



His Faithfulness to All Generations

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Share with a partner or your small group your definition of the word “faithful.”
As a group, make a list of synonyms for this word.

In this study, we begin by looking at Psalm 89:1 where the Psalmist declares: *I will sing of the steadfast love of the Lord, forever; with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all generations.* Our focus will be on God’s faithfulness and steadfast love throughout all generations and our response(s) to that faithfulness.

Opening Prayer: Dear faithful Lord, You created the world and sustain it year by year. We know we sin daily and are often faithless to You. However, we rejoice that Your faithfulness never fails. We thank You for giving Your Son Jesus who faithfully lived a perfect life, suffered, died for our sins, and rose to life again. We thank You that, through Word and Sacraments, Your Holy Spirit gives and keeps us in faith to believe in Jesus. We praise You that the Spirit sanctifies us and gives us the power to faithfully witness about Jesus to the generations. Bless our study of Your Word. In the name of Jesus we boldly pray. Amen.

HIS Faithfulness

Our Triune God — Father, Son, and Holy Spirit — is faithful. According to **Deuteronomy 7:6–9**, who were the children of Israel in God’s eyes? _____

Read **Genesis 12:1–3** and **Exodus 6:6–8**. What was the covenant that God made with His chosen people? _____

Read **Genesis 49:10**, **Psalm 89:2–4**, and **2 Samuel 7:8–16**. What covenant did God make with Judah and David? _____

How was He faithful in keeping that covenant? _____

If time permits: Cite specific examples of God’s faithfulness to His people from the Old Testament.

Discuss **2 Timothy 2:13**. What do the words, *for he cannot deny himself*, tell us about the nature of God? _____

In the First Article of the Apostles’ Creed, we confess: “I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.” In Martin Luther’s explanation of this article, we are reminded that God created the world and has given us a body and soul and all that is needed to sustain our lives. He faithfully guards and defends us from all evil. All this He does because of His steadfast and faithful love for us. Read **Psalms 40:11**, **46:1**, **89:5–14**, and **100:5**. What does the Psalmist specifically praise God for in these verses? _____

Many of the Psalms recount the marvelous things that God has done in the lives of His people. What does **Psalm 105:5** tell God’s chosen people to do? _____

For further study: Read Psalms 105 and 106 that recount God's deeds of old.

Read **Jeremiah 31:1-3**. Even when the Israelites strayed and worshipped false gods, even when they were in exile in foreign lands, what does God once again declare to them? _____

Faith Talk: When discussing God's faithfulness in the present and the future, why is it important to remember His faithfulness in the past? _____

Read **Philippians 2:5-11**. What do these words encourage us to remember and believe? _____

Compare this Bible verse with the Second Article of the Apostles' Creed that begins: [I believe] "in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord ..." How could both be used as witnessing tools? _____

According to **Lamentations 3:21-24** and **1 Corinthians 1:4-9**, what does our faithful God promise His people in Christ Jesus? _____

Faith Talk: Share with a partner or small group how Jesus faithfully fulfilled His saving work for the world.

In the Third Article of the Apostles' Creed, we confess that we believe "in the Holy Spirit ..." Our Savior Jesus gives us His Spirit to bring us to faith in Him, and to keep us in that faith — sanctifying, leading, and guiding. How does the Spirit work in our lives in the following verses?

John 17:17 and 2 Peter 1:19-21 _____

Romans 6:3-4 _____

Luke 22:19-20 _____

What do the following verses promise to all Christians?

1 Corinthians 10:13 _____

Galatians 5:22-25 _____

2 Thessalonians 3:3 _____

1 John 1:5-9 _____

Revelation 2:10b _____

To All Generations

God's faithfulness to His people elicits responses from God's redeemed and Spirit-driven people! Psalm 89:1b reads: ... *with my mouth will I make known your faithfulness to all generations*. How do we specifically use our mouths to proclaim God's faithfulness? _____

Read **Deuteronomy 6:4-9** and **Psalm 40:10**. How is God's faithfulness shared? _____

What does Jesus entreat His followers to do in **Mark 16:15** and **Acts 1:8**? _____

Hebrews 11 is all about the great Old Testament "heroes of faith" — men and women who believed in God and had faith in the coming Messiah. The writer of Hebrews continues on into Hebrews 12 with the word, *Therefore ...* Read **Hebrews 12:1-2**.

Faith Talk: Who has been a "witness" in your life of God's faithfulness in Jesus Christ? Share with a partner or the small group. _____

Faith Talk: The mission statement of the LWML reads: "As Lutheran Women in Mission, we joyfully proclaim Christ, support missions, and equip women to honor God by serving others." How does this statement encourage each of us in specific ways to be a witness to our Lord's steadfast love and faithfulness? What activities or programs does your women's group use to fulfill this mission statement? Share ideas for future activities. _____

Faith Walk:

1. Thank God for His steadfast love and faithfulness to all generations.
2. Thank God for a mentor and witness of God's faithfulness in Jesus Christ in your life. Place a contribution in your Mite Box in his/her honor.
3. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you proclaim boldly the Good News about salvation in Jesus.
4. Serve the Lord with gladness! Attend an LWML event or Bible study.

Closing: Pray, sing, or listen to "Great is Thy Faithfulness" (LSB 809) or "Glorious Things of You Are Spoken" (LSB 648; LW 294; TLH 469).

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