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He is Faithful

By Alice Wright



"Know therefore that the Lord thy God, he is God, the faithful God, which keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love him and keep his commandments to a thousand generations" (Deuteronomy 7:9).

The word faithful means that someone is steadfast in his allegiance. His word is given with strong assurance or it is binding.

We learn to trust the character of a person by getting to know him. We must spend time together for our relationship to develop. The same is true with God. Time spent in His Word and in prayer develops our trust in Him. I have had a relationship with God for fifty-five years. He has never failed to keep His word in my life. Matthew 24:35 states "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away."

When our youngest son was nine months old, he was burned severely on his leg and arm. The morning it happened, my husband was not home so I took my son to the hospital. When my husband returned home and we were not there, he knew something was wrong. He began to pray. While praying, the Lord spoke to him saying everything was going to be all right. He had no idea what that promise meant.

The next day we took our son to the doctor. He told us the burns were second and third degree and would require skin grafts. We went to church and asked them to pray. My husband told them what God had said to him. He also stated he believed there would be no skin grafts because of God's Word.

When we returned to the doctor to schedule the skin grafts, he was totally amazed. He asked, "What have you done"? It was a very easy answer. God had spoken that everything was going to be all right. He is faithful to His word. Our child has no scars on his leg and only one small scar on his arm - a reminder of God's faithfulness.

"God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? Or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?" (Numbers 23:19). When God speaks, we have the assurance it will come to pass.

We may have weaknesses, but God has strength. We may have sin, but God offers grace. We may fail, but God remains faithful. Confidence is not based on our having all the resources needed to take care of

ourselves. Confidence is based upon the truth that God is faithful. Circumstances may change, but we have a never-changing God in control. There is nothing too difficult for Him.

Hebrews 10:23 assures us, "Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised)." When we have nothing left but God, we discover that God is enough.

Note: Alice F. Wright has been a pastor's wife for forty-five years. Her husband is founding pastor of the church in Annapolis, Maryland. She is the mother of two sons, both of whom are ministers, and grandmother to seven.



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Our God is Faithful

By Susan Beek



"You will always be my little boy or my little girl." I sometimes tell this to my sons and my daughter. Perhaps as a parent you have said the same thing to your child. I remember the first time I held our children in my arms, I thought if only they would stay this small, I could protect them from the evils of this world. My family has been one of my greatest dreams come true.

I was raised in a troubled home, so from a very young age I would imagine having a family where everyone loved each other. At that time I thought I could be this great mom all on my own. But as a Christian, we don't need to do this alone. Psalm 127:3 says, "Lo, children are an heritage of the LORD: and the fruit of the womb is his reward." Our God is the Sovereign God, and He is faithful. He desires to surround, cover, and protect our children with His love.

Children grow up and begin making their own choices. Whether our children are young and innocent or older and struggling with a rebellious nature, whether they live at home or out in the world, they need our prayers as never before. They live in a world where ungodly influence is everywhere; but remember, our God is faithful!

At times we feel helpless, especially when our children have gone astray and seem so lost, angry, and unreachable. But we have a hope and faith in the Word of God. Proverbs 22:6 says, "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it."

If at a young age we instill in them a knowledge of who God is, and teach that He forgives and His blood covers a multitude of sins, they can make their way back to the fold. Our God is faithful!

As parents we try to build and shape character in our children's lives. It is important to teach them to have manners, but it is more important to teach them to pray. It will build faith and trust in God that will carry them through life's challenges. We are responsible to not only read the Word but to speak it into their lives.

The children of Israel were instructed to teach their children morning and night, "Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is one Lord." They would speak this over their newborn because they believed it would strengthen him to have greater potential for spirituality. Because God is faithful, we must also be faithful in teaching our children.

Note: Reverend Susan Beek, wife of missionary John Beek, is the mother of three and grandmother of six. She resides in Edinburgh, Scotland, and ministers alongside her husband.

From the Mailbox

Greetings from El Salvador, God Bless you. Just to let know I read all the Ladies Prayer Intl newsletters. It is very helpful for me as a pastor's wife. God bless your ministry. -Esther (Pastor's wife)

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I look forward to receiving the Swahili edition. I do want to remain on the English list, also. I periodically send certain articles to friends whom I know will benefit from it, like Leah Seagraves' most recent one. Thank you so much for your burden and ministry. Have a blessed New Year! -Pamela Smoak (Missionary)

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Would you mind to let Sis. Gerolyn Kelley know that I so appreciated her article about consistency. It gets tough to stay consistent in prayer in the mornings before school -- especially when you deal with late nights as a pastor's family and early morning tiredness, rushing around, grabbing books, breakfast, etc. So this was a great reminder.

I also loved how the time of prayer was a short one -- not something so hard to attain and reach -- but that the important thing here was to remain consistent. Just perfect! I am grateful-- and encouraged!

Thanks my friend, for these amazing testimonies of prayer for our children. I loved them all -- and they ministered greatly to me. I will be sharing them with our church families and mothers.

Love you much. Thank you for all that you do! Your friend, Debbie Sanders (Pastor's wife)

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From the Editor



Debbie Akers

God is doing mighty things! God is opening many doors and this newsletter is now available in English, Spanish, French, German, Dutch, Portuguese, Russian, Greek, Arabic, Farsi, Czech, Chinese, Swahili, Hungarian, Tagalog, Indonesian, Romanian, Italian and Norwegian. Looking to add Polish soon! Please help us pray for a Serbian, Bulgarian and Japanese translators.

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Our Mission . . . We are committed to the spiritual preservation of this generation and beyond and the spiritual restoration of previous generations.
Our Need . . . Committed women who will join together on the first Monday of each month and pray focused prayer for their children.

Three Priorities of Prayer...

- The salvation of our children (Isaiah 49:25; Psalm 144:12; Isaiah 43:5-6).
- That they take ownership of the faith at an accountable age (I John 2:25-28; James 1:25).
- That they enter into the ministry of the Lord's harvest (Matthew 9:38).

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