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"I was in prison and you came to me" Matt. 25:36cESV

God's Faithfulness!

We sing about it, we turn to it, we try to and do trust in God's faithfulness. But what does that mean and how do we experience it?

Faithfulness is one of the characteristics of God's ethical nature, indicating God's firmness or constancy in His relations with men, especially with His people. It is "... one aspect of God's truth and ...unchangeableness. He... keeps His covenant promises, is constant, worthy of trust, good, and full of mercy. (Paraphrase from International Standard of Bible Encyclopedia)

Faithful is a verbal adjective, akin to peitho and is passive "to be trusted and reliable". It is also active as in "believing, trusting and relying". (Vine's Expositive Dictionary)

Faithful is used of God's word or covenant as true and to be trusted and as a designation of Christians it means full of faith, trustful, as well as trustworthy ... (Easton's Bible Dictionary)

Scriptures on His faithfulness

"Know, understand and love therefore that the LORD your God is God, the faithful God." • Dt 7:9

"Many claim unfailing love, or say they are trustworthy friends, but a faithful man who can find? • Prv 20:6

"... Well done, my good and faithful servant." • Mt 25:21

"God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond..." • 1 Cor 10:13



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Spotlight David Taylor

Dave Taylor is an intercessor for MEC. He works with Oasis WM. Here is his one-minute witness and the ways he has seen God's faithfulness.



"There was a time in my life when I had this emptiness that I tried to fill with what the world had to offer; drugs, alcohol, money, prestige, and adrenaline; but nothing worked. I did not have peace, I did not have joy, I did not have hope. I was lost and did not know my purpose.

Then one day when I was 40 years old my uncle Walt told me about a Jesus who loves me. Once I realized Jesus died for my sins and rose from the dead, I repented and believed, and wanted to receive Jesus as my Lord and Savior. If I had never met Jesus, I would still be lost, still be empty, and still would not have peace, joy, and hope. I would most likely be divorced and maybe even dead.

I do not have any emptiness. I have peace, joy, and hope, no matter what my circumstances are, and they are good and bad each day. I have a purpose; I have been found. The best part is I know for sure I will be going to heaven for eternity. Before I had religion and now, I have a relationship; I had information and now I have transformation.

I have seen His faithfulness for 20 years. My identity does not come from this world or anyone in this world, it comes from God, my Creator. He says I am His masterpiece, His workmanship. Looking back, I can see God's hand in my life the whole way. He put people in my life to plant and water. The Holy Spirit saved me. He kept me safe, so I did not die before knowing Jesus as Lord and Savior. God continues to do a mighty work in me every day to be the man he has called me to be.

I have forgiven everyone that has wronged me, and I have asked everyone that I wronged for forgiveness. God has shown me that everything; time, talent, and treasure is His

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We know we are not alone in God's work. This month our **Ministry shout-out** goes to:

The One Minute Witness www.oneminutewitness.org

This faith-sharing tool is now printed in 62 languages. It equips believers of all ages to confidently and compassionately share their own faith-story and the good news of Jesus Christ in about one minute.

Together we multiply our voices, hands and feet to become an army of witnesses!!!!

Saturday 3/23/24 9:00am to 12:30pm Oasis World Ministries is launching in Scott County. We will be doing a 1MW training/equipping at Friendship Church 17741 Fairlawn Avenue, Prior Lake.

Attached is a video for a 1MW training/equipping All are invited. You can sign up at www.friendshipmn.org/witness

For more information contact Dave Taylor 612-366-7445.

Highlights of OMW

- Asking permission to ask a question
- Ask about the best thing that ever happened to you
- Ask for permission to share your best thing
- Share three things that were hard, the gospel and how Christ changed healed and impacted your life.
- Ask if they would like to receive His love



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is to be a tool, not a canned speech. It surprised me how it opened up conversation with someone. We can use it to be prepared to give an answer for the hope that lies within you.

1MW is a part of Oasis Ministries www.oasisministries.com



- Constructing churches in unreached areas
- Drilling Water Wells
- Brining Living Water to the thirsty

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and I need to be a good steward. It is amazing that God calls me to be his vessel, His hands and feet to do His work to His glory. His love is perfect, unconditional, and never changing. I receive this love to overflowing each day and love Christ with all my heart, mind, soul, and strength and I love others the same.

Thank you for reading this, this same Jesus that loves me, loves you. Dave Taylor

“Now may the God of peace make you holy in every way, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless until our Lord Jesus Christ comes again. God will make this happen, for he who calls you is faithful.” • 1 Thes 5:23-24

“But the Lord is faithful; he will establish you, strengthen you and guard you from the evil one.” • 2 Thes 3:3

“And so, dear holy brothers and sisters who belong to God and are partakers and partners of the heavenly calling, consider/think carefully about this Jesus, the Apostle/God’s messenger and High Priest. Of our profession. For he was faithful to God, who appointed him.” • Hebrews 3:1-2a

There is a wonderful list of verses on God’s faithfulness for memorization on the kidsfintegrity.com website which is a part of Focus on the Family Canada.

<https://kidsfintegrity.com/lesson/faithfulness/memory-verses/>

Thank you to many of you who responded to my query of how you have experienced God’s faithfulness. I have really looked forward to sharing these with you. Please continue to send the ways you experience Him and His faithfulness!

