



Forever Faithful
Exodus 15:22 – 17:16
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Theme: **God Is Forever Faithful For His Glory And Our Good.**

Faithful When We Are Not.

1. To Israel when they grumbled and quarreled with God. (15:22-27; 16:1-36; 17:1-7;
cf. Psalm 78:14-33; 105:40; 106:6-15; 1 Corinthians 10:3-4, 10)
2. To us when we complain and grumble. (cf. Romans 2:4; 6:1-2; 1 Corinthians 10:10;
2 Timothy 2:13; James 5:9; 1 John 1:9)

Faithful When We Are.

1. To Israel in the battle with the Amalakites. (17:8-16; Deuteronomy 25:17-18)
2. To us in all of our battles. (e.g. 1 Corinthians 10:13; 2 Corinthians 2:14; 2 Thessalonians 3:3;
Philippians 1:6; 4:19; Hebrews 10:23; James 1:2-8; 1 John 5:1-5)

Faithful With A Purpose.

1. To bring glory to Himself. (16:6-7, 9-10; cf. 29:38-46; Numbers 14:20-23)
2. To care for us. (15:25-27; 16:4, 8, 12 f.; 17:5-6; cf. Deuteronomy 2:7; Philippians 4:19)
3. To teach, test and discipline us so we can grow in faith and faithfulness. (15:26-26; 16:5, 19-30;
cf. 20:20; Deuteronomy 8:1-6)

In My Life This Week

(As you use this daily guide, write out your observations and responses on a separate piece of paper and save them with this sheet for reference.)

Monday. Yesterday we focused on the faithfulness of God—He is *Forever Faithful*. Faithfulness is part of God’s character. He does not change. He always has been, is and will be faithful. Think about what this means to you, and then how it does/should affect how you live. Since we are in the Old Testament, check out some of its statements on God’s faithfulness, including Deuteronomy 7:9; 32:4; Psalm 36:5; 91:4; 100:5; Isaiah 11:5; 25:1; 49:7; Lamentations 3:23.

Tuesday. God is faithful even when we are not. Review God’s faithfulness to Israel when they grumbled about bitter water (Exodus 15:22-27), about being hungry (16:1-36) and their quarreling with God about the lack of water (17:1-7). God is faithful to you and me when we are not (see 2 Timothy 2:13). Why does this not mean we can be casual about our faithfulness to God (see Romans 2:4; 6:1-2)? Identify some of God’s blessing to you in time you were not being faithful to Him. Thank Him for His constancy, love, grace and mercy.

Wednesday. God delights to bless us through His faithful love when we are faithful to Him. In fact, some blessings He gives only as we are faithful. Read through Israel’s battle with the Amalakites which is a graphic example of this principle. God is faithful to us in all our opportunities, challenges and battles—He forgives and cleanses our sin as we confess it, He provides the wisdom, strength, protection and victory as we seek it and Him. Review the references with the second point under “Faithful When We Are” on the outline.

Thursday. God is *Forever Faithful*. His faithfulness has a purpose. Ultimately it is for His glory (e.g., Exodus 16:6-7, 9-10). It also is for the purpose of our good. That does equal giving us what want or think we need. He is faithful to care for us, to teach, test and discipline us so we will grow in our faith, so that we will become more and more like Christ. Our lack of faithfulness will never negate God’s faithfulness, but it can and does rob us of the fullness of life with God that He wants us to experience. Always be faithful to your forever faithful God.

Friday/Saturday. On Sunday we plan to look at 18:1-26. Read this section in preparation for our time together.