

CHAPTER 1

 THE FAITHFULNESS OF GOD 



*Through the LORD's mercies we are not consumed,
Because His compassions fail not.
They are new every morning;
Great is Your faithfulness.*

LAMENTATIONS 3:22-23, NKJV

Upon God's faithfulness rests our whole hope of future blessedness. Only as He is faithful will His covenants stand and His promises be honored. Only as we have complete assurance that He is faithful may we live in peace and look forward with assurance to the life to come. . . . The tempted, the anxious, the fearful, the discouraged may all find new hope and good cheer in the knowledge that our Heavenly Father is faithful.

A. W. TOZER, *The Knowledge of the Holy*

COMPREHENDING THE FAITHFULNESS OF GOD is crucial to becoming a woman of faith. How can we have a vital faith in someone we're not sure is faithful? I like Proverbs 25:19: "Confidence in an unfaithful man in time of trouble is like a bad tooth and a foot out of joint" (NKJV). This Scripture vividly describes the distressing results and disappointment of misplaced faith.

The recipient of our faith often determines the measure of our faith. The Hebrew word for *faith* is *ēmûnâh*, which means “firmness, steadiness.”¹ This word is used to describe the absolute dependability of God’s character. Because God is firm and steady, you can put your weight on Him. He will hold you securely and steadfastly.

 GOD IS FAITHFUL

1. God’s trustworthy character is acknowledged, praised, and extolled all through Scripture. How does each of the following passages describe His faithfulness?

DEUTERONOMY 32:4 

PSALM 36:5 

PSALM 119:90, 138 

HEBREWS 10:23 