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Lamentations 3:22-24

"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. I say to myself, 'The LORD is my portion; therefore I will wait for him.'"



