

## **Faithfulness**

Galatians 5:22-23, But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

Psalm 91:2-4, I will say of the LORD, "He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust." 3 Surely he will save you from the fowler's snare and from the deadly pestilence. 4 He will cover you with his feathers, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness will be your shield and rampart.

Psalm 100:5, For the LORD is good and his love [hesed] endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.

Proverbs 27:5-6, Better is open rebuke than hidden love. 6 Faithful are the wounds of a friend; profuse are the kisses of an enemy.

Proverbs 17:17, A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for a time of adversity.

Proverbs 20:6, Many claim to have unfailing love, but a faithful person who can find?

- 1. Read Psalm 91:2-4 and Psalm 100:5. Was there a time when you experienced the faithfulness of God in your life? How can we believe that his faithfulness is present even when we're going through difficult times?
- 2. Faithfulness captures both the inner virtues of integrity, consistency, and honesty and the relational virtues of trustworthiness, loyalty, and dependability. In what ways have you seen yourself grow in these virtues? Where do you need to see greater growth?
- 3. Read Proverbs 27:5-6, 17:17, 20:6. Stewarding relationships means that we must consider how God may want to use us to help and influence others, even if it may be costly or require us to take risks in those relationships. How have you experienced this dynamic (on the giving or receiving end) in your relationships?