



# Remember God's Faithfulness!

The Book of Deuteronomy

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The prophet, Jeremiah used God's faithfulness to help him get through trouble. Lamentation 3:22-23 says: ***"Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for His compassions never fail. They are new every morning; Great is Your faithfulness."*** Like many Bible heroes, Jeremiah remembered God's faithful actions in the Old Testament. He used God's past mercies to help him in his present trouble.

Moses used the same device to motivate Israel as they prepared to take the Promised Land. God inspired Moses to use the word ***"remember"*** 16 times in the book of Deuteronomy. Remembering is a important spiritual exercise!

Remembering is another important tool to use to help you when you are in trouble. From the vantage of experience and the years, you can call up memories and lessons. In fact, remembering God's past faithfulness will remind you of God's future faithfulness to help them through present trouble.

From the book of Deuteronomy, here are **six actions** God takes that show His faithfulness.

1. God **liberates** you in His faithfulness (Deuteronomy 5:15)
2. God **vindicates** you in His faithfulness (Deuteronomy 7:18)
3. God **humbles** you in His faithfulness (Deuteronomy 8:1-2)
4. God **blesses** you in His faithfulness (Deuteronomy 8:11-14, 18)

**5. God forgives you in His faithfulness**

**(Deuteronomy 9:4-7)**

**6. God commands you in His faithfulness**

**(Deuteronomy 11:2-7)**

**Your Response:**

1. What difficulties and troubles has God allowed in your life that have brought you to your knees? How did these things cause you to turn to God?
2. Take some time in prayer to thank God for His faithfulness to you in these times.
3. Have you experienced the faithfulness of God through these hardships? What memories do you have that demonstrate the faithfulness of God?
4. How could you use those memories of God's faithfulness to help you when you are dealing with trouble? Perhaps you should start a file of your stories of God's faithfulness that you remember in times of trouble?
5. Is there someone in your network who needs to hear your stories of God's faithfulness? Make plans to encourage somebody with your story of God's faithfulness this week.

**Resources:**

The Book of Deuteronomy by Peter C. Craigie

Relentless Love: God's Faithfulness In The Face of Human Failure by Lisa Harper

Deuteronomy by Eugene H. Merrill

5 Minutes in Church History: An Introduction to the Stories of God's Faithfulness in the History of the Church by Stephen J. Nichols

Deuteronomy by J. A. Thompson