

Learning to Trust God
Series: Getting to Know God
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Psalm 33:4 (NIV) For the word of the Lord is right and true; he is faithful in all he does.

Is there anything God can't do?

A. God cannot do wrong.

Deuteronomy 32:4 (NLT) He is the Rock; his work is perfect. Everything he does is just and fair. He is a faithful God who does no wrong; how just and upright he is!

B. God cannot lie.

Hebrews 6:18 (NLT) So God has given us both his promise and his oath. These two things are unchangeable because it is impossible for God to lie...

C. God cannot break a promise.

Numbers 23:19 (NLT) ...Has he ever promised and not carried it through?

THE GREATEST EXAMPLE OF GOD'S FAITHFULNESS: the nation of Israel

Joshua 21:45 (NIV) Not one of all the Lord's good promises to the house of Israel failed; every one was fulfilled.

Faithfulness is one of God's most important qualities.

Deuteronomy 7:9 (NIV) Know therefore that the LORD your God is God; he is the faithful God, keeping his covenant of love to a thousand generations of those who love him and keep his commands.

What about today?

Psalm 145:13 (NIV) The Lord is faithful to all his promises and loving toward all he has made.

GOD GUARANTEES TO US:

1. We can depend on God to forgive our sin.

1 John 1:9 (Ph) ...if we freely admit that we have sinned, we find him reliable and just—he forgives our sins and makes us thoroughly clean from all that is evil.

Promise: God will forgive

Premise: Admit them

2. We can depend on God to give us guidance.

Proverbs 3:5-6 (GNT) Trust in the Lord with all your heart. Never rely on what you think you know. Remember the Lord in everything you do, and he will show you the right way.

Promise: He will show

Premise: Trust in the Lord

How do get guidance from God?

A. Through the Bible

B. Through holy counsel

3. We can depend on God to settle the score.

Romans 12:19 (LB) Dear friends, never avenge yourselves. Leave that to God, for he has said that he will repay those who deserve it.

Promise: God will repay

Premise: Never avenge yourselves

1 Peter 2:23 (LB) [Jesus] never answered back when insulted; when he suffered he did not threaten to get even; he left his case in the hands of God who always judges fairly.

We invite you to look over the verses in your sermon notes this week and ask and answer the following three questions (you are encouraged to get a notebook to record your thoughts):

1. What does the verse say?
2. What does the verse mean?
3. What does the verse mean to me personally?