

Introduction: What's the source of your hope?

- **Three Observations about the Human Species:**
 1. We all depend on something or someone to “hold us up” inside.
 2. When that something or someone is “coming through for us” we experience a sense of peace, satisfaction, and optimism about the future.
 3. When that something or someone “fails to come through for us” we experience a sense of anxiety, dissatisfaction, and ultimately despair.
- **Conclusion:** It seems that the secret to a life of unending joy and peace is to find something or someone **who will “come through for you” 100% of the time in any and every situation forever.**
- **The Solution:** Lamentations 3:21-24

Defining “The Faithfulness of God”

- **Definition** = “Steadfast in affection or allegiance (loyal), firm in adherence to promises or in observance of duty (conscientious), given with strong assurance (binding), true to the facts, to a standard (constant).” - Websters
- **Synonyms** – Dependable, trustworthy, loyal, staunch, resolute, constant, reliable, true to one’s word, keeps one’s promises, true to and consistent to one’s character, someone “who comes through for you.”
- **Why Is God Able to Be Faithful 100% of the Time?**
 1. He is _____ – He is never caught off guard. Romans 11:33-36
 2. He is _____ – He never encounters anything or anyone who can thwart His plans or purposes.
 3. He is _____ – He is pure, honest, full of integrity, unable to lie, and therefore, is always consistent with His character and His Word. Isaiah 6:1-6
 4. He is _____ – He is not affected by space or time; He knows the end from the beginning. Psalm 90:2
 5. He is _____ – Nothing can happen outside the sphere of His influence. Psalm 139:7-11
 6. He is _____ – He never changes; is never different than He is now, He is never in a bad mood, and never has a bad day. Malachi 3:6, Hebrews 13:8

“All of God’s acts are consistent with all of His attributes. No attribute contradicts any other, but all harmonize and blend into each other in the infinite abyss of the Godhead. . . God, being who He is, cannot cease to be what He is, and He is at once faithful and immutable, so all His words and acts must be and must remain faithful.”

A.W. Tozer – *Knowledge of the Holy*

- **Summary:** God is 100% faithful to His Word, His promises, His people, and His character because He cannot be otherwise. **He will never let you down!**

God reveals His faithfulness to us through . . .

- His _____ Psalm 19:1-6; 57:10; 119:90; 145:13-6

- His _____
 - The Patriarchs Genesis 12:1-3
 - Israel Micah 7:20
 - David Psalm 132:11
 - The Church Matthew 16:18

- His _____ John 14:15-18, Galatians 5:23

- His _____ Numbers 23:19, Isaiah 25:1

- His _____ Isaiah 55:10-11
 - His Word is true John 17:17
 - He keeps His covenants Deuteronomy 7:9
 - He keeps His promises Hebrews 10:23
 - He fulfills His predictions Isaiah 42:8-10

- His _____ Isaiah 11:5, Revelation 19:11

- The _____ of our lives when . . .
 - We are weak 2 Corinthians 12:9-10
 - We are tempted 1 Corinthians 10:13
 - We sin 1 John 1:9
 - We utterly fail 2 Timothy 2:11-13

How can we respond to God's faithfulness?

1. **Put** your _____ behind you today!

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

1 John 1:9 (NIV)

2. **Bring** your _____ problems, pains, and failures to Jesus today!

²⁸Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.

Matthew 11:28-30 (NIV)

3. **Put** your _____ for the future in the One who will never let you down!

²³This is what the LORD says: Let not the wise man boast of his wisdom or the strong man boast of his strength or the rich man boast of his riches, ²⁴but let him who boasts boast about this: that he understands and knows me, that I am the LORD, who exercises kindness, justice and righteousness on earth, for in these I delight, declares the LORD.

Jeremiah 9:23-24 (NIV)

4. **Tell** someone each _____ how God has been faithful to you!

I will sing of the LORD's great love forever; with my mouth I will make your faithfulness known through all generations.

Psalms 89:1 (NIV)

Resources: The Book of Psalms, *Tired of Trying to Measure Up* by Jeffrey VanVonderen
Hudson Taylor's Spiritual Secret by Dr. & Mrs. Howard Taylor