

Wednesday - April 16

For the Lord is good and His love endures forever; His faithfulness continues through all generations. Psalm 100:5 NIV

Faithfulness. That word has such meaning and strength. It brings comfort. But faithfulness is also hard to maintain. I think about how many times I've come up with a plan to exercise. I am ready, I am motivated, and I know I will be faithful to this plan. And I am for a while. But then one morning I don't really want to get up and exercise before work, so I hit the snooze button and sleep another hour. And after that, it becomes really easy to sleep late again or decide not to go to my exercise class. And just like that, my faithfulness to my fitness plan has ended. But here's what I've learned. Faithfulness requires some sacrifice. If I want to exercise before work, I need to sacrifice a little extra sleep. If I want to lose some weight, I need to sacrifice eating sweets. And if I want to spend time on my relationship with God, I need to prioritize that first. I need to be faithful to God and my time with Him.

We know that God is always faithful. Even when we disappoint Him or don't turn to Him first. He sent us his son Jesus to teach us how to live and love each other. To be our guide. And Jesus made the ultimate sacrifice for us by dying on the cross. I stand in awe of this sacrifice.

And I stand in awe of the sacrifice that all the earlier members of Powell UMC made to build this church. Their sacrifice was done out of faith and hope. Hope for what the future held and that what they built would be meaningful. And faith that their church would continue to grow. What an amazing legacy!

God's love does endure forever and his faithfulness continues through all generations.

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Prayer: Dear Lord, You are always with me, guiding me and loving me. Thank you for your unending love and faithfulness. Amen.