

## Semper Fi

Jesus basically said...my followers should be obviously different. If they are truly following me...you will see in them.. Amazing things that are supernatural. they will show you....ME My love...my joy...my peace... It will be deeper and greater than what you normally see. You will know it is from me. The will grow...Spiritual Fruit... Because when they trust me... I will give them my spirit...and it will grow... It will grow spiritual fruit

Galatians 5:22–24 (ESV) 22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

Today we are going to explore faithfulness. Literally what it means to be full of faith. People who are faithful persist in difficult times....they persevere under hardship. I think it is safe to say that Spiritual fruits....all of them....show up best under trials and difficult times. We can get by and fake it when times are ok. I always admire those people who live for something greater than themselves. I think that is why I am so fascinated by the Civil War and actually, soldiers in any war on any side.

When everything is stripped away in battle....all that remains for soldiers is their faithfulness to their cause. Regardless of which side they are on....deep down...at some level...they believe in something strong enough to die for it. I really admire that. Faithfulness is incredible even when it is misplaced.

I have always been fascinated and drawn to those who would be willing to die for a cause. Not only that but they positioned themselves and planned to be there. They were not just put on a ship and told to attack Normandy...or Iwo Jima....or They spent. hours....thousands of hours...preparing for that moment It was their commitment to being faithful no matter what happened That sustained them...and inspires me

They learned first to be faithful in the little things.... Then when they were tempted to run from the beach...they stayed faithful When friends were dying....they were cold...hungry, scared and life seemed unfair They stayed faithful... They had already decided that the mission was worth dying for They had prepared themselves for a battle to come They had sacrificed...and surrendered to a mission greater than themselves Long before the battle...when the world was not yet watching

One of the most tragic events during the Reagan presidency was the Sunday morning terrorist bombing of the Marine barracks in Beirut, in which hundreds of Americans were killed or wounded as they slept. Many of us can still recall the terrible scenes as the dazed survivors worked to dig out their trapped brothers from beneath the rubble.

A few days after the tragedy, I recall coming across an extraordinary story. Marine Corps Commandant Paul Kelly visited some of the wounded survivors then in a Frankfurt, Germany, hospital. Among them was Corporal Jeffrey Lee Nashton, severely wounded in the incident. Nashton had so many tubes running in and out of his body that a witness said he looked more like a machine than a man, yet he survived.

As Kelly neared him, Nashton, struggling to move and racked with pain, motioned for a piece of paper and a pen. He wrote a brief note and passed it back to the Commandant. On the slip of paper were but two words—"Semper Fi"—the Latin motto of the Marines meaning "forever faithful."

With those two simple words Nashton spoke for the millions of soldiers who have sacrificed body and limb and their lives for their country—those who have remained faithful.

As I study the soldiers....study the Civil War..... I was drawn to the parallels between those soldiers in those battles.... And the Christian Martyrs that have similar courage and faith. I began thinking about what it means to give your life.... For a cause greater than yourself... To decide in advance that the mission is worth your life Worth Sacrificing for... To sacrifice for something that you may not live to see.... To carry on the tradition in honor of those who have died for the cause.

Christian Martyrs like.... Jesus....Stephen.... John Wycliffe who translated the latin bible into english William Tyndale who wrote the English Bible from the original Greek and Hebrew Dietrich Boenhoeffer Jim Elliott To recognize the sacrifice others have made to get to you... I am grateful for all veterans....but I am also mindful of Christian Martrys, Ministers and Missionaries who have served faithfully

We are here today....entrusted with the message...handed down from.... John Wycliffe....Martin Luther... William Tyndale...John Calvin... John Knox...Johnathan Edwards John Wesley... Billy Graham.... These men were faithful.... They were careful to hand down the message that cost them so much. God said my people.... Will be faithful....they will not only be full of faith but they will be trustworthy...dependable...steady... They will be able to trust each other... To covenant together for the mission To show others what it means to be "all in"

The Greek word is Pistis The quality of being pistos.... Describes the man on whose faithful service we can rely, on whose loyalty we may depend, whose word we can unreservedly accept. It describes the man in whom there is complete and unwavering trust in Jesus Christ, and the absolute dependability of God."

