God is Faithful, Consistent, and Keeps His Promises

It can be really hard to trust in God's provision especially when we seem to repeatedly "lose" and when we so desperately need something to go our way. Sometimes, life's difficult circumstances are the result of our failure, but sometimes we've done nothing wrong and life's circumstances are simply beyond our control. No matter the reason for our suffering, the Bible urges us to remember God's character. In story after story, Scripture reminds us that God is faithful, even when we are not; it reminds us that his character is consistent and unchanging; and that he is a covenant God. Discover why covenant is important and how we can be confident that God will keep his promises.

AWARENESS Before listening reflect on what you already know or understand about topics we'll cover in the episode.

- How do you define faith?
- What is a covenant?



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READ Judges 6:33-40, Exodus 34:1-10, Isaiah 53, Ephesians 2:1-10

REFLECTION After listening, consider the following questions:

- In segment 1, hosts Darrell Delaney and Scott Hoezee recall the story of Gideon and recount Israel's repeated history of not being faithful to God. Based on what you know from these stories about Israel's behavior and God's response, what does this tell you about God's character and how he will react when you repeatedly make the same mistake or struggle with a particular sin?
- At the end of segment 1, Darrell asks, "Why isn't God's Word enough?" What do you think—why isn't God's Word enough for Israel or for us to remain faithful to God?
- In segment 2, Scott calls God "the primary actor" in the biblical narrative and refers to us as "the primary recipients." Darrell says, "God is the initiator of the conversation of I am going to bless you, I am going to help you, I am going to be there with you..." What does it mean to you that *God initiates* and is the primary actor in your story and that he always remains with you during seasons of change or difficulty?
- How can the knowledge that God is a covenant God comfort you in seasons of change or difficulty? How about the fact that God doesn't keep score and that Christ has already paid for your past, present, and future sins?

RELATED PASSAGES for further study

Deuteronomy 28, John 20:24-29, Hebrews 11:1, 2 Corinthians 1:18-22

CONCLUSION

As Scott closes the episode he calls this series a reminder to "Remember, remember, remember, God is faithful; he's got you; he's got our backs; he's got this thing; and that is our great comfort."

Spend some time reflecting and considering the following questions, and then close your time of reflection in prayer:

- What helps you remember God's faithfulness?
- Has anyone in particular helped you remember God's promises when you were distracted, anxious, or overwhelmed?
- Which parts of your testimony can help your loved ones or your community remember the truth about God's unchanging love and faithfulness?

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