

SESSION 23  
**GOD IS FAITHFUL (A)**  
*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 \_\_\_\_\_.**  
 (Isaiah 50:10; Deuteronomy 7:9; 1 Peter 4:19; Psalm 143:1)
  
2. **Our faithful God protects us from \_\_\_\_\_ and the evil one.**  
 (1 Corinthians 10:13; 2 Thessalonians 3:3)
  
3. **Our faithful God forgives us when we are \_\_\_\_\_.**  
 (1 John 1:9; 2 Timothy 2:13; Lamentations 3:22,23)
  
4. **Our faithful God purifies us from \_\_\_\_\_.**  
 (1 Thessalonians 5:23,24; Philippians 1:6; 1 Corinthians 1:9)
  
5. **Our faithful God fulfills His \_\_\_\_\_.**  
 (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”

# TRANSFORMED BY HIS MAJESTY

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What difference are these new insights about God making in your life? James 1:22 encourages us not just to listen to the Word but to do what it says. Otherwise, we are like the captain of the *Titanic*, who was warned by a nearby ship that icebergs had been sighted, but did nothing with the information. Because he did not act upon his knowledge, the great ship struck an iceberg and sank, sending hundreds to a watery grave.

Truly, knowledge without action is worthless. We must carefully and fully apply the truth He has given us and allow the truth about His marvelous character to transform our life. Only then will we experience God's best in our lives and become all He intended us to be.

But there are some barriers that may hinder this transformation.

## BARRIERS TO BEING TRANSFORMED

What are some things that get in the way of becoming transformed people?

### 1. Ignorance of the Truth

Ignorance is one barrier that can rob us of fully experiencing God's transforming power. It can manifest itself in different levels.

The first level of ignorance is when a person is *not aware* of God's character. No one who has completed this series of lessons can claim this type of ignorance.

A second level occurs when a person is exposed to the truth, but *does not understand* what it means. Do you still have questions about God's attributes?

A third level of ignorance occurs when a person has been exposed to the truth and understands it, but does not apply it because he is *ignorant of the consequences* of not living according to God's truth. This is perhaps the most serious level of ignorance. Con-

sciously choosing not to act on the truth can bring dire consequences.

Now that you have a greater understanding of who God is, how will this knowledge change who you are and how you live? Remember, there are built-in consequences when you violate God's truth and ways. Whether you disobey Him knowingly or because of ignorance, the consequences remain.

### 2. Hardening Your Heart

The second barrier to a transformed life is hardening your heart against allowing God's truth to impact your life. Usually the culprit is the age-old problem of pride. It may be disguised as busyness or even laziness, but deep down the reason is often pride. Maybe you do not believe you need to be changed, or maybe it just sounds like too much work. Ultimately, you are telling God that being transformed into the image of His Son is not important—and that is pride.

### 3. Nurturing Sin

The third barrier to becoming new, transformed people is unconfessed sin. Is there a sin you are unwilling to forsake to follow God wholeheartedly? Are you reluctant to let go of something that stands in the way of God completely having His way with you? It may be bitterness, lack of forgiveness, sexual immorality, or any other sin. Whatever the case, sin always isolates us from God and the relationship He desires for us.

## TRANSFORMED BY THE TRUTH ABOUT GOD

Paul explains the process of transformation: "I plead with you to give your bodies to God. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind He will accept. When you think of what He has done for you, is this too much to ask? Don't copy the behavior and cus-

toms of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will know what God wants you to do, and you will know how good and pleasing and perfect His will really is” (Romans 12:1,2).

Use the following application points to open your heart to God and apply the truths and insights you have learned about His majestic character to your life.

### 1. Write It on Your Heart

What we hear and read can easily be forgotten unless we make an effort to remember. Meditate on Scripture and insights about who God is and how He wants to be involved with you. Also meditate on the “Because” statements related to the attributes. Nothing will transform your thinking more than contemplating the magnificence of our great God and memorizing His Word.