As an aspect of the fruit of the Spirit, pistis has yet a further meaning: faithfulness, fidelity, that is, the quality of being true, trustworthy, and reliable in all one's dealings with others.

God wants us to be faithful..... Because it is His nature to be faithful. The Holy Spirit wants to transform us into His image.

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

1 Corinthians 1:9 (ESV) 9 God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

1 John 1:8–9 (ESV) 9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Our entire relationship with God is based on His faithfulness All of our hope and trust in God is based on his faithfulness Because He is trustworthy...faithful We can grow in the confidence... That God is who He said He is He will do what He said He would do

Faithfulness is a key characteristic of Jesus followers

God's word speaks of... Faithful servants...faithful in a few things... Faithful in the least...faithful in the Lord Faithful saints in ministry. Eventually leading to that day...

Matthew 25:21 (ESV) 21 His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.'

God tells us that you will be able to identify His people. They will be faithful...their word will be true... You can put your trust in them... They are dependable. Reliable in all things..even the little ones

They will be faithful regardless of what happens to them. They will have a faithfulness in them that surpasses anything a human can do. My faithfulness will manifest in those who have my Spirit.

So what is faithfulness?

Hebrews 11:1 tells us that faith is “being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see.” Perhaps no other component of the Christian life is more important than faith. We cannot purchase it, sell it or give it to our friends. We can't muster it up, develop it, or make it happen.

The dictionary defines faith as “belief in, devotion to, or trust in somebody or something, especially without logical proof.” It also defines faith as “belief in and devotion to God.” The Bible has much more to say about faith and how important it is. In fact, it is so important that, without faith, we have no place with God, and it is impossible to please Him (Hebrews 11:6). According to the Bible, **faith is belief in the one, true God without actually seeing Him.**

Where does faith come from? Faith is not something we conjure up on our own, nor is it something we are born with, nor is faith a result of diligence in study or pursuit of the spiritual. Ephesians 2:8-9 makes it clear that faith is a gift from God, not because we deserve it, have earned it, or are worthy to have it. It is not from ourselves; it is from God. It is not obtained by our power or our free will. Faith is simply given to us by God, along with His grace and mercy, according to His holy plan and purpose, and because of that, He gets all the glory.

Faith is what separates those who know about Jesus from those who truly know Him. Faith is what moves us to true worship. People will know worship something that they believe to be false.

Our faith can falter at times, but because it is the gift of God, given to His children, He provides times of trial and testing in order to prove that our faith is real and to sharpen and strengthen it.

In fact, a consistent theme during the series is that it often takes adversity to highlight all of the Spiritual gifts. Difficult circumstances are invitations for God to show up and reveal Himself through us. That is why James says to consider it pure joy when we fall into trials. because the testing of our faith produces perseverance and matures us, providing the evidence that our faith is real

Do you know why faithfulness is so intriguing?

Because it is rare...

We don't see it a lot in our culture.... Don't like your class?...you drop it. Get mad at a coworker?...you quit. Marriage struggles?...just get a divorce. Caught in conflict?...lie your way out of it.

Faithfulness is a rare trait... We find few employees with the same company any more... Few Christians even stay with their church family more than a few years. Commitments in our culture... seem to come... with a disclaimer. I'm giving you my word... unless something changes... I will be there for you... unless there is somewhere else better to be. We inherently resist... making commitments... and it seems to get more rare with each passing generation.

Yet God said... my people. They will be different... they will stand out... They will have no problem making and keeping commitments. You will be able to trust their word... If they say they will be there... they will be there. They will keep their promises because they promised.

Faithfulness is the essence of Christian obedience. Our behavior... our juicy fruit... will demonstrate... That we are surrendered to Jesus... trusting in Him. That fruit will grow in us... not something we choose to do... But rather something we become... as we walk with the Holy Spirit.

Faithfulness is easier at church... When you are surrounded by others... perhaps at your small group. We can look and act so faithful when we gather together... But the measure of faithfulness... juicy fruit... is what happens when we are alone and what happens when following Jesus costs you something. It is developed when no one is watching.

Faithfulness like all spiritual fruit... starts where you and I fail.