Faithfulness, at 72 years old, He still allows me to honor His name by volunteering and sharing the word of God, and what His son Jesus did on the cross for a sinner like me. This year marks 24 years since I surrendered my life to Him, and told Him that any door he would open for me to serve him, as ill prepared as I was back then, He has always been with me! I am truly Blessed by his Mercy and Love for me! Got to Go {Minister to these men}! Blessings for all you do in His name! **Bruce Peterson**



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As I've been praying for volunteers and inmates [& other things]. I've been diving into God's word to find scriptural prayers for the many needs. God has not only shown me scriptures but has blessed me with the truth of the scriptures as I pray them for/with you. **Andrea Pripps**

He has met my every spiritual and physical need. I love it when He makes a Scripture verse come alive for me and I am loving Him more and more. One night when I thought I might have to go to ER, I cried out that I did not feel Him and He graciously gave me that experience and put His hand on my heart and settled the fast rate. I am not healed of the heart problem but trust Him for every minute. My church is Memorial Drive Bible Fellowship and I have a wonderful group of caring friends who help me. **Bev Maki**

I wouldn't know where to begin in describing all the ways and times that God has shown his faithfulness to me!! I keep an “answered prayers” list on my phone to remind me of all the ways He shows up when we seek Him and put our faith and trust in Him. One of the reasons I do that is because it's not just the big prayers or huge medical issues or whatever, it's the multiple times per day on small things that we can tend to forget about where He shows up.

Just last night I added one to my list because my daughter had been feeling such anxiety about meeting her sales goals at her new job each month. I kept encouraging her to lean on God, to let Him use this experience to show her His faithfulness to us, and for it to remind her not to draw her self-worth from work but rather only from God. She texted us last night saying God had again answered her prayers and it was just so neat to see her experience the fruits of putting our faith in God! **John Maring**



I see God's faithfulness to me each and every day when I wake up. In the simple things. I enjoy my health so I can go to work and provide for my family. I flick on the light switch and the lights turn on. The water comes out of the tap. I love that each day. I'm thankful for not being under severe persecution. His mercies are new every morning, Great is His faithfulness. **Ron M**

Thank you so much for all the prayers! May God bless you! He is meeting us in the ministry to the inmates and in caring for aging parents. **Dan & Rosilind Miller**

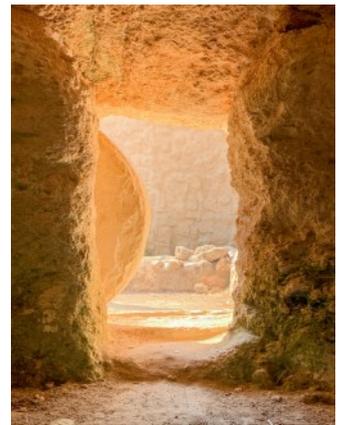


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God is so good. I have just been through surgery I'm recovering very well from. Our God is faithful. My wife and I were very blessed by meeting you and being part of this MEC family.

Blessing 🙏 **Andy Diaz**

I am a member at Bethel Christian Fellowship 1466 Poland Ave St Paul since 2016, serving communion & usher, prayer, going out witnessing to the lost & witnessing to my family as an example of Christ, never wavering. His Grace has kept me safe & fulfilled despite the trials; nothing can separate me from his love. **Elder Gwynder**

Our Father who is in heaven, hallowed be His name. Jesus Christ, He has been so good to me I am so grateful for Him healing me. I thank Him for all the good, bad, ugly and small. I thank Him for my tears, the pain, that He helped me overcome my fears. God's been good to me throughout my years. I'm so grateful, it's a miracle that I am still here. All that I am and all that He's brought me through and everything I have is because of Him. I'm grateful and so thankful for Him bringing MEC into my life ...such a blessing of light. I'm grateful for Jesus Christ the light of my life. In His Almighty and Matchless name. Amen 🙏 **Gary Parker**

More to come next month

Praying the Names of God

Jesus—Light of the World

Lord Jesus - you announced that you were the light of the World and recorded that in John 8:12 right after the couple was caught in adultery and the woman was brought out to be condemned,. But you said the one with no sin was to cast the first stone.

No one could cast it to condemn her and you said, neither do I condemn you, go and sin no more. Thank you for giving freedom from condemnation and freedom from sin.

The torches lit up the night at the festival of Sukkot, or the feast of tabernacles, or dedication. There is so much darkness in the world now. So much darkness that we might not ever see, but that that these inmates do experience. Dark things that happen to them and dark things they do. Bring your light into our lives so that we do not walk in darkness. Bring your light into the jails and prisons to dispel the dark. Take the condemnation and the sin. With you as our light, we do not have to live under condemnation, from you or from others. Romans 8 says there is no condemnation if we are in you. You in us and us in you, like you said in John 15.

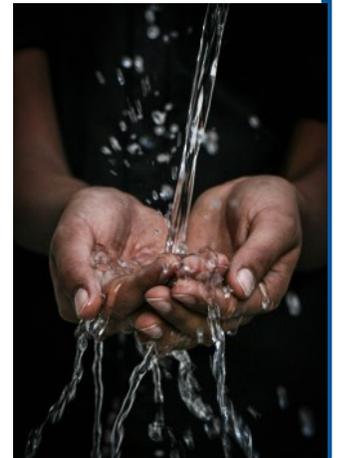
Then spoke Jesus again to them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that follows me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.

John 8:12

John 1:4

In Him was life, and that life was the light of men.

See also John 3:19, 9:5, 12:35-36 & 12:46



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