



Day 22 — April 2

The Lord Is Faithful In All He Does

Key Scripture

Psalm 145:17

“The Lord is righteous in all His ways
And kind in all His deeds.”

Supporting Scripture

Psalm 119:90

“Your faithfulness continues throughout all generations;
You established the earth, and it stands.”

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?”

Hebrews 10:23

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

Devotional Thought

Trust is earned in human relationships because people fail, forget, exaggerate, and sometimes walk away. But the Lord is not like us. He never speaks carelessly, never acts unjustly, never makes a promise He cannot keep, and never abandons His character under pressure. He is trustworthy in all He does.

That means God can be trusted not only in what He says, but also in what He allows. We usually trust Him when the answer comes quickly, when provision arrives on time, and when the outcome makes sense to us. But true faith is tested when His ways seem slower than we want, harder than we expected, or deeper than we understand. Even then, the Lord remains righteous in all His ways and kind in all His deeds.

Sometimes we question the trustworthiness of God because we judge Him through the lens of our pain. We do not see the whole picture, so we start drawing the wrong conclusions. We assume silence means absence. We assume delay means denial. We assume hardship means unkindness. But

Scripture brings us back to reality: God is righteous in all His ways. He has never once acted outside His holy character. Not once.

The believer's confidence is not rooted in circumstances turning out a certain way. Our confidence is rooted in the nature of God Himself. He is trustworthy when doors open and when doors close. He is trustworthy in blessing and in battle. He is trustworthy in the waiting room, in the valley, in the storm, and in the victory. His track record is perfect. His Word is sure. His heart is good.

So today, do not build your peace on explanations. Build it on His character. Rest your soul in this unshakable truth: the Lord is trustworthy in all He does.

Illustration

A child riding in the passenger seat of a car does not understand the traffic pattern, the construction delays, the detours, or the decisions being made at every intersection. The child may wonder why the parent slows down, stops, or takes a longer route. But the child can rest because a trustworthy father is driving.

In much the same way, we often do not understand the route God is taking us on. We see interruptions, disappointments, and confusing turns. But faith says, "I do not have to understand every road when I know the One leading me is trustworthy." Peace comes when we stop trying to grab the wheel and simply trust the Driver.

Personal Reflection

1. In what area of your life are you struggling most to trust the Lord right now?
 2. Have you been interpreting God's character through your circumstances instead of interpreting your circumstances through God's character?
 3. What promise of God do you need to hold onto today without wavering?
 4. How has the Lord already proven His trustworthiness in your past?
 5. What would it look like for you to actively trust Him today instead of merely saying you trust Him?
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Prayer

Father, thank You that You are completely trustworthy in all You do. Forgive me for the times I have doubted Your heart because I did not understand Your hand. You have never been unfaithful, never

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been unjust, and never failed to keep Your Word. Strengthen my heart to trust You even when I cannot trace Your plan. Help me to rest in Your character when life feels uncertain. Teach me to hold fast to Your promises without wavering, knowing that You are faithful. I surrender my fears, my questions, and my need for control to You. Anchor my soul in the truth that You are righteous in all Your ways and kind in all Your deeds. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Day 23 — April 3

Faithful Yesterday, Today and Forever

Key Scripture

Hebrews 13:8

“Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.”

Supporting Scripture

Psalms 100:5

“For the Lord is good; His lovingkindness is everlasting and His faithfulness to all generations.”

Malachi 3:6

“For I, the Lord, do not change; therefore you, O sons of Jacob, are not consumed.”

Devotional Thought

One hundred years is a long time. Generations have been born, have lived, and have gone to be with the Lord. Pastors have come and gone. Buildings have been built and expanded. Seasons of revival and seasons of struggle have marked the decades. The culture outside these walls has shifted dramatically. And yet, the God who was faithful to the first members of this congregation is the same God who is faithful today. He has not changed. Not once. Not even a little.

That is the stunning declaration of Hebrews 13:8—“Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.” In a world that prizes novelty and is unsettled by change, this verse stands as an anchor. The One who redeemed sinners two thousand years ago is still in the business of redemption today. The One who comforted the grieving, healed the broken, and raised the dead has not retired from His work. He is still moving, still calling, still faithful.

Think about what “yesterday” means for this church. Somewhere in the early days of this congregation, people gathered with faith and prayed and trusted God when the future was uncertain. They did not know what the next hundred years would hold. But God did. He was faithful to them in their beginnings, faithful through their difficulties, and faithful in their fruitfulness. His record across this church’s history is one of unbroken faithfulness.