If you go out into the world... full of your good intentions. Self committed to be more faithful... You will do ok for a little while... but eventually your sin nature will win.

True godly faithfulness comes only from the Holy Spirit. It kicks in where you end.... The Holy Spirit is calling us to true faithfulness. We have to pull the weeds of our sin... Dig roots deep to the Holy Spirit... And allow His faithfulness to flow through us.

Faithfulness when no one but God is watching.... that is where the rubber meets the road.

There are many incredible examples of faith in the Bible. Abraham and Isaac on Mt Moriah.... Noah building an ark in the desert.... Elijah on Mt Carmel.... but today... I want us to look at Joseph.

This is not the Mary and Joseph... Joseph... This Joseph is one of 12 sons... He is the multi-colored robe Joseph... perhaps you know his story from Broadway. His father was Jacob... and he obviously loved Joseph more than the others.

Joseph received the nicest clothes... the newest iPhone. His Dad favored Joseph and the other brothers hated Joseph for it. Joseph was innocent... Yet His brothers hated Him. They wanted to kill him.

One day the opportunity came... They turned against the favored son.... Plotted to kill him.... instead threw him into a pit. Then sold him into slavery.... They took his multicolored robe.... to the Father and said he had died...

Joseph is taken to Egypt as a slave.... He ends up imprisoned for years as an innocent man. God's favor was upon Him... eventually he was given a high position. He used that position... to not only forgive those that had betrayed him. But restored their relationship with Him and with the Father. The one thought to be dead... was alive.... his sacrifice restored the family.

Now I have often said... that the entire OT points to Jesus. If you study the stories of the OT... and you dive deep enough.... You begin to see a foreshadowing of the Promised One. You see Jesus in those stories.. The Story of Joseph is a precursor pointing to the story of Jesus.

Let me just highlight some of the 70 or more similarities between Joseph's story and Jesus's Story  
He was the Father's Favorite Son He was open with his own...but they hated him and plotted against him He was betrayed by those who should have loved him...He was thrown into a pit Sold for money...wore a special and valuable robe...left alone to die Spent years in obscurity...was pure toward God...resisted temptation...

Accepted injustice without bitterness..He always thought of his father...and was completely surrendered to God's mission The Lord was continually with him...He saw sin as betrayal against God

He was lied about....written off as dead... He forgave and pointed his brothers to God He was not recognized by his own family He had the power to destroy them... But instead used his power to save them

His entire focus was restoration of the relationship....bringing his family back to his father He forgave them and told them to forgive themselves He told them to hurry with the news that he was alive

I once did a very long series about seeing Jesus in the Old Testament and it included.... Comparing Joseph's life...to the life of Jesus

But what I want to focus on today....is Joseph's unwavering faithfulness Regardless of his circumstances... Often it seems in spite of his circumstances

Think about what Joseph must have felt He had nothing to do with his father loving him more He is surrounded by people who should love him...but instead hate him He is innocent but they betray him and sell him into slavery How would you feel? How angry would you be? What would your prayers be like?

How long would you wait for God to rescue you Before you give up on Him? Joseph's life reflects him honoring God and doing God's will But instead of being rewarded...it seems he is being punished Yet despite repetitive..horrible circumstances...his faith in God is unwavering.

There was something within Him that was not of him The kind of faithfulness that he exhibits... Is not of this world... It is supernatural...it is a juicy fruit.

I want to highlight 3 key lessons we can learn from Joseph's life

#### First....Be Faithful in the little things.

It would be easy for Joseph to give up on God. He is disappointed....disheartened...life doesn't seem fair He is alone...no one is watching....maybe its time to give up on God...and live for himself Being faithful doesn't seem to be getting him anywhere. You know Satan must have been messing with him God has betrayed you...given up on you...forgot about you..

What kind of God...what kind of love....gets you betrayed and thrown into slavery Let's pick up the story in Genesis 39

Genesis 39:1–6 (ESV) 39 Now Joseph had been brought down to Egypt, and Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh, the captain of the guard, an Egyptian, had bought him from the Ishmaelites who had brought him down there.

Great...It is one thing to be a slave of the traveling Ishmaelites They were a nomadic people... But the Egyptians.... They were much harsher...Joseph is at a decision point. Life has been really unfair...

