

## SESSION 23

# GOD IS FAITHFUL (A)

### *Lesson Plan*



**RECOMMENDED READING**  
Chapter 24 “God Is Faithful” and  
Chapter 29 “Transformed by His Majesty”

*You will need a CD player and the “GOD: Musical Reflections of His Character” CD to close this session.*

#### INTRODUCTION (5 MINUTES)

Faithfulness is a quality that is in short supply in our society. Rather than following the terms of a contract, many people use lawyers to relieve themselves of their obligation. Marriage partners who promise to stay together “till death do us part” file for divorce. Unfaithfulness causes much pain and trouble in our world.

- ❑ What do you think of when you hear the word “faithfulness”?
- ❑ Faithfulness is often attributed to a dog or a humble servant, but rarely to a macho man or political leader. However, how important do you think faithfulness is to society’s health?
- ❑ Can you think of someone in your life who proved faithful? How did that make you feel?

Every person will fail us at some time. And we will act unfaithfully to others, in spite of our best intentions. There is only One who is completely faithful—our gracious Savior. Let’s ask the Holy Spirit to teach us how God’s perfect faithfulness can impact our lives.

*Lead the group in prayer.*

#### VIDEO TEACHING SEGMENT: GOD IS FAITHFUL (19 MINUTES)

*The cue graphic on the videotape is “Lesson 12” (the video segments are divided by attributes).*

Let’s turn to the Video Outline on page 66 in your Study Guide and follow along as Dr. Bright teaches us about God’s faithfulness.

#### GROUP DISCUSSION (15 MINUTES)

- ❑ Which of the five major points in today’s session is most meaningful to you?
- ❑ Dr. Bright stated, “God’s faithfulness gives us hope.” Why do you think this is true?
- ❑ In the closing drama scene, Jeff said we sometimes just need to go beyond ourselves to faith that God *is* in control. How is that possible?
- ❑ What difficulties in your life do you need to surrender to God’s faithfulness?

In your Study Guide on page 67, you’ll find a condensed version of Chapter 29 from *GOD: Discover His Character*. Entitled “Transformed By His Majesty,” this material is relevant to our discussion today as we consider God’s faithfulness to us and His ability to change our lives. Take a few minutes to read through this material and be encouraged in your walk with God.

#### CLOSING PRAYER (6 MINUTES)

*Begin by having your group prayerfully listen, with eyes closed, to “God is Faithful” on the Musical Reflections CD. Then have concluding prayer.*

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## *Video Outline*



“Your unfailing love, O LORD, is as vast as the heavens; Your faithfulness reaches beyond the clouds” (Psalm 36:5).

“O LORD God Almighty! Where is there anyone as mighty as You, LORD? Faithfulness is Your very character” (Psalm 89:8).

1. **Our faithful God helps us in our need.**  
(Isaiah 50:10; Deuteronomy 7:9; 1 Peter 4:19; Psalm 143:1)
  
2. **Our faithful God protects us from temptation and the evil one.**  
(1 Corinthians 10:13; 2 Thessalonians 3:3)
  
3. **Our faithful God forgives us when we are unfaithful.**  
(1 John 1:9; 2 Timothy 2:13; Lamentations 3:22,23)
  
4. **Our faithful God purifies us from unrighteousness.**  
(1 Thessalonians 5:23,24; Philippians 1:6; 1 Corinthians 1:9)
  
5. **Our faithful God fulfills His promises.**  
(Joshua 23:14; Hebrews 10:23; Numbers 23:19)

*Because God is faithful,  
I will trust Him to always keep His promises.*

### RECOMMENDED READING

*GOD: Discover His Character*, Chapter 24 “God Is Faithful”

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# GOD IS FAITHFUL (B)

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**RECOMMENDED READING**  
Chapter 25 “God Enables Us to Be Faithful”

### REVIEW (5 MINUTES)

*Lead the group in prayer.*

In this session we will continue our study of the faithfulness of God.

- ❓ In what ways is this study of God’s character stretching your understanding of who He is?
- ❓ How have you experienced the faithfulness of God?

### BIBLE STUDY (20 MINUTES)

In this session we’re going to have the opportunity to study several biblical examples that reveal truths about the faithfulness of God. Turn to page 70 in your Study Guide and we’ll study these truths together.

