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He Remains Faithful

Do you need encouragement to endure in your faith? Are you discouraged and feel like maybe God abandoned you and you're wondering why? Paul says "Remember, he remains faithful." Join this Groundwork discussion as we explore this faithful saying and discover how it reminds us of our baptism, being joined with Christ in his death and his life, and why it means we can count on God's faithfulness no matter what.

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

- How do you decide if a message you hear can be trusted?
- What does it mean to be faithful?



READ 2 Timothy 2:11-13

REFLECTION After listening, consider the following questions:

- At the end of segment 1, host Dave Bast discusses how the apostle Paul never lost perspective on grace and this influenced his ability to endure despite being in prison and likely facing death for his faith. What can you learn from Paul's example to help yourself maintain perspective when life's circumstances or the world's problems weigh you down?
- We are called to endure in faithfulness to God, but it's not always easy. In which areas of your life do you find it most difficult to be faithful? Why?
- Are you ever concerned or worried that you have failed God or that you weren't faithful to him? What additional Bible passages reassure you that no matter your mistakes, God will remain faithful to you and that you will not fall from his favor?
- Spend some time reflecting on both baptism and the Lord's Supper. How important are they to your faith life? Why? When did you last have the opportunity to celebrate each sacrament? How do the liturgies and celebrations of each sacrament remind you of God's faithfulness to you?

RELATED PASSAGES for further study

Romans 6:3-5, Luke 9:23-24, Galatians 2:19-21, 1 Corinthians 6:1-11, Philippians 1:6

CONCLUSION

Do you have examples or stories from your own life or the life of your community where God remained faithful despite your denial or unfaithfulness? Take time to write them down and spend a few minutes thinking about them. What effect have these stories had on your faith? How do these kind of stories help us endure?

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