And “today”—right now, in this moment—He is no less faithful than He was then. Whatever you are carrying as you read these words—grief, uncertainty, a prodigal child, a difficult marriage, health

fears, financial stress—the same God who sustained the saints before you is sustaining you. He sees you. He has not forgotten you. His faithfulness is not a thing of the past. It is present tense.

And “forever”—this is the promise that outlasts everything. Long after this building, this anniversary, and every earthly thing has passed away, the faithfulness of God will remain. The generations who come after us will need the same faithful God we have needed. And He will be there for them, just as He has been here for us.

As we mark this centennial milestone, let our praise be loud and our trust be deep. We are not celebrating a church’s one hundred years of achievement. We are celebrating one hundred years of a faithful God keeping His promises to an imperfect people. The glory belongs to Him.

Illustration

There is an old lighthouse on the coast of Maine that has stood for over two centuries. Sailors have navigated through dark nights and violent storms by its steady beam for generation after generation. The keepers have changed, the ships have changed, and the era has changed—but the lighthouse has continued to mark the same rocky coast with the same reliable light.

God’s faithfulness is like that lighthouse—but infinitely more certain. Every generation that has belonged to this church has sailed through storms of one kind or another. Wars. Losses. Doubts. Cultural upheaval. Economic hardship. And in every one of those storms, the faithfulness of God has been the fixed light that oriented His people back to safety. It was not just a light for yesterday’s saints. It is the same light for you today, and it will be the same light for those who come after you.

The ancient hymn writer asked, “O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come.” That is the song of a people who have tested the faithfulness of God across time and found it to be true. We are that people. One hundred years of evidence stands behind us. And an eternity of faithfulness stretches out before us.

Reflection

- How have you personally seen the faithfulness of God across different seasons of your life?
- What does it mean to you that Jesus Christ is “the same yesterday and today and forever”—especially in light of what you are facing right now?
- How can reflecting on God’s faithfulness to this church over one hundred years increase your faith and trust in Him today?

Prayer

Eternal and Unchanging God,

We stand in awe of You today. One hundred years of Your faithfulness stretch behind us, and Your promises reach forward into eternity. You are the same God who called this congregation into being, who sustained it through trials, who blessed it with life and fruit, and who is faithful to it still. All glory belongs to You alone.

Forgive us for the moments we have doubted Your faithfulness or sought security in anything other than You. Remind us today that You do not change—that the One who kept His covenant promises to every generation of Your people will keep them to us as well. Help us to live with bold faith because our confidence rests not in our own strength but in Your unchanging character.

As we celebrate this milestone, may our hearts overflow with gratitude. And may the next generation see in us a people who trusted a faithful God—not because life was easy, but because You are good. Carry us forward, Lord. You were faithful yesterday. You are faithful today. And You will be faithful forever.

Amen.

Day 24 — April 4

Faithful Even When We Doubt

Key Scripture

2 Timothy 2:13

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

Supporting Scripture

Mark 9:24

“Immediately the boy’s father cried out and said, ‘I do believe; help my unbelief.’”

Psalm 94:18–19

“If I should say, ‘My foot has slipped,’ Your lovingkindness, O Lord, will hold me up. When my anxious thoughts multiply within me, Your consolations delight my soul.”

Devotional Thought

Doubt is one of the most honest things a believer can feel—and one of the most feared. We worry that doubt disqualifies us, that it signals weak faith, or that it drives God away. But the Bible tells a different story. From Abraham to Moses, from David to Elijah, from John the Baptist to Thomas, the people God used most were often the ones who struggled most with doubt. And in every case, God’s faithfulness did not waver because their faith did.

Second Timothy 2:13 is one of the most remarkable verses in all of Scripture: “If we are faithless, He remains faithful, for He cannot deny Himself.” Read that slowly. His faithfulness is not contingent on ours. It does not rise and fall with our confidence levels. It does not diminish when our prayers feel hollow or our questions feel unanswerable. He is faithful because faithfulness is who He is—and He cannot be anything other than Himself.

There is a father in Mark 9 who brings his suffering son to Jesus. His words capture the tension that so many believers know well: “I do believe; help my unbelief.” It is not a polished prayer. It is not a declaration of rock-solid faith. It is a desperate, trembling, half-confident cry. And Jesus did not turn him away. He did not lecture him on the inadequacy of his faith. He healed the boy. He responded to the man’s honest, struggling faith with grace and power.