### 2. Exalt Your God

As a regular part of your devotional time and your Sunday routine, worship God for who He is. You can do this in several ways:

- Consider each of His marvelous attributes individually, and thank and praise Him for His magnificence.
- Find hymns and praise songs that focus on God’s attributes and honor Him by singing them to Him as an offering of worship.
- Study the many names of God in the Bible and praise Him for each one. God’s names reveal His different roles and reflect His glorious nature.

### 3. Count on God

People often fail us because they are unable to do what they said they would do. This is never the case with God, who has unlimited abilities. He is all-powerful, ever-present, all-knowing, and absolutely sovereign. Some people make promises they never intend to keep, but God is completely honest. Because He is morally perfect in His character, He will always do what He says, and He will always do the right thing. He is holy; He is absolute truth; He

is righteous; and He is just.

Perhaps a person has failed you because he was too busy, or only half-heartedly agreed to do something. But God is always willing to help. He is totally committed in His relationship to you, so He will always do what is best for you. He is loving, merciful, faithful, and never-changing. He can always be trusted.

When Peter walked on the water, he stayed afloat as long as his gaze was fixed on Jesus. But when he looked at the churning waves under his feet, he began to sink.

The storms of life are constantly changing, but God remains the same. He is consistent and reliable. He is our anchor. Do not permit yourself to become distracted. Whatever your circumstances, keep your eyes on Jesus. The more you grow in your relationship with God, the easier it will be to trust Him with everything.

### 4. Obey God

God’s commands protect us from harm and provide for our well-being. Every command reflects who God is. God’s laws are not intended to keep us from finding happiness and fulfillment, but are guardrails that keep us on the road to a happy, fulfilled life for all eternity.

If you are a typical Christian, your biggest problem is not that you do not know God’s commands, but that, for whatever reasons, you are only selectively obeying them. Why would anyone clearly understand what the sovereign Ruler of the universe wants him to do yet willfully choose to ignore God’s instruction?

Without God’s involvement, the entire universe would collapse into chaos. Every single breath we take is possible only because our Creator God ordains it. How very foolish for anyone to shake a fist in the face of God Almighty in defiance of His rule! Surrender your will totally to God. Depend on the Holy Spirit to help you obey God completely.

### 5. Reflect His Image

God has chosen us in advance to be conformed to the likeness of His Son, Jesus Christ (Romans 8:29), and He wants us to “be mirrors that brightly reflect

the glory of the Lord” (2 Corinthians 3:18). God is concerned with what we do, but even more concerned with what we are becoming. We are children of God, and should act in a way that is consistent with who we are. That is why He is committed to helping us become the people He wants us to be, so that as we serve Him, our actions are consistent with our glorious calling.

### 6. Share His Majesty

Are you excited about the things you have learned about God’s magnificent nature? Think of the truths that have been the most life-changing to you. Now ask yourself: *How can I keep quiet about my new experiences with God?* We should be eager to introduce people to the wonderful God who lives inside us!

#### REFLECTING HIS MAJESTY

Moses was highly honored by God and was even called His friend. Because of their close relationship, God shared His glorious presence with him. The Lord told Moses, “I will make all My goodness pass before you... But you may not look directly at My face, for no one may see Me and live” (Exodus 33:19,20). When Moses descended Mount Sinai, his face glowed because he had spoken to the Lord face to face.

The more time you spend with God, the more you will get to know His magnificent character, and the more you will reflect His radiance to those around you.

If you allow God to live out His love, mercy, faithfulness, and righteousness through you, imagine what a difference it will make in your family, church, neighborhood, and work place. And what if others in your church were also impacted in this way? How would your church change, and what effect would this have on your community and the world at large?

Only one word can describe the result: revival. Revival always begins with a renewed view—a right view—of God. Will you let God begin transforming you?

As Moses reflected God’s glory, you, too, can shine His light in your world. What an honor to have our infinite, all-powerful God live His glorious nature through you! Your life will dramatically change, and others will be drawn to our awesome God as they glimpse His glory radiating through your life.

Allow yourself to be transformed by His majesty!

SESSION 24  
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?

## *Bible Study (continued)*

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?

SESSION 24  
**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>

