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God is Faithful

God's attributes are like the facets of a diamond. A diamond is one stone, and yet its brilliance comes from the reflection of its numerous facets. One cannot separate a diamond into its individual facets—for the diamond to exist the facets need to function as a whole, reflecting off one another. So it is with God's attributes: He is more than the sum total of them, and they cannot be separated. God's faithfulness is an attribute that reflects His constant reliability in His character, His words, His actions, and His purposes. We can believe that He is who He declares Himself to be—all-powerful, ever-present, all-knowing, all-wise, unchanging, holy, just, loving, and merciful, to name a few. Scripture declares that God is faithful, just, righteous, and true at all times and for eternity—the epitome of perfection (Deut 7:9, 32:4). Revelation 19:11 states that when Jesus Christ returns, He will be called "Faithful and True." In this lesson we will explore the attribute of God's faithfulness.

1. Write a definition of "faithful" based on the dictionary, (to see how it compares to the biblical definition as explored below.)

2. Scripture communicates the faithfulness of God in a variety of ways.

Record your discoveries from the following verses:

a. Genesis 8:20–22

b. Deuteronomy 7:9

c. Deuteronomy 32:3–4

d. Psalm 33:4

e. Psalm 91:4; 2 Thessalonians 3:3

f. 2 Timothy 2:13

g. 1 John 1:9

3. Choose three aspects of God's faithfulness from the verses above, and describe why they are especially important to you at this time.
4. In Genesis 8:20–22 we read how Noah built an altar and offered burnt offerings to God after the flood subsided. God responded by promising He would never again curse the ground on account of the evil intent of our hearts, nor would He destroy every living thing. How does God's faithfulness impact you as you view the evil that exists in the world today, in light of the promise of verse 22?

5. Read Genesis 15, in which God affirms His promise to Abraham through a covenant ceremony. How does this passage illustrate God's unique faithfulness in the fulfillment of His promises? (Consider why God had Abraham fall asleep and how His presence alone in passing through the sacrifice pieces spoke to Abraham's ability to contribute to the fulfillment of the covenant.)
6. Consider the promise of 1 Corinthians 10:13. How has God shown His faithfulness to you during a time of overwhelming temptation? What encouragement do you find in Hebrews 1:8–12?

7. Think about a time in your life when God called you to either persevere in a particular task or forgive in a particular relationship, and you did not obey Him, believing you could not do it? Read the promises in 1 Thessalonians 5:24 and Philippians 1:6. If these verses are true and you believe them, what must your response to God be? Give an example of how you will respond to a situation you are facing now.

8. How does Jeremiah describe God's faithfulness in Lamentations 3:20–23? Describe an experience in which God demonstrated His faithfulness to you personally.

9. How are God's promises and His faithfulness related? See Numbers 23:19, Hebrews 11:11, and James 1:12. What promises in God's Word do you especially depend on currently?

10. We understand that God's attributes cannot be separated but are inextricably integrated. Reflect on why it is important to understand each attribute in light of the others. What would God be like if He were:

- Good but not all-powerful? All-powerful but not good?
- Ever-present, but not faithful?
- All-knowing, but not unchanging?
- Just, but not loving?

11. What attributes have you found especially meaningful in this study and why? What other attributes can you think of that you would like to study personally later?