That is the character of our God. He does not demand perfect faith before He acts faithfully. He meets us in our weakness. He is not repelled by our doubts—He is patient with them. The disciples doubted even after the resurrection, and Jesus still came to them, still commissioned them, still breathed the Spirit upon them. Doubt did not disqualify them from His purposes or His presence.

Over one hundred years, this church has been filled with real people—people who prayed through tears, who sat in pews carrying questions they were afraid to voice, who wondered in dark nights whether God was listening. And yet, God was faithful to every single one of them. Not because their faith was perfect, but because His faithfulness is. The history of this congregation is, in part, a history of doubting people held by an unshakable God.

If you are in a season of doubt today, you are not outside the reach of God's faithfulness. Bring your honest questions to Him. Bring your trembling faith. Bring even your unbelief and ask Him to help it. He will not turn you away. He remains faithful—not because you earned it, but because He cannot deny Himself.

Illustration

A young child learning to walk will stumble. Many times. Their legs are unsteady, their balance uncertain, and the floor comes up to meet them more often than they'd like. But a loving parent does not abandon the child for falling. They stay close, arms ready, offering support not because the child has mastered walking, but simply because the child is theirs.

In a far greater way, God does not withdraw His faithfulness when our faith falters. He is not a distant observer waiting to see if we perform well enough to deserve His presence. He is the Father who stays near, who holds us up when our feet slip, who is patient through every stumble. His faithfulness is not our reward for getting it right—it is His commitment to us because we are His.

Many of the great saints of church history—men and women whose faith we now admire—walked through long stretches of doubt before arriving at deeper trust. Their doubts did not shipwreck them because God's faithfulness held them through the storm. What they found on the other side was not that their questions had all been answered, but that God had been faithful in the middle of every one of them.

Reflection

- Have you ever been afraid that your doubts disqualified you from God's love or faithfulness? How does 2 Timothy 2:13 speak to that fear?
 - What does the father's prayer in Mark 9:24—"I do believe; help my unbelief"—teach you about how to approach God honestly in seasons of doubt?
 - How does knowing that God's faithfulness does not depend on yours change the way you relate to Him in your current season?
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Prayer

Faithful and Patient Father,

We come to You honestly today. There are moments when our faith feels thin, when our questions outnumber our answers, when the silence feels long and the road feels uncertain. And yet You remain faithful. Thank You that Your faithfulness is not held hostage to our confidence. Thank You that You do not turn away from those who come to You with trembling, imperfect faith.

Like the father in the gospel, we cry out to You today: we do believe—help our unbelief. Where doubt has taken root, bring the light of Your truth. Where fear has silenced our prayers, give us the courage to speak honestly before You. Where we have pulled back from You because we felt unworthy, draw us near again with Your grace.

Thank You for one hundred years of faithfulness to this church—faithful not because we were always steadfast, but because You always are. Anchor us in that truth today. May our doubts drive us to You rather than away from You. And may the next generation see in us a people who were honest about their struggles and faithful to return to a God who never let them go.

Amen.

Day 25 — April 5

God's Faithfulness Leads Us To Worship

Key Scripture

Psalm 89:1

"I will sing of the lovingkindness of the Lord forever; to all generations I will make known Your faithfulness with my mouth."

Supporting Scripture

Psalm 100:4-5

"Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise. Give thanks to Him, bless His name. For the Lord is good; His lovingkindness is everlasting and His faithfulness to all generations."

Revelation 15:3

"Great and marvelous are Your works, O Lord God, the Almighty; righteous and true are Your ways, King of the nations."

Devotional Thought

Worship is not simply something we do on Sunday mornings. It is the natural response of a soul that has encountered the faithfulness of God. When we truly see what He has done—when we slow down long enough to trace His hand through our lives and through history—something rises within us that cannot stay quiet. Gratitude becomes praise. Memory becomes melody. And the faithfulness of God becomes the fuel of our worship.

The psalmist in Psalm 89 understood this well. He did not say he would sing of God's faithfulness only when life was good, only when he felt like it, or only in certain seasons. He said he would sing of it "forever" and make it known "to all generations." His worship was anchored not in circumstances but in the unshakable character of God. Faithfulness had become his song—and he intended to keep singing it.

