



Jesus Never Fails

A Teaching Outline

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Deuteronomy 31:6

"... he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee."



Earthly friends may prove untrue,
Doubts and fears assail;
One still loves and cares for you;
One who will not fail.

Chorus

Jesus never fails, Jesus never fails,
Heav'n and earth may pass away,
But Jesus never fails.

Tho' the sky be dark and drear,
Fierce and strong the gale,
Just remember He is near,
And He will not fail.

Chorus

Jesus never fails, Jesus never fails,
Heav'n and earth may pass away,
But Jesus never fails.

In life's dark and bitter hour,
Love will still prevail;
Trust His everlasting pow'r,
Jesus will not fail.

Chorus

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Heav'n and earth may pass away,
But Jesus never fails.

The Faithfulness of God

Numbers 23:19

"God is not a man, that He should lie, Nor a son of man that He should repent; Has He said, and will He not do it? Or has He spoken, and will He not make it good?"

God cannot deny himself

2 Timothy 2:13

If we are faithless, He remains faithful, for He cannot deny Himself.

This is probably an early Christian hymn. God is faithful to his children. Although we may suffer great hardships here, God promises that someday we will live eternally with him. What will this involve? It means believers will live in Christ's Kingdom, and that we will share in the administration of that Kingdom. This truth comforted Paul as he went through suffering and death. Are you facing hardships? Don't turn away from God—he promises you a wonderful future with him.

Jesus is faithful. He will stay by our side even when we have endured so much that we seem to have no faith left. We may be faithless at times, but Jesus is faithful to his promise to be with us "to the end of the age" (Matthew 28:20). Refusing Christ's help will break our communication with God, but he will never turn his back on us even though we may turn our back on him.

Hold fast to your confession of hope.

Hebrews 10:23

Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful;

We have significant privileges associated with our new life in Christ:

- (1) We have personal access to God through Christ and can draw near to him without an elaborate system (10:22);
- (2) We may grow in faith, overcome doubts and questions, and deepen our relationship with God (10:23);
- (3) We may enjoy motivation from one another (10:24); (4) we may worship together (10:25).

The Lord's lovingkindness is everlasting.

Psalm 100:5

For the LORD is good; His lovingkindness is everlasting And His faithfulness to all generations.

This psalm tells us to remember God's goodness and dependability, and then to worship with thanksgiving and praise!

God alone is worthy of being worshiped. What is your attitude toward worship? Do you willingly and joyfully come into God's presence, or are you just going through the motions, reluctantly going to church? This psalm tells us to remember God's goodness and dependability, and then to worship with thanksgiving and praise!

All God's work is done in faithfulness.

Psalm 33:4

For the word of the LORD is upright, and all His work is done in faithfulness.

All God's words are true and trustworthy. The Bible is reliable because, unlike people, God does not lie, forget, change his words, or leave his promises unfulfilled. We can trust the Bible because it contains the words of a holy, trustworthy, and unchangeable God.

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All must be found trustworthy.

1 Corinthians 4:2

In this case, moreover, it is required of stewards that one be found trustworthy.

Paul urged the Corinthians to think of him, Peter, and Apollos as mere servants of Christ entrusted with the secret things of God. A servant does what his master tells him to do. We must do what God tells us to do in the Bible and through his Holy Spirit. Each day God presents us with needs and opportunities that challenge us to do what we know is right.

God's faithfulness continues to all generations.

Psalm 119:90

Your faithfulness continues throughout all generations; you established the earth, and it stands.

God's Word makes us wise—wiser than our enemies and wiser than any teachers who ignore it. True wisdom goes beyond amassing knowledge; it is *applying* knowledge in a life-changing way. Intelligent or experienced people are not necessarily wise. Wisdom comes from allowing God's teachings to guide us.

The truth of the Lord is everlasting.

Psalm 117:2

For His lovingkindness is great toward us, and the truth of the LORD is everlasting. Praise the LORD!