He can choose to get bitter....or better Joseph likely never imagined his brothers would do this to him. He likely never imagined the storm of circumstances that just hit his life. But the story of Joseph did not begin with his brothers turning on him. He had been developing deep roots of faith long before anything happened to him. The circumstances did not cause him to have faith....the circumstances revealed the faith that he had already developed.

Joseph prepared himself during the quiet times alone with God. He knew God and God had been growing his faith. This is so important to understand. Faith is tested...not built or given during trials. Faith is given in daily doses..not IV boluses during emergencies.

Genesis 39:1–6 (ESV) 2 The LORD was with Joseph, and he became a successful man, and he was in the house of his Egyptian master. 3 His master saw that the LORD was with him and that the LORD caused all that he did to succeed in his hands. 4 So Joseph found favor in his sight and attended him, and he made him overseer of his house and put him in charge of all that he had. 5 From the time that he made him overseer in his house and over all that he had, the LORD blessed the Egyptian's house for Joseph's sake; the blessing of the LORD was on all that he had, in house and field. 6 So he left all that he had in Joseph's charge, and because of him he had no concern about anything but the food he ate.

The Lord was with Joseph. They had a relationship. Again, they brought their relationship into the trial they didn't meet there. Joseph was faithful where he was planted because he was already deeply planted in God Even though his circumstances were unfair... He was faithful to honor God and note this very important point....others saw God in him.

Is that you? Can you remain faithful wherever God leads you? Even if you don't like your job...even if they have not been fair to you. Your employer should see something different in you You show up on time...your expense reports are perfect...you respond to emails... You give 100% even when the boss is away and no one is looking Are you faithful in the little things? Or is your faith only present when things go your way?

Joseph was faithful in the little things. It was his character...He almost could not help but do it. Because he was faithful in the little things...he naturally remained faithful in all things.

You are going to have some key relationships in your life.... A potential spouse...a best friend....accountability partner Mentor...business partner...life coach...small group leader.... Pastor..... The best advice I can give you...is to see if those people.... Are faithful in the little things...

Does their faith transcend their circumstances? Is their life built on a solid foundation...of trust in God? Are they faithful and unwavering when there is no one but God watching? Are they willing to stand on their faith and trust in God when others do not?

Only allow those who can be trusted to be faithful in the small things.... to speak truth into your life. Not everyone has earned the place to speak into your life. You have to guard who has that very important role. Explain a bit. If they are faithful in the little things... The big things will take care of themselves. Josephs was faithful in the little things....which leads us to our next lesson from Joseph.

Second...Be faithful when tempted.

Genesis 39:6–9 (ESV) Now Joseph was handsome in form and appearance. 7 And after a time his master's wife cast her eyes on Joseph and said, "Lie with me." 8 But he refused and said to his master's wife, "Behold, because of me my master has no concern about anything in the house, and he has put everything that he has in my charge. 9 He is not greater in this house than I am, nor has he kept back anything from me except you, because you are his wife."

Think about Joseph...He could have rationalized this temptation You know Satan was prompting him.... Joseph...no one will ever know...if you don't sleep with her... She has the power and influence to hurt you.... Your family bailed on you...you are living as a slave for crying out loud....

Potiphar could have married anyone...he chose well...she is gorgeous. Come on...you deserve some fun...sleep with her. But look at Joseph's response....

Genesis 39:9 (ESV) How then can I do this great wickedness and sin against God?"

Is that your first thought? She is pursuing him....she is desirable.... And his first thought is that this is wicked...and a sin against...not Potiphar...but God

Most of us...don't turn our thoughts to God's heart when we are tempted We try to assess our risk....will we get caught? will anyone find out? What would Potiphar do if he found out? Is she going to talk? Most of us..in our flesh...do an immediate.... Risk Benefit Analysis.

Yet Joseph doesn't look horizontally at others...He is focused vertically on God. His knee jerk response is to agree with God's view and surrender to it.

Where does that come from? Not from Joseph....it comes from deep roots... It comes from time alone in the quiet place... It comes from taking step by step with God.

It comes from being faithful in the routine things.... Time with God...time in Scriptures... Being so close to God...that He is first on your mind.

