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God Always Gets It Right

Deuteronomy 7:9 (ESV) *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,*

Exodus 34:6 (ESV) *The LORD passed before him and proclaimed, "The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness,*

1. The faithfulness of God is a fundamental principle of His nature. Anything less and He is not God.
2. God's faithfulness is seen in every book of the Bible.
3. God is faithful in His words, deeds, emotions, and every aspect of His dealing with man.
4. God's faithfulness assures that He always gets it right.
5. Consider five ways that God's faithfulness is on display.

1. God is faithful to keep His Word

Numbers 23:19 (ESV) *God is not man, that He should (does not) lie, or a son of man, that He should change his mind. Has He said, and will He not do it? Or has He spoken, and will He not fulfill it?*

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

Psalm 119:89 (ESV) *Forever, O LORD, your word is firmly fixed in the heavens.*

Hebrews 11:11 (ESV) *By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered Him faithful who had promised.*

1. A faulty understanding of this great truth results in confusion, frustration, sorrow, and doubt.
2. An accurate understanding of this truth results in certainty, peace, joy, and confidence.

Illustration: **Joshua 21:43-45 (ESV)** ⁴³ *Thus the LORD gave to Israel all the land that he swore to give to their fathers. And they took possession of it, and they settled there.* ⁴⁴ *And the LORD gave them rest on every side just as he had sworn to their fathers. Not one of all their enemies had withstood them, for the LORD had given all their enemies into their hands.* ⁴⁵ *Not one word of all the good promises that the LORD had made to the house of Israel had failed; all came to pass.*

Thank God for that incredible statement however note:

1. **not quickly** (it took 7 years)
2. **not without a struggle** (there were many battles)
3. **not without some failure** (the sin of Achan)
4. **Not without some loss of life**

2. God is faithful to forgive your sins if you confess

1 John 1:9 (ESV) *If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*

1 John 2:1-2 (ESV) ¹ *My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.* ² *He is the propitiation for our sins,*

and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

1. God's desire is for everyone to be saved.
2. God has given each of us a freedom of will to choose or reject Him.
3. God's forgiveness brings restoration of relationship.
4. God wants to complete the good work He starts in you.
5. Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

3. God is faithful to afflict you when you need to be stirred and comfort you when you are afflicted

Psalm 119:67 (ESV) ***Before I was afflicted, I went astray, but now I keep your word.***

Psalm 119:71 (ESV) ***It is good for me that I was afflicted, that I might learn your statutes.***

Psalm 119:75-76 (ESV) ⁷⁵ *I know, O LORD, that your rules are righteous, and that **in faithfulness you have afflicted me.** ⁷⁶ **Let your steadfast love comfort me** according to your promise to your servant.*

Hebrews 12:10 (NLT2) *For our earthly fathers disciplined us for a few years, doing the best they knew how. **But God's discipline is always good for us,** so that we might share in His holiness.*

1. Prosperity is pleasurable, but adversity is beneficial.
2. God's discipline is always for the sake of correction. (betterment, improvement, positive change)

4. God is faithful to sanctify you completely and make you blameless

1 Thessalonians 5:23-24 (ESV) *Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. ²⁴ He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it.*

Romans 8:28 (NIV) *And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.*

1. God is more concerned about your holiness than your happiness.
2. God has a purpose for each of His children and He is working to accomplish it.
3. God is working everything of your good.

5. God is faithful to guard, protect, and sustain His children

1 Corinthians 10:13 (ESV) *No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.*

2 Thessalonians 3:3 (ESV) *But the Lord is faithful. He will establish you and guard you against the evil one.*

1 Peter 4:19 (ESV) *Therefore let those who suffer according to God's will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good.*

1 Corinthians 1:8-9 (ESV) *who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹ God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.*

1. God does not promise prevention of problems; on the contrary Jesus declares we will have tribulation, but He continues to say-Be encouraged for He has overcome the world.
2. All problems are temporary. God's faithfulness is eternal.
3. God will keep you, empower you, and make you victorious.
4. Victory comes to every child of God!