Not only is Psalm 117 the shortest chapter in the Bible, it is also the middle chapter. Paul quotes from this psalm in Romans 15:11 to show that God's salvation is for *all* people, not just the Jews.

God's faithfulness extends to heaven.

Psalm 36:5

Your lovingkindness, O LORD, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness reaches to the skies.

In contrast to evil people and their wicked plots that end in failure, God will triumph. He is faithful, righteous, and just. His love is as vast as the heavens; his faithfulness reaches beyond the clouds; his righteousness is as solid as mighty mountains; his judgments are as full of wisdom as the oceans are with water. We need not fear evil people because we know God loves us, judges evil, and will care for us throughout eternity.

The faithful will be put in charge of many things.

Matthew 25:23

'His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful slave. You were faithful with a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.'

Jesus used sheep and goats to picture the division between believers and unbelievers. Sheep and goats often grazed together but were separated when it came time to shear the sheep

God's faithfulness is a shield and bulwark.

Psalm 91:4

He will cover you with His pinions, and under His wings you may seek refuge; His faithfulness is a shield and bulwark.

God is a shelter, a refuge when we are afraid. The writer's faith in God as protector would carry him through all the dangers and fears of life. This should be a picture of our trust—trading all our fears for faith in him, no matter how intense our fears. To do this we must "live" and "rest" with him (91:1). By entrusting ourselves to his protection and pledging our daily devotion to him, we will be kept safe.

God formed the universe with perfect faithfulness.

Isaiah 25:1

O LORD, You are my God; I will exalt You, I will give thanks to your name; for you have worked wonders, Plans formed long ago, with perfect faithfulness.

Isaiah honored and praised God because he realized that God completes his plans as promised. God also fulfills his promises to you. Think of the prayers he has answered, and praise him for his goodness and faithfulness.

He that is faithful in little, is faithful in much.

Luke 16:10

"He who is faithful in a very little thing is faithful also in much; and he who is unrighteous in a very little thing is unrighteous also in much.

Our integrity is often put on the line in money matters. God calls us to be honest even in small details we could easily ignore. Heaven's riches are far more valuable than earthly wealth. But if we are not trustworthy with our money here (no matter how much or little we have), we will be unfit to handle the vast riches of God's Kingdom. See that you maintain your integrity in all matters, whether big or small.

Bind God's truth on the tablet of your heart.

Proverbs 3:3

Do not let kindness and truth leave you; Bind them around your neck, Write them on the tablet of your heart.

Loyalty and kindness are important character qualities. Both involve actions as well as attitudes. A loyal person acts responsibly. A kind person works for justice for others. Thoughts and words are not enough—our life reveals whether we are truly loyal and kind. Do your actions measure up to your attitudes?

Give glory to God for his loving kindness.

Psalms 115:1

Not to us, O LORD, not to us, But to Your name give glory Because of Your lovingkindness, because of your truth.

The writer asked that God's name, not the nations, be glorified. Too often we ask God to glorify his name *with* ours. For example, we may pray for help to do a good job so that our work will be noticed.

Or we may ask that a presentation go well so we will get applause. There is nothing wrong with looking good or impressing others; the problem comes when we want to look good no matter what happens to God's reputation in the process.

God's faithfulness surrounds you.

Psalm 89:8

O LORD God of hosts, who is like You, O mighty LORD? Your faithfulness also surrounds you.

In the courts of heaven, a host of angels praise the Lord. This scene is one of majesty and grandeur to show that God is beyond compare. His power and purity place him high above nature and angels.

Persevere in prayer.

Romans 12:12

Rejoicing in hope, persevering in tribulation, devoted to prayer.