Joseph's reason for purity was the highest reason His primary focus while tempted.... Was to remain faithful to his commitment and relationship with God

Joseph was faithful...when sin came calling....because... And don't miss this....He prepared for that moment in the Sanctuary...in the quiet place with God. When things were quiet....and the storm clouds of temptation were still on the horizon.

One of the greatest transformations that happen in the quiet place with the Spirit Is that He prepares you for the moments to come.

John 14:26 (ESV) 26 But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.

We focus on "he will teach you all things" But the second promise is critical when we are tempted We have the power to resist temptation... Not in and of ourselves...but because the Holy Spirit... Will bring to our mind- what Jesus has said.

When Joseph was tempted... His response was straight from the Spirit of God And ours can be too. It is the Juicy fruit of Faithfulness...

Man I wish that was always my first response. We are transformed when surrendered to God. All of us will face numerous critical moments....where we are given opportunities to follow God

Joseph knew temptation would come and he prepared for it. He planned for the day when he would need to choose God. Temptations are allowed in our lives so that we can show faithfulness. We begin to understand faithfulness in those moments when our flesh screams "Go" and our Spirit says "No." It is in that moment that we reveal the depths of our roots and our connection to the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit will remind us of what Jesus said...spiritual fruits come from abiding with Him. The abiding that prepares us for trials does not occur during the trial. The Holy Spirit will empower us to be faithful... But the juiciness of our faithfulness is dependent upon The time we have spent alone with God in the quiet place. The more we are aware of God...the more faithful we become.

Another key point to notice....our first reaction is our strongest reaction. Joseph knew very well what God thought of adultery. There was no debate... He had already set that boundary and stood far back from that moral edge.

He never gave Satan an opportunity to twist the truth. He never opened the door to rationalization...or excuses. His first statement declares....This is sin...this is not only wickedness...it is great wickedness. He recited God's truth without discussion.

Joseph was prepared for this moment...The juicy fruit of faithfulness was developed... Long before....the temptation came. His response was not his...but rather came from the Spirit of God through him.

When tempted our best chance to resist is the first time the temptation strikes. If we open a discussion about what God desires...we lose. He said to the woman, "Did God actually say, 'You shall not eat of any tree in the garden'?" Once Eve began a dialogue with Satan... She lost....

The only sword we have been given is the truth.

It is in that critical moment that you demonstrate your faithfulness. It is conflict between the desires of the flesh and the desires of the Spirit. God's people are to stand out by being faithful 1)in the little things and 2) faithful when tempted. And that leads us to our third lesson.

### Third...Be faithful when life is not fair..

Don't let your faithfulness waiver based on your circumstances. Expect unfair things to happen to you. You live in a sinful fallen world. There is no fairness here. God never promised fair. Things will happen to you that just seem wrong. Deal with it and expect it to happen.

1 Peter 4:12 (ESV) Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you.

Joseph was prepared. He had deep roots and solid faith. He is ready for the next moment.

Genesis 39:11–18 (ESV) 11 But one day, when he went into the house to do his work and none of the men of the house was there in the house, 12 she caught him by his garment, saying, "Lie with me." But he left his garment in her hand and fled and got out of the house. 13 And as soon as she saw that he had left his garment in her hand and had fled out of the house, 14 she called to the men of her household and said to them, "See, he has brought among us a Hebrew to laugh at us. He came in to me to lie with me, and I cried out with a loud voice. 15 And as soon as he heard that I lifted up my voice and cried out, he left his garment beside me and fled and got out of the house." 16 Then she laid up his garment by her until his master came home, 17 and she told him the same story, saying, "The Hebrew servant, whom you have brought among us, came in to me to laugh at me. 18 But as soon as I lifted up my voice and cried, he left his garment beside me and fled out of the house."



Potiphar had Joseph thrown in prison... He was more under house arrest...the minimum security prison... Suggesting Potiphar likely knew his wife was lying... He was well within the law to kill him.

