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The Faithfulness of God

"God's attributes are not isolated traits of His character, but facets of His unitary being. They are not things-in-themselves; they are, rather, thoughts by which we think of God, aspects of a perfect whole, names given to whatever we know to be true of the Godhead." -Tozer.

God's attributes are in perfect balance with each other, they work in perfect unity and peace with each other. This is what "shalom" or peace means. It means wholeness, peace within oneself, soundness.

All God's attributes are in perfect peace and balance with all the others. There is no contradiction in God. He is faithful, even to Himself.

Deuteronomy 7:9 "Know therefore that the LORD your God is God; he is the faithful God, keeping his covenant of love to a thousand generations of those who love him and keep his commandments."

Psalm 34:6 "Your love, LORD, reaches to the heavens, your faithfulness to the skies."

What does it mean to be faithful?

Of great importance to us and our reliance upon God and his other attributes is that He is faithful even to himself.

2 Timothy 2:11-13

In what way can we be unfaithful to ourselves?

One of the many ways that we will show we are becoming more Christlike will be with the elimination of any contradictions within ourselves. That we come to a place of completeness within our hearts displaying the attributes of Christ with consistency and wholeness.

The apostle Paul wrote of the contradictions within his life in Romans 7:15-21. How does this passage comfort you and challenge you at the same time?

Why do you think we sometimes struggle to trust God and his faithfulness in various situations in life?

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Briefly share a time when you profoundly experienced the reality that God is faithful. (Most often we experience the attributes of God through his faithful people)

In what ways is God faithful to us?

- 1. To deliver us safely to heaven. John 10:27-30
- 2. To answer our prayers. Matthew 7:7-12; 1 Peter 3:12

- 3. To forgive our sins. 1 John 1:9
- 4. To discipline us in love. Hebrews 12:5-6; Psalm 119:75,76
- 5. To deliver us through temptation. 1 Corinthians 10:13
- 6. To Shepherd us all through life. Psalm 23, 121

"Upon God's faithfulness rests our whole hope of future blessedness. Only as He is faithful will His covenants stand, and His promises be honored. Only as we have complete assurance that He is faithful may we live in peace and look forward with assurance to the life to come.... the tempted, the anxious, the fearful, the discouraged may all find new hope and good cheer in the knowledge that our heavenly father is faithful. He will ever be true to His pledged word. The hard-pressed son of he covenant may be sure that HE will never remove His loving-kindness from them nor suffer His faithfulness to fall." -AW Tozer