the presence of the angels around him. He was not even scared. Can you imagine being 10 years old in the pitch black and not being scared? Sometimes in our lives we do have moments where it's dark. We feel lost, but still have the little hope that our God is faithful and somehow He will deliver us. He will rescue us.**

**Psalm 37:6 (NKJV) says, "He shall bring forth your righteousness as the light and your justice as the noonday".**

**I'd like to conclude with these scriptures from Revelation 3:7-13 (NKJV).**

**"And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write, 'These things says He who is holy, He who is true, He who has the key of David, He who opens and no one shuts, and shuts and no one opens. I know your works. See, I have set before you an open door, and no one can shut it; for you have a little strength, have kept My word, and have not denied My name. Indeed I will make those of the synagogue of Satan, who say they are Jews and are not, but lie – indeed I will make them come and worship before your feet, and to know that I have loved you. Because you have kept My command to persevere, I also will keep you from the hour of trial which shall come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth. Behold, I am coming quickly! Hold fast what you have, that no one may take your crown. He who overcomes, I will make him a pillar in the temple of My God, and he shall go out no more. I will write on him the name of My God and the name of the city of My God, the New Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from My God. And I will write on him My new name. He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.'"**

**Let's pray.**