

Silence (2 minutes) Take some time to be quiet, to calm down, and to listen. What has God been teaching you? What are the next steps He wants you to take? How is your spirit doing?

Scripture "Your love, LORD, reaches to the heavens, Your faithfulness to the skies. Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains, Your justice like the great deep..." Psalms 36:5-6

Discussion In the first part of this psalm David describes the sinfulness of the wicked and states they don't fear God – they don't stay away from sin out of an acknowledgement of and reverence for God's holiness. Now David not only describes God, he praises God directly for who He is. David's praise sounds excited; almost as if he is jumping up and down and shouting. He can hardly find words that are descriptive enough for what God is like. "...reaches to the heavens...to the skies...like the mighty mountains...like the great deep..." God's faithfulness toward us is extreme; almost indescribable. Let us praise God directly for His faithfulness. Let our relationship with Him be so close, so personal, that we realize and experience our need for Him as well as His intense faithfulness toward us. Let us be astounded and amazed at God's faithfulness to us.

Application Too often God's faithfulness is something we take for granted. Think back on how God has shown His faithfulness to you in the past. Write them down, being as specific as possible, in a place where you will see them often and praise God for His faithfulness whenever you're reminded of how faithful He has been!

Prayer Lord God, I do praise You for your faithfulness. It is who You are. I thank You for Your faithfulness to me in my daily life. When I am distracted from Your voice and eventually talk to You, You are faithful to me and listen. When I go through a trial or struggle in relationships or at work, when I'm sad, angry, or anxious, You are faithful to me. Whatever my situation, whether I am at fault or not, You know all the details and are faithful in Your love and commitment to me. When I sin You call me to confess to You and to repent, and then You forgive me. These too are expressions of Your faithfulness to me. You don't let go of me. You have adopted me and I am Your child. Your faithfulness is a relief and a comfort to me. I praise You that Your faithfulness reaches to the skies. Amen.

Silence (2 minutes) Talk to God about what you are learning. What are your fears? Where are your hangups? Pray for direction.

Scripture memory for the week:

"Yet this I call to mind and therefore I have hope.
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."

Lamentations 3:21-23