Joseph was faithful to God....and look where it got him From slave to prisoner... Even though he did what was right...he is punished... This is where many of us would have checked out. We have conditional faith in God. God I trust you as long as things go the way I want. Many people trust God until they get the approval of others not to. They find friend to justify their decisions when they know it is not what God is leading them to do. Yet when life was not fair...Joseph remained faithful

Genesis 39:21–23 (ESV) 21 But the LORD was with Joseph and showed him steadfast love and gave him favor in the sight of the keeper of the prison. 22 And the keeper of the prison put Joseph in charge of all the prisoners who were in the prison. Whatever was done there, he was the one who did it. 23 The keeper of the prison paid no attention to anything that was in Joseph's charge, because the LORD was with him. And whatever he did, the LORD made it succeed.

How do you respond when life seems unfair?

Do you shake your fist at God...or are your roots so deep.... that no circumstances can shake your trust in God? All of us will go through times when we feel mistreated...

God uses those times to reveal our faithfulness... If you will remain faithful and will allow God to work... Regardless of your circumstances...regardless of what you think God owes you God will honor your faithfulness.

Faithfulness is revealed when no one is watching 1) In the little things 2) when we are tempted and 3) when life seems unfair.

It is in those moments... When others would be cursing God for what has happened to them When the human capacity in our flesh is faltering... We don't get what we wanted.. We are disheartened and disillusioned We have nothing left... In that moment when we are at the end of ourselves The Power of the Holy Spirit takes over.

And something rises up with in us...that prompts us to walk by faith and not sight... To trust that if God allowed us in it... He will get us through it.. We find ourselves trusting God...being faithful...but we can't explain why We walk in those difficult circumstances propelled by a power that is not of us.

The Spiritual Fruit of Faithfulness is supernatural It doesn't come naturally to us... We can't produce it...we can't make it happen We can't fake it..we can only allow it.

There will be moments....when we are tempted beyond our capacity to resist. There will be moments...when life is really...really raw...and unfair... And we are worn down...exhausted and unable to take another step That we begin to feel something within us rise up....we know it is not of us.

If we allow it...a power moves within us.. We develop a supernatural sense of faith and trust.... We remember Jesus' faithfulness in trials... And as we move forward empowered by the Spirit of God We begin to understand the supernatural fruit of faithfulness And those around us...don't see us...they see God in us.

Perhaps you find yourself today needing to hold on to something....Maybe you are at the end of yourself... Maybe you need something supernatural to happen....because nothing you have tried or done has helped.

You may have come here today...in desperate and unfair circumstances You may be in a dark place...and ready to believe that God has given up on you You may be tempted to evaluate Gods' love based on your comfort You want to trust God...but its really hard... Everything and everyone else you have trusted...have let you down... You don't know if you have it in you to trust...one more time.

Maybe you are really angry at God... Because truthfully...nothing has gone well for you You circumstances are overwhelming you and you just feel so alone.... So abandoned...so misused

Maybe you have been betrayed.....treated unfairly.... You want an explanation... But it probably wouldn't help...and wouldn't change your circumstances

Maybe you are just really tempted right now... That sin is right there in front of you... And it looks so inviting...you feel so deserving... You don't know if you have the power to resist....

Honestly you don't really want to resist... But something in you...is stirring to turn the other way

Maybe you feel like Corporal Nashton You feel spiritually like you are on life support What has happened to you...is so unfair... You have been clinging to life...bruised and battered by an unfair attack And you struggle to remain faithful always

The Apostle Paul was faithful despite horrible circumstances... Let me encourage you with God's words through Him...

**13 if we are faithless, he remains faithful— for he cannot deny himself.**

If we are faithless....He still remains faithful for he cannot deny Himself... When your faith is exhausted and depleted....His faithfulness lives through you. For the next few moments....I want to encourage you to quiet your heart before God. To think over what I have said... For the Lord will give you understanding

As we close and reflect....I want us to follow Paul's advice... Think over what has been said.... The Lord will give you understanding if you are open to it. and Paul says...Remember Jesus Christ The only truly innocent one who suffered

Whatever you are going through...He understands. No matter what situation you are in...you never have to be alone again. He is faithful to lead you home...when you don't know if you can trust anything or anyone You can trust Him. He is Semper Fi Faithful always. For He cannot deny Himself. And He cannot and will not let you down. He will come to your rescue.