

The Faithfulness of God

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Nehemiah 9:19-31

The history of Israel teaches one truth above all others: God is forever faithful.

The Israelites tested God in every way. Over and over they turned their backs on God's righteousness. They responded to God's goodness with stubbornness, arrogance, rebellion, and backsliding. Their sorry story has been preserved in Scripture and retold to successive generations for one reason: To teach us of the compassion, mercy, and unfailing love of our faithful God.

Sin did to the Israelites what it always does: It destroyed them. Because of their sins, the armies of their enemies overran their land, making their lives miserable. When they turned their backs on God, foreigners came and ruled over them, subjecting them to tyranny. The scriptures tells us that "when they cried out to you . . . you heard from heaven, and in your compassion you delivered them time after time" (Nehemiah 9:28b).

- Imagine where you might be apart from God's care.

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