

# God's Faithfulness



*In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight (Ephesians 1:7-8).*

My heart sank into my stomach when I realized that my three-year-old daughter was missing. We had just moved to Springfield and were attending a picnic for the new seminary students. Thinking Trina was with her father, I approached him when I saw she wasn't. After questioning him and others, I realized she had disappeared. Terrified, my husband and I began searching the campus but saw no sight of her. As a last resort, I decided to see if she might have returned to the one thing with which she was familiar — our car. Words cannot express the joy that exploded within me when I saw her standing next to the car, ready for our journey home.

In the sea of people existing today, there are many who remain lost, looking for something that will make them feel safe. Whether straying from their havens of truth or still searching for it, they want someone or someplace where they can feel at "home." All are born with a void that can only be filled in the presence of Jesus Christ. Jesus Himself, as the Good Shepherd, will search for those who are lost. Doing whatever it takes to bring the called and redeemed into His fold, desiring that none be lost, He will search high and low until that child is found and in His loving arms (Luke 15:3-7).

Jesus' greatest example of redeeming love is the cross. We may try to run from it. We may deny it. We can try to hide from its truth. We can even try to mask it with our busy schedules and accomplishments, but nothing will ever replace that love. In all our searching, we will never find fulfillment in any other, for it is the power of God unto salvation for everyone who believes (Acts 4:12).

But when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) he entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption (Hebrews 9:11-12).

**Prayer: Thank You, Father, that my eternal redemption is secure and that, because of it, You will sustain me in my daily walk with You. Amen.**

