

THE *Faithfulness* OF GOD



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We are here to celebrate **half a century** of divine faithfulness.

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“Life can only be understood backwards;
but it must be lived forwards.”

–Søren Kierkegaard

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LAMENTATIONS 3:21

But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness. “The Lord is my portion,” says my soul, “therefore I will hope in Him.”

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God's faithfulness does not mean
"He always gives us what we want,
when we want it."

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God's faithfulness does not mean the storm will not hit the house; it means the foundation will not crack when the storm arrives.

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“Ebenezer” = “Thus far the Lord has helped us.”

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If He has brought us this far, He has not
brought us this far to abandon us now.

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HEBREWS 10:23 (NLT)

Let us hold tightly without wavering to the hope we affirm,
for God can be trusted to keep His promise.

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In the Bible, hope is not a wish; it is a confident expectation of a certain future. Biblical hope is not based on our circumstances or feelings; it is anchored in the character and promises of God. **It's the certainty that God is going to finish the story He started.**

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In Revelation 21, God does not say,
“I am making all new things.” He says,
“I am making all things new.”

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A bridge of hope for the searching and
a table of grace for the believing.

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As the body of Christ, **we are the primary vehicle through which God is demonstrating this future unity now.** The church is meant to be a little preview of the renewed creation.

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When we, a diverse group of people from different backgrounds, different economic levels, different political views, and different personalities, love each other and live in harmony, **we are showing a watching world what God's future looks like.**

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Lord, we thank You for Your steadfast love and faithfulness. Guide our steps as we walk into the future. May Your light shine through us, bringing hope to those in darkness. Give us courage, grant us peace, and hold us in Your hands.

Amen.

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