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- “This I recall to my mind, Therefore I have hope. 22 Through the LORD'S mercies we are not consumed, Because His compassions fail not. 23 They are new every morning; Great is Your faithfulness.”

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- Psalm 89:1-2, 5-8 - “I will sing of the mercies of the LORD forever; With my mouth will I make known Your faithfulness to all generations. 2 For I have said, Mercy shall be built up forever; Your faithfulness You shall establish in the very heavens... 5 And the heavens will praise Your wonders, O LORD; Your faithfulness also in the assembly of the saints. 6 For who in the heavens can be compared to the LORD? Who among the sons of the mighty can be likened to the LORD? 7 God is greatly to be feared in the assembly of the saints, And to be held in reverence by all those around Him. 8 O LORD God of hosts, Who is mighty like You, O LORD? Your faithfulness also surrounds You.”

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- Psalm 36:5 - “Your mercy, O LORD, is in the heavens; Your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.”
- Deut. 7:9 - “Therefore know that the LORD your God, He is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and mercy for a thousand generations with those who love Him and keep His commandments”
- Zeph. 3:5 - “The LORD is righteous in her midst, He will do no unrighteousness. Every morning He brings His justice to light; He never fails...”

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- Titus 1:2 - “In hope of eternal life which God, who cannot lie, promised before time began”
- 1John 1:9 - “If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”



# God Is Faithful In His Grace

- Lam. 3:22 - “Through the LORD'S mercies we are not consumed...”
- Mercies - translated “loving-kindness” over 30 times in the Old Testament. It is an expressive word that connotes love, grace, mercy, faithfulness, goodness and devotion.
  - God’s grace and mercy brought them out of Egypt to the Promised Land
  - God’s grace and mercy kept them in the Promised Land

# God Is Faithful In His Grace

- His grace and mercy saves us
  - Eph. 2:4-5 - “But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, 5 even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ; by grace you have been saved”
- His grace and mercy secures us
  - 1Peter 1:5 - “Who are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.”

# God Is Faithful In His Gifts

- Vs. 22-23 - "...Because His compassions fail not. 23 They are new every morning..."
- Compassion - literally "the womb"; means "to be moved in the heart out of love for another"



# God Is Faithful In His Gifts

- God's gifts are faithful
- God did not promise an easy road, but He promised His grace will be sufficient for all needs on the road
  - 2Cor. 12:9 - "And He said to me, My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness..."
  - Isa. 43:1-2 - "But now, thus says the LORD, who created you, O Jacob, And He who formed you, O Israel: Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by your name; You are Mine. 2 When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; And through the rivers, they shall not overflow you. When you walk through the fire, you shall not be burned, Nor shall the flame scorch you."

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- The gift of His presence
  - Heb. 13:5 - “For He Himself has said, I will never leave you nor forsake you.”
  - Matt. 28:20 - “...Lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age”
- The gift of His performance
  - Eph. 3:20 - “Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us”

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- The gift of His provision
  - Phil. 4:19 - “And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.”
  - Psalm 37:25 - “I have been young, and now am old; Yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken, Nor his descendants begging bread.”

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- The gift of His Person
  - Heb. 13:8 - “Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.”
  - Mal. 3:6 - “For I am the LORD, I do not change...”

# God Is Faithful In His Gifts

- Lam. 3:23 - “They are new every morning”
- God’s gifts are fresh
  - Matt. 6:34 - “Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things.”



# God Is Faithful In His Goodness

- Lam. 3:24-26 - “The LORD is my portion, says my soul, Therefore I hope in Him! 25 The LORD is good to those who wait for Him, To the soul who seeks Him. 26 It is good that one should hope and wait quietly For the salvation of the LORD.”
- Good connotes “pleasant, agreeable, excellent.” It reminds us that God is always engaged in what is best for His children.

# God Is Faithful In His Goodness

- Lam. 3:24 - “The LORD is my portion...”
- He is a satisfier
  - Psalm 103:5 - “Who satisfies your mouth with good things, So that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.”
  - Psalm 107:9 - “For He satisfies the longing soul, And fills the hungry soul with goodness.”
  - Rom. 8:32 - “He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?”

# God Is Faithful In His Goodness

- Lam. 3:24-25 - “...Therefore I hope in Him! 25 The LORD is good to those who wait for Him...”
- He is a sustainer; God will never fail those who place their trust in Him
  - Matt. 5:18 - “For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled.”
  - Isa. 40:8 - “The grass withers, the flower fades, But the word of our God stands forever.”

# God Is Faithful In His Goodness

- Lam. 3:26 - “It is good that one should hope and wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD.”
- He is a Savior
  - Job 23:10 - “But He knows the way that I take; When He has tested me, I shall come forth as gold.”
  - Psalm 34:17-19 - “The righteous cry out, and the LORD hears, And delivers them out of all their troubles. 18 The LORD is near to those who have a broken heart, And saves such as have a contrite spirit. 19 Many are the afflictions of the righteous, But the LORD delivers him out of them all.”



# The Product Of God's Faithfulness

- Two consequences of the faithfulness of God
  - The faithfulness of God moves us to trust Him and therefore obey Him, which leads to blessings and true prosperity - Lam. 3:22-24
  - The faithfulness of God presses us to be faithful as He is, which should become characteristic of all Christians
  - Matt. 25:23 - "His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord'"



# The Product Of God's Faithfulness

- The salvation of Christians is dependent on their faithfulness in response to God's faithfulness
  - Hab. 2:4 - "Behold the proud, His soul is not upright in him; But the just shall live by his faith."
  - Rom. 1:17 - "For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, The just shall live by faith."

# The Product Of God's Faithfulness

- How does God's faithfulness produce faithfulness in us?
  - Faithfulness defined: "To be trustworthy, trustworthiness, dependable, consistent, firmness, constancy, loyal, steadfastness, stability"
  - Faithfulness is an attribute of God. He is the personification of faithfulness. It is the nature of God to be faithful.

# The Product Of God's Faithfulness

- Types of faithfulness:
  - Personal faithfulness. A person who is faithful in character is intrinsically faithful in all circumstances
  - Selective faithfulness. Someone who is dependable in a certain environment, social setting, etc.
  - Faithfulness in word. Integrity is manifested by the consistency of what one says and what one does. It is the first and most common indicator of faithfulness.

# The Measure Of God's Faithfulness

- Three ways that trust can be created or learned:
  - Credentials - the word of God
  - Testimony of others - Jeremiah, et al
  - Experience - His care for us

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- The measure of our faithfulness. Faithfulness (trust) is earned. How does one become faithful?
  - Do what you say you are going to do.
  - Repent of unfaithful conduct, and then do what you say you will do.
  - Be frugal in the giving of your word until you are certain that you can make good on your word.



# The Measure Of God's Faithfulness

- Our problem is that we measure God's faithfulness based on what He has or has not done for us today.
- “The common man prays, ‘I want a cookie right now!’ And God responds, ‘If you'd listen to what I say, tomorrow it will bring you 100 cookies.’” (Crissjami)

# The Measure Of God's Faithfulness

- You want to understand the faithfulness of God, you need to understand His love for you. And to understand His love for you, try loving someone who is unfaithful to you in spite of how faithful you are in your promises to them.
- “Some people don't understand the promises they're making when they make them. But you keep the promise anyway. That's what love is. Love is keeping the promise anyway. That's how our faithful God loves you.” (John Green)