**VIDEO ILLUSTRATION SEGMENT:**  
*FAITHFUL, NO MATTER WHAT* (12 MINUTES)

### LIFE APPLICATION (5 MINUTES)

- ❓ What emotions did you experience as you watched the dramatic portrayal of the father’s rescue of his son?
- ❓ Dr. Bright said, “Although we may be . . . trapped by life’s hardships and struggles, we are never cut off from God and His love for us.” What impact does this truth have on you?

### CLOSING PRAYER (3 MINUTES)

Let’s turn to the Life Application step “Exalt Your God” found on page 72 in your Study Guide. We’re going to close our session today by singing the wonderful hymn *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*, followed by a few moments of individual praises for God’s faithfulness in our personal lives.

*Lead the group in the singing of the hymn, followed by a short time of praise and worship.*

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# GOD IS FAITHFUL (B)

## *Bible Study*



**1. Faithfulness means loyalty to others in spite of the cost.**

*Read Ruth 1:1–17; 2:1–12; 4:13–17.*

- a. In what ways was Ruth faithful to Naomi?
- b. What did it cost Ruth to leave her country and go with Naomi?
- c. How did God reward Ruth (and thereby bless Naomi)?

**2. Faithfulness wisely invests God's resources.**

*Read Matthew 25:14–30.*

- a. How was the one servant unfaithful to his master?
- b. What was the unfaithful servant's attitude about his master? Was it accurate?
- c. When you have had a wrong view of God, how did it affect your relationship with Him?
- d. What "talents" has God given you? Are you faithfully using them for His glory?

**3. Faithfulness ministers to others despite circumstances.**

*Read Acts 16:22–34.*

- a. Paul and Silas had been wrongly beaten and imprisoned, yet instead of complaining they were singing hymns. What does this reveal about their relationship with God?
- b. How did they faithfully witness for the Lord in jail?
- c. In what ways is it difficult for you to be faithful to God and His will for your life in your current situation? Why?
- d. What can you learn from the example of Paul and Silas?

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**GOD IS FAITHFUL (B)**  
*Life Application*



**WRITE IT ON YOUR HEART**

Memorize the following statement and verses. As you encounter situations during this week where you need to remember that God is faithful, claim these promises.

- Because God is faithful, I will trust Him to always keep His promises.
- 1 Peter 4:19—“If you are suffering according to God’s will, keep on doing what is right, and trust yourself to the God who made you, for He will never fail you.”
- 2 Timothy 2:13—“If we are unfaithful, He remains faithful, for He cannot deny Himself.”

**EXALT YOUR GOD**

Worship our faithful Creator by singing the wonderful hymn *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*.

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father,  
 There is no shadow of turning with Thee;  
 Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not;  
 As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!  
 Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
 All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;  
 Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Praise God for the ways He has been faithful to you personally.

**REFLECT HIS IMAGE**

Search your heart by answering the following questions:

- Do people consider me someone they can count on?
- When I say I will do something, do I always come through?

Go to God with your answers to these questions, and ask Him to help you become a faithful person.

## *Life Application (continued)*

### COUNT ON GOD

The Bible states, “Without wavering, let us hold tightly to the hope we say we have, for God can be trusted to keep His promise” (Hebrews 10:23). People, institutions, even churches may fail us, but our faithful God can always be trusted.

Is there a specific problem or situation you need to give to Him?

He is able to strengthen you and help you through any difficulty.

### OBEY GOD

Are you faithful to God? Do you love Him more than anything else? Jesus says in John 14:23, “If anyone loves Me, he will obey My teaching” (NIV). We demonstrate our faithfulness by our obedience. Obey your faithful Lord today.

### SHARE HIS MAJESTY

What insights have you gained about God’s faithfulness from this lesson?

Tell them to a friend or family member and encourage that individual to draw even closer to our faithful heavenly Father.

### RECOMMENDED READING

*GOD: Discover His Character*, Chapter 25 “God Enables Us to Be Faithful”

If you would like to download the entire GOD: Discover His Character Bible Study (which covers all the attributes) for free. You'll find it by visiting our Resources section:

<http://DiscoverGod.com/resources>