This is what true worship does. It lifts our eyes from the immediate to the eternal. When we rehearse the faithfulness of God—His past mercies, His present grace, His future promises—our perspective shifts. Problems that loomed large begin to look different when measured against a God who has never failed. Fears that threatened to overwhelm us lose their grip when we remember who holds us. Worship recalibrates the soul.

Psalm 100 connects worship directly to the faithfulness of God. We enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise not as a religious ritual, but as a response to a truth: “The Lord is good; His lovingkindness is everlasting and His faithfulness to all generations.” The reason we come is the faithfulness of the One we are coming to. We don’t worship to earn His favor. We worship because He has already been faithful beyond what we deserve.

As this church marks one hundred years, worship is the only fitting response. Not pride in our own endurance, but praise to the God who endured with us. Not celebration of our accomplishments, but adoration of the One whose faithfulness made every good thing possible. The correct posture for a centennial is not a hand on the hip but a knee on the ground and a voice lifted in praise.

And the beauty of worship rooted in faithfulness is that it multiplies. When one generation sings of what God has done, the next generation learns to trust Him for what He will do. The psalmist knew this—he was singing not just for himself but “to all generations.” Our worship today is a gift to those who come after us. When we lift our voices in praise of God’s faithfulness, we are planting seeds of faith in hearts that have not yet fully bloomed.

Illustration

There is something that happens at a family reunion when the oldest members of the family begin to tell stories. The grandchildren gather close. The teenagers, who moments before seemed disinterested, grow quiet. Because the stories being told are not just history—they are identity. They explain where the family came from, what they survived, and why they are who they are. The stories connect the generations.

Worship does the same thing for the family of God. When we sing of His faithfulness, when we testify of what He has done, when we preach and pray and praise with the awareness of all He has been to His people, we are telling the story that connects the generations. The young people in our congregation are not just attending a church service—they are being invited into a story that started long before them and will continue long after us.

One hundred years of God’s faithfulness to this church is not just a fact to be noted. It is a story to be told, a song to be sung, and a testimony to be passed on. Every time we worship—with full hearts and open voices—we are adding our verse to that song. And we are inviting the next generation to learn the melody.

Reflection Questions

- When you think about the faithfulness of God in your own life, what specific moments come to mind that stir gratitude and praise in you?
- How does remembering what God has already done change the way you approach worship—both personally and corporately?
- In what ways can you intentionally pass on the story of God's faithfulness to the next generation—in your home, your relationships, or your church?

Prayer

Worthy and Faithful God,

You alone are worthy of praise. Not because of what we have accomplished, but because of who You are and all You have done. You have been faithful to this church for one hundred years—faithful in provision, in correction, in comfort, in calling, and in grace. We have not always responded as we should, but You have never wavered. All glory belongs to You.

Stir within us a deeper worship today. Help us not to take Your faithfulness for granted or to let the busyness of life crowd out the praise You deserve. Teach us to rehearse Your mercies—to remember, to reflect, and to respond with grateful hearts. When we gather together, may our worship be full and our praise be genuine, fueled by the reality of all You have been to Your people.

And Lord, let the song of Your faithfulness outlast us. May the generation coming behind us inherit not just a building and a name, but a living testimony of a God who is worthy to be praised. We will sing of Your lovingkindness forever. We will make Your faithfulness known to all generations. You have given us a song, and we will not be silent.

Amen.

Day 26 — April 6

The Faithful God Who Never Changes

Key Scripture

James 1:17

“Every good thing given and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shifting shadow.”

Supporting Scripture

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?”

Psalms 102:27

“But You are the same, and Your years will not come to an end.”

Devotional Thought

We live in a world of relentless change. Technology that was cutting-edge a decade ago is now obsolete. Cultural values that seemed fixed a generation ago have shifted dramatically. Leaders rise and fall. Institutions that once seemed unshakable have crumbled. Even within our own lives, we change—our health, our circumstances, our emotions, our understanding. Change is the one constant of human experience. And that is precisely what makes the immutability of God so profound.

The theological word for this is immutability—the unchanging nature of God. It means that God does not evolve, does not improve, does not decline, and does not shift. He is not better on some days than others. He is not more merciful when we feel spiritual and less merciful when we fail. He is not caught off guard by the events of history or startled by the choices of men. He is the same—perfectly, completely, eternally the same—and that sameness is one of the most stabilizing truths a believer can anchor to.

