

## *A Word From the Publisher*

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Let's not forget, to continue to pray for those people in North and South Carolina as they begin to recover from Hurricane Florence. Thankfully, the storm lost a little strength before she bashed the coast, but her rainfall has been relentless. I well remember a lot of our problems after Hurricane Irma were the rains and rising rivers and creeks. It was later that we began to see all of the devastation. Just keep them in your prayers and help with the recovery in any way that you can: monetary, donations, etc. There's just something about small towns where we can pitch in and help where we see a need. God has truly blessed us!

As we continue to think about God's blessings, think about how blessed we are today. I know for a fact that our family has been through some rough times this year but God has continued to show us the way. Day to day He continues to show us the way. Just because we have faith in our Almighty God doesn't mean that the devil has given up on us. As he sees us leaning more on our Heavenly Father for direction, the devil works harder. He does this by distractions, temptations and anything he can to turn our minds and hearts towards the Father.

Many people have the impression that once you are saved and have accepted Christ as your Savior and asked Him into your heart, all the bad goes away! Again, not so! Satan works ten times harder to convince you that your decision was wrong and life can be so much better his way. Satan is full of deceit, selfishness and hate (much like the world has become). God is a sovereign god

who is faithful and merciful. There is no possible way that I could even try to do this publication without direction from the Lord each and every week. I can try to be big and bad but I know better...I am nothing without Him. We each have obstacles to face in our lives and most of the time, they are bigger than us! It's amazing how spending time with God each morning can change the events of the day. I know that if I try to do things my way I run into a wall. God's way is the only way. I've also learned that God has a sense of humor. Many times He has allowed me to follow my path and when I do hit that wall it's pretty serious. But there is my faithful Savior ready to pick me up and dust me off. Again, Great is Thy Faithfulness!

I recently purchased a daily devotional from Our Daily Bread titled Great is Thy Faithfulness. It's amazing to me just how many times the devotion is directed to me and what I'm going through. It's always been one of my favorite hymns. When I was growing up, we heard these precious hymns each week. I knew all the words because we sang them so often. Sad to say, it wasn't until I finally matured that I actually listened to the words. How precious they are: Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, Great is Thy Faithfulness Oh Lord to Thee. If you are a google person, just look up a YouTube of someone singing that song and listen closely to the words. You'll not find any person that is more faithful than Jesus Christ our Lord!

Have a blessed week!

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