

“He who promised is faithful ” Hebrews chapter 10 verse 23

Faithfulness is one of God's eternal attributes. Faithfulness speaks of integrity, loyalty and reliability. We can rely on God to never let us down, because he is perfectly faithful.

But if we know that God is perfectly faithful and will never let us down, why do we sometimes struggle with insecurity and anxiety? That happens when we evaluate our lives from the perspective of our human failings, weaknesses and imperfections. We can see all too clearly that we sometimes face overwhelming situations, and that our human strengths and abilities are far from adequate to meet them. Or we may find ourselves thinking that God is going to become impatient with our failings and punish us in some way, or discipline us for our weaknesses with painful trials.

But God has promised that he will never do or allow anything in our lives, trials or otherwise, that is not in our very best interests, that he will never abandon us, give up on us or reject us. So the book of Hebrews says *“Let us hold on to the confession of our hope without wavering, since he who promised is faithful.”*

I don't think that I could express this any better than AW Tozer, who writes; *“Most of us go through life praying a little, planning a little, jockeying for position, hoping but never being quite certain of anything, and always secretly afraid that we will miss the way.*

There is a better way. It is to repudiate our own wisdom and take instead the infinite wisdom of God. Our insistence on seeing ahead is natural enough, but it is a real hindrance to our spiritual progress. God has charged himself with full responsibility for our eternal happiness and stands ready to take over the management of our lives the moment we turn in faith to him. Here is his promise;

“And I will bring the blind by a way that they knew not; I will lead them in paths that they have not known; I will make darkness light before them, and crooked things straight. These things will I do to them, and not forsake them.” (AW Tozer – 'The Knowledge of the Holy')

Father, your great faithfulness means that it is illogical ever to doubt you. To believe that you are not equal to any situation in my life, including my own insufficiency, is unthinkable. And yet I still find myself at times insecure and anxious. Help me to know and understand more and more, at the deepest level of my being, that the defining factor in my life is not my frailty, but your faithfulness and your almighty power working on my behalf. May my life glorify your holy name. In Jesus name, amen.

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