James 1:17 captures it with striking imagery: in God there is “no variation or shifting shadow.” The sun casts different shadows at different hours. What is bright at noon is dark by evening. But with God, there is no such movement. No shadow falls across His character. What He was in the beginning, He

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is now. What He is now, He will be forever. His love has not cooled. His power has not weakened. His holiness has not softened. His faithfulness has not wavered. He is who He has always been.

This matters enormously for how we relate to Him. Because God does not change, His promises do not expire. Every word He has spoken in Scripture remains as true today as the moment He spoke it. His covenant commitments do not have fine print or expiration dates. What He pledged to Abraham, to Israel, and to His church through Jesus Christ stands firm—not because circumstances have been favorable, but because the God who made those promises is incapable of becoming something other than faithful.

For this congregation, the unchanging nature of God is woven through every decade of its history. The God who answered prayer in the early years of this church is the same God who answers prayer today. The God who brought people to salvation in past generations is still in the business of saving the lost. The God who comforted the grieving, guided the uncertain, and strengthened the weary has not retired from any of it. He is the same. And because He is the same, what He has done, He can do again.

In a shifting, uncertain world, the immutability of God is not a dry theological concept—it is a living foundation. Build your life on it. When everything around you changes, He does not. When your own heart is unstable, He is steady. When the future is unclear, He is already there. The God who has been faithful across one hundred years of this church's life is the same God you will wake up to tomorrow.

Illustration

Deep beneath the surface of the earth, geologists have discovered rock formations that have remained essentially unchanged for hundreds of millions of years. While the surface of the earth has been reshaped by earthquakes, erosion, floods, and ice ages, certain foundational bedrock has held firm through it all. The landscape above shifts and changes with every generation, but what lies beneath remains.

God is the bedrock beneath all of human history. Empires rise and crumble on the surface. Cultures form and dissolve. Generations come and go. But beneath all of it, the unchanging God holds everything together. He is not moved by the tremors of history. He is not eroded by the passage of time. He is not reshaped by the forces that reshape everything else. He remains—steady, solid, and the same.

When we look back across one hundred years of this church's life, we are looking at the surface—the stories, the faces, the seasons. But underneath every one of those stories is the same bedrock: an unchanging God who was faithful in every one of them. That is not a coincidence or a streak of good fortune. It is the nature of who He is. And it is the surest reason to trust Him with whatever comes next.

Reflection Questions

- In what areas of your life have you been tempted to think that God has somehow changed—that He is less present, less powerful, or less faithful than He once was?
 - How does the truth that God's promises do not expire or change shape the way you read and trust Scripture?
 - What comfort does the immutability of God bring to you personally in the season of life you are in right now?
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Prayer

Unchanging and Eternal God,

In a world where everything shifts and nothing seems certain, You remain the same. Your love is the same. Your power is the same. Your holiness, Your mercy, Your faithfulness—unchanged from everlasting to everlasting. We confess that we sometimes live as though You have changed, as though Your promises have grown stale or Your presence has grown distant. Forgive us for that unbelief, and anchor us again in the truth of who You are.

Thank You that every good gift we have ever received has come from You—and that the hand that gave it has not changed. Thank You that the promises You made are still in force today, that the covenant You keep is not weakened by time, and that the faithfulness You showed this church one hundred years ago is the same faithfulness available to us right now.

Help us to build our lives on You—not on circumstances that shift, not on feelings that fluctuate, not on the approval of people that comes and goes, but on the bedrock of Your unchanging character. You are the same yesterday, today, and forever. Be our firm foundation in every season to come.

Amen.

Day 27 — April 7

The Lord Is Good - Always

Key Scripture

Psalm 34:8

“O taste and see that the Lord is good; how blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him.”

Supporting Scripture

Nahum 1:7

“The Lord is good, a stronghold in the day of trouble, and He knows those who take refuge in Him.”

Romans 8:28

“And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.”

Devotional Thought

There are moments in life when the goodness of God is easy to see. The answered prayer, the unexpected provision, the restored relationship, the child who comes home—in these moments, “God is good” rises naturally to our lips. But what about the other moments? The diagnosis that doesn’t improve. The prayer that seems to go unanswered for years. The loss that leaves a gap nothing seems to fill. Is God still good then? The Bible’s answer is not careful or qualified. It is clear and unequivocal: yes. Always. Without exception.

