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NEWSLETTER

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ONE OF MY FAVORITE SONGS THAT WE HAVE SUNG AS A CONGREGATION IS "CHRIST OUR HOPE IN LIFE AND DEATH." IN PARTICULAR, I HAVE FOUND GREAT COMFORT FROM THE SECOND VERSE:



WHAT TRUTH CAN CALM THE TROUBLED SOUL?
GOD IS GOOD, GOD IS GOOD.
WHERE IS HIS GRACE AND GOODNESS KNOWN?
IN OUR GREAT REDEEMER'S BLOOD.
WHO HOLDS OUR FAITH WHEN FEARS ARISE?
WHO STANDS ABOVE THE STORMY TRIAL?
WHO SENDS THE WAVES THAT BRING US NIGH
UNTO THE SHORE, THE ROCK OF CHRIST?

I CAN REMEMBER SINGING THIS ON A SUNDAY MORNING AND BEING OVERWHELMED WITH THE SECOND LINE OF THE VERSE: "GOD IS GOOD," (IT BEARS REPEATING.) "GOD IS GOOD."

KATIE AND I HAVE BEEN TALKING A LOT RECENTLY ABOUT THE FAITHFULNESS OF GOD. WHAT DOES IT MEAN? HOW DO WE SEE IT? HOW DO WE REMEMBER IT? AS WE CONTINUE IN THESE EARTHEN VESSELS OUR HEARTS ARE CONTINUALLY REFINED BY OUR CIRCUMSTANCES AND OUR REACTION TO THEM. I AM SO THANKFUL FOR THE WORDS OF 1 CORINTHIANS 1:4-9:

"I ALWAYS THANK MY GOD FOR YOU BECAUSE OF HIS GRACE GIVEN YOU IN CHRIST JESUS. FOR IN HIM YOU HAVE BEEN ENRICHED IN EVERY WAY—WITH ALL KINDS OF SPEECH AND WITH ALL KNOWLEDGE— GOD THUS CONFIRMING OUR TESTIMONY ABOUT CHRIST AMONG YOU. THEREFORE YOU DO NOT LACK ANY SPIRITUAL GIFT AS YOU EAGERLY WAIT FOR OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST TO BE REVEALED. HE WILL ALSO KEEP YOU FIRM TO THE END, SO THAT YOU WILL BE BLAMELESS ON THE DAY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST. GOD IS FAITHFUL, WHO HAS CALLED YOU INTO FELLOWSHIP WITH HIS SON, JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD."

HE IS FAITHFUL. HE IS GOOD. WHEN IT IS BLEAK, HE PROVIDES A PATH FORWARD. WHEN IT HURTS, HE IS THE BALM. WHEN THE VIEW IS DIM, HE PROVIDES THE PROMISE OF FUTURE CLARITY.

AS YOU WITNESS THE FAITHFULNESS OF GOD WITHIN YOUR CIRCUMSTANCES, BE SURE TO REMEMBER IT. WRITE IT DOWN, TAKE A PICTURE, TELL A FRIEND. CREATE A MILESTONE OF THANKFULNESS TO GOD. HE IS GOOD. HE IS GOOD.

GRACE AND PEACE,
ADAM McDANIEL