

# The Faithfulness Of God

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- Faithfulness means to be trustworthy, to be loyal. Other synonyms include dedicated, steadfast, devoted, dependable, accurate, true, conscientious, dutiful, careful, scrupulous, and thorough. “the virtue of reliability,” meaning **you can absolutely depend on a person who is faithful.**

# Is God faithful?

**Psalms 119:90** Your faithfulness endures to all generations; you have established the earth, and it stands fast.

**Deuteronomy 7:9** Know therefore that the LORD your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations

**Hebrews 10:23** Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful.

**1 Corinthians 1:9** God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

God's perspective is different than ours



















And now, finally, God answered Job from the eye of a violent storm. He said:

“Why do you confuse the issue? Why do you talk without knowing what you’re talking about? Pull yourself together, Job!

Up on your feet! Stand tall!  
I have some questions for you,  
and I want some straight answers.  
Where were you when I created the earth?  
Tell me, since you know so much!  
Who decided on its size? Certainly you’ll know that!

Who came up with the blueprints and measurements?  
How was its foundation poured,  
and who set the cornerstone,  
While the morning stars sang in chorus  
and all the angels shouted praise?  
And who took charge of the ocean  
when it gushed forth like a baby from the womb?  
That was me! I wrapped it in soft clouds,  
and tucked it in safely at night.  
Then I made a playpen for it,  
a strong playpen so it couldn’t run loose,  
And said, ‘Stay here, this is your place.  
Your wild tantrums are confined to this place.’

“And have you ever ordered Morning, ‘Get up!’  
told Dawn, ‘Get to work!’

So you could seize Earth like a blanket  
and shake out the wicked like cockroaches?  
As the sun brings everything to light,  
brings out all the colors and shapes,  
The cover of darkness is snatched from the wicked—  
they’re caught in the very act!

“Have you ever gotten to the true bottom of things,

explored the labyrinthine caves of deep ocean?

Do you know the first thing about death?

Do you have one clue regarding death’s dark mysteries?

And do you have any idea how large this earth is?

Speak up if you have even the beginning of an answer.

## Job 38

- God's perspective is different than ours, and He is not limited to working in the way we would expect or the way we would work.

Often times when I wrestle with whether or not God is faithful, I wish He would do things my way. I wish He would see things from my perspective, I want Him to do things that / can understand and things / can predict.

And the reality is this: if God were small enough that / could put him in a box that would be a pretty small god and wouldn't be a god worth worshipping.



# My way vs. God's way

1. The Red Sea in front of us and the Egyptian army behind us

Me: I see two options; go around the lake, or turn around and face the army.

God: Let's create a new option, let's just speak to the sea and cause the sea to part so that the Israelites can walk on dry land right through the sea.



# My way vs. God's way

## 2. Choosing disciples

Me: find the smart, the educated, the qualified, the respected and popular. Get the best varsity team possible.

God: assemble the goober squad! Find those who cannot do anything without fully leaning and trusting on Jesus

# My way vs. God's way

## 3. Breaking down the walls of Jericho

Me: Set it on fire. Get a battering ram.

Maybe a catapult or two? Troy 2.0?

God: March around it playing music. Shout.  
Watch it fall down.

# My way vs. God's way

4. Face a giant of a man who has been harassing the army?

Me: Send out the best swordsman. Give him a shield. Make sure he looks intimidating.

God: Send a shepherd boy. Forget the sword, give him a sling and a few pebbles.

# My way vs. God's way

## 5. Jonah going the wrong way

Me: Once he is overboard, let's hope he can swim!

God: Let's get an animal to swallow him, keep him alive for three days, and spit him out on dry land.

- It's a good thing I can't fully figure out God, and that He acts in a way I wouldn't quite plan. If he were a god I could figure out, that would be a pretty small god.

#2. My emotions do not dictate  
whether or not God is faithful.

# #3 God displayed his faithfulness in the life of Jesus

# My way vs. God's way

Bridge the gap between sinful man and a holy God

Me: I do nothing but make the gap bigger

God: send His son, Jesus.



Jesus was faithful when he was  
physically tortured

Jesus was faithful when He took on  
the sins of the world

Jesus was faithful, when Peter was  
not.

# Jesus

For many bore false witness against him, but their testimony did not agree. 57 And some stood up and bore false witness against him, saying, 58 “We heard him say, ‘I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and in three days I will build another, not made with hands.’” 59 Yet even about this their testimony did not agree. 60 And the high priest stood up in the midst and asked Jesus, “Have you no answer to make? What is it that these men testify against you?” 61 But he remained silent and made no answer. Again the high priest asked him, “Are you the Christ, the Son of the Blessed?” 62 And Jesus said, “I am, and you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power, and coming with the clouds of heaven.” 63 And the high priest tore his garments and said, “What further witnesses do we need? 64 You have heard his blasphemy. What is your decision?” And they all condemned him as deserving death. 65 And some began to spit on him and to cover his face and to strike him, saying to him, “Prophecy!” And the guards received him with blows.

# Peter

And as Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the servant girls of the high priest came, 67 and seeing Peter warming himself, she looked at him and said, “You also were with the Nazarene, Jesus.” 68 But he denied it, saying, “I neither know nor understand what you mean.” And he went out into the gateway[h] and the rooster crowed.[i] 69 And the servant girl saw him and began again to say to the bystanders, “This man is one of them.” 70 But again he denied it. And after a little while the bystanders again said to Peter, “Certainly you are one of them, for you are a Galilean.” 71 But he began to invoke a curse on himself and to swear, “I do not know this man of whom you speak.”