The goodness of God is not a feeling or a favorable set of circumstances. It is a settled attribute of His character—as fixed and unchanging as His holiness or His power. When the psalmist wrote “O taste and see that the Lord is good,” he was not writing from a place of comfortable ease. Psalm 34 was written when David was fleeing for his life, feigning madness before a foreign king to survive. And yet from that desperate place, he declared the goodness of God. He had tasted it. He knew it to be real.

This is the distinction the Bible consistently draws: the goodness of God is not measured by the pleasantness of our circumstances. It is measured by His character and most clearly demonstrated at the cross. At Calvary, what appeared to be the worst event in human history—the murder of the Son of God—was in fact the greatest expression of divine goodness the world has ever seen. God took the

most terrible thing and made it the most redemptive thing. If His goodness could do that, we can trust it in any lesser darkness.

Nahum 1:7 offers a particular comfort: “The Lord is good, a stronghold in the day of trouble.” His goodness is not absent when trouble comes—it becomes a fortress in the middle of it. He does not stand at a distance and observe our suffering with indifference. He is present in it, strong in it, working in it. His goodness is not suspended during hard seasons; it is most powerfully at work in them.

Romans 8:28 has comforted countless believers through centuries of hardship: God causes all things—not some things, not the easy things, not only the things we understand—but all things to work together for good to those who love Him. This is not a promise that everything will feel good. It is a promise that the God who is good is sovereign over everything, and He is at work in all of it for the ultimate good of His people and the ultimate glory of His name.

One hundred years of this church’s history includes chapters that were painful. There have been losses, conflicts, lean years, and seasons of grief. But woven through every one of those chapters is the thread of God’s goodness—sometimes obvious, sometimes only visible in hindsight, but always present. The people who walked through those hard seasons and came out still trusting God did so because they had tasted His goodness and found it to be real even in the dark.

Illustration

A master weaver at work on a tapestry often works from the back side of the fabric. From that vantage point, the image looks like a tangle of threads—colors crossing without apparent order, knots and loose ends interrupting what seems like chaos. But when the tapestry is turned over, a stunning picture emerges. Every thread had its place. Every color was intentional. What looked like disorder from the back was precision from the front.

We often experience the goodness of God from the back side of the tapestry. The threads of our lives—the painful ones, the confusing ones, the ones that seem to go nowhere—do not always make sense from where we stand. But God is weaving from the front. He sees the whole picture. He knows where every thread belongs. And He is working all of it together for a good that we will one day see clearly, even if we cannot see it now.

This church’s story is that tapestry. Looking back across a century, we can see threads that once seemed painful or puzzling now clearly serving the larger picture. Seasons of struggle produced depth

of character. Years of quiet faithfulness bore fruit in unexpected ways. Hard providences opened doors that comfort never would have. God was good in all of it. He is still weaving. And the picture He is making is more beautiful than we can yet imagine.

Reflection Questions

- Is there a season in your life—past or present—where it has been difficult to see or believe in the goodness of God? How does Scripture speak to that struggle?
 - How does the cross serve as the ultimate proof of God's goodness, even in the darkest of circumstances?
 - Where in your life do you need to trust that God is working all things together for good, even when you cannot yet see it?
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Prayer

Good and Gracious Father,

You are good—not sometimes, not only when life is pleasant, but always. Your goodness is not dependent on our circumstances or our understanding. It flows from who You are, and You do not change. We confess that there have been moments when we have questioned Your goodness, when pain or confusion caused us to wonder if You were truly at work. Forgive us, and remind us of the cross—the greatest proof that Your goodness triumphs even in the darkest hour.

Thank You for one hundred years of goodness to this church. Thank You for the hard chapters as much as the joyful ones, because in all of them You were weaving something beautiful. Thank You that Your goodness is a stronghold in the day of trouble and that You are present with those who take refuge in You.

Help us to taste and see Your goodness today—to look for it, to expect it, and to declare it. Where we are tempted to despair, give us eyes to see Your hand at work. Where we have stopped trusting, renew our confidence in Your good purposes. And may the declaration of this congregation in every season be the same: the Lord is good. Always.

Amen.

Day 28 — April 8

His Love Endures Forever

Key Scripture

Psalm 136:1

“Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, for His lovingkindness is everlasting.”

Supporting Scripture

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.’”

Romans 8:38–39

“For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

Devotional Thought

Psalm 136 is one of the most repetitive passages in all of Scripture—and that repetition is entirely intentional. Twenty-six times in twenty-six verses, the refrain sounds: “for His lovingkindness is everlasting.” The psalmist walks through the whole sweep of God’s story—creation, the Exodus, the conquest, the provision in the wilderness—and after every single act, the same declaration rings out. His love endures forever. His love endures forever. His love endures forever. The repetition is not carelessness. It is theology. It is the drumbeat beneath everything God does.