Christian hospitality differs from social entertaining. Entertaining focuses on the host: The home must be spotless; the food must be well prepared and abundant; the host must appear relaxed and good-natured. Hospitality, by contrast, focuses on the guests' needs, such as a place to stay, nourishing food, a listening ear, or just acceptance. Hospitality can happen in a messy home. It can happen around a dinner table where the main dish is canned soup. It can even happen while the host and the guest are doing chores together. Don't hesitate to offer hospitality just because you are too tired, too busy, or not wealthy enough to entertain.

God is righteous and upright.

Deuteronomy 32:4

"The Rock! His work is perfect, for all His ways are just; A God of faithfulness and without injustice, Righteous and upright is He.

Moses was not only a great prophet but also a song leader. After three sermons, he changed the form of his message to singing.

Sometimes reciting something in a different form makes it easier to remember. This song gives a brief history of Israel. It reminds the people of their mistakes, warns them to avoid repetition of those mistakes, and offers the hope that comes only in trusting God

The unbelief of man will not nullify the faithfulness of God.

Romans 3:3

What then? If some did not believe, their unbelief will not nullify the faithfulness of God, will it?

The Jewish nation had great benefits.

(1) They were entrusted with God's laws ("the whole revelation of God," Exodus 19-20; Deuteronomy 4:8).

(2) They were the race through whom the Messiah came to earth (Isaiah 11:1-10; Matthew 1:1-17).

(3) They were the beneficiaries of covenants with God himself (Genesis 17:1-16; Exodus 19:3-6).

But these privileges did not make them better than anyone else (see 3:9). In fact, because of them the Jews were even more responsible to live up to God's requirements.

Declare God's faithfulness morning and night.

Psalm 92:2

To declare your lovingkindness in the morning and your faithfulness by night,

During the Thanksgiving holiday, we focus on our blessings and express our gratitude to God for them. But thanks should be on our lips every day. We can never say thank you enough to parents, friends, leaders, and especially to God.

When thanksgiving becomes an integral part of your life, you will find that your attitude toward life will change. You will become more positive, gracious, loving, and humble.

God's truth reaches to the sky.

1 Timothy 1:12

I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because He considered me faithful, putting me into service,

People can feel so guilt-ridden by their past that they think God could never forgive and accept them. But consider Paul's past. He had scoffed at the teachings of Jesus and had hunted down and murdered God's people before coming to faith in Christ (Acts 9:1-9). God forgave Paul and used him mightily for his Kingdom. No matter how shameful your past, God also can forgive and use you.

Because of your faithfulness, God has increased your responsibilities.

Matthew 25:21

"His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful slave you were faithful with a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.'

Jesus is coming back—we know this is true. Does this mean we must quit our jobs in order to serve God? No, it means we are to use our time, talents, and treasures diligently in order to serve God completely in whatever we do. For a few people, this may mean changing professions. For most of us, it means doing our daily work out of love for God.

Lovingkindness and truth go before the Lord.

Psalm 89:14

Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne; Lovingkindness and truth go before you.

Righteousness, justice, love, and truth are the foundation of God's throne; they are central characteristics of the way God rules. They summarize his character. As God's ambassadors, we should exhibit the same traits when we deal with people. Make sure your actions flow out of righteousness, justice, love, and faithfulness, because any unfair, unloving, or dishonest action cannot come from

God has drawn you with lovingkindness.

Jeremiah 31:3

The LORD appeared to him from afar, saying, "I have loved you with an everlasting love; Therefore I have drawn you with lovingkindness.

An invitation is given to open your heart's door.

God reaches toward his people with kindness motivated by deep and everlasting love. He is eager to do the best for them if they will only let him. After many words of warning about sin, this reminder of God's magnificent love is a breath of fresh air. Rather than thinking of God with dread, look carefully and see him lovingly drawing us toward himself.

An invitation is given.

Rev. 3:20

Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.

To ask Jesus to come into your heart please pray this Prayer:

Dear Lord Jesus, I believe you are the Christ, the Son of the Living God. I ask you to forgive me of my sins and coming into my heart. I accept you as savior and will follow you as Lord. Amen.

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