The Hebrew word translated “lovingkindness” is *hesed*—one of the richest words in the Old Testament. It carries the weight of covenant loyalty, steadfast commitment, and tender mercy all at once. It is not the love of sentiment or convenience. It is the love of a God who has bound Himself to His people and will not let go. *Hesed* is love that holds even when holding is costly. It is love that pursues even when the beloved has wandered. It is love that remains when every human reason to remain has expired.

Jeremiah 31:3 gives us a glimpse of the depth of this love: “I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have drawn you with lovingkindness.” The love came first. Before the drawing, before the calling, before the covenant—there was love. And that love is described as everlasting, which means it

had no beginning and will have no end. God did not begin to love you when you came to faith. He loved you before the foundation of the world. And He will love you when this world has long passed away.

Paul's declaration in Romans 8 is perhaps the most sweeping statement of God's enduring love in the New Testament. He runs through an exhaustive list of every force that might threaten to sever us from that love—death and life, angels and demons, the present and the future, height and depth—and concludes that not one of them can do it. The love of God in Christ Jesus is indestructible. It cannot be outlasted, overwhelmed, or overcome. Whatever comes against us, it cannot separate us from Him.

This church has been held by that love for one hundred years. Through the deaths of beloved members, through seasons of conflict and uncertainty, through the quiet ordinary years and the dramatic ones, through failure and fruitfulness alike—His love endured. Every person who ever found grace within these walls encountered the same hesed: the everlasting, covenant, pursuing love of a God who does not let go. That love brought them in. That love held them fast. That love will carry this congregation forward.

Whatever you are facing today, you are not facing it outside of that love. You are held by the same love that held every saint who has gone before you. It has not been weakened by the years. It has not been strained by the needs of millions. It is as fresh and as strong and as personal for you today as it was the day God first drew you to Himself. His love endures forever—and that forever includes right now.

Illustration

There is a type of star known as a red dwarf that burns so slowly and so steadily that astronomers estimate some of them will shine for trillions of years—far outlasting our own sun. While other, larger stars burn brilliantly for a time and then collapse or explode, the red dwarf simply endures, giving light long after everything around it has gone dark.

The love of God is something like that—except infinitely more certain. Human love, even at its best, has limits. It can burn brightly and then fade. It can be overwhelmed by grief, distance, disappointment, or death. But the love of God does not burn out. It does not diminish. It does not fade with time or falter under pressure. Long after every earthly light has gone dark, the love of God will still be shining over His people.

The refrain of Psalm 136 was not written for a single generation. It was written to be sung by every generation, because every generation needs to hear it afresh. The congregation that gathered here one hundred years ago needed to know that His love endures forever. The congregation gathered today needs to hear it just as much. And the congregation that will gather here in the years to come will need to sing it still. The refrain never grows old because the love it proclaims never ends.

Reflection Questions

- When have you been most aware of the pursuing, enduring love of God in your own life? What did it look like in that season?
 - Paul lists many forces that might seem capable of separating us from God's love in Romans 8:38–39. Which of those feels most threatening to you right now, and how does the promise of that passage speak to it?
 - How does understanding hesed—God's covenant lovingkindness—change the way you think about your relationship with Him and your security in it?
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Prayer

Loving and Covenant-Keeping God,

Your love endures forever. We do not deserve it, we cannot earn it, and we cannot exhaust it. You loved us before we knew You, You pursued us when we wandered, and You hold us fast by a grace that will not let go. Thank You that Your hesed is not a fragile or temporary affection but a covenant commitment rooted in Your own unchanging character.

Forgive us for the times we have lived as though Your love were conditional—as though a bad week, a particular failure, or a long dry season could diminish what You feel toward Your children. Remind us today that nothing in all creation can separate us from Your love in Christ Jesus. That promise is not wishful thinking. It is the declaration of the God who demonstrated His love at the cross and sealed it with an empty tomb.

As we celebrate one hundred years of Your lovingkindness to this congregation, we add our voices to the refrain that has echoed through every generation of Your people: Your love endures forever. May that truth be the song of this church for the next one hundred years and beyond. Hold us, keep us, and carry us forward—by the love that never ends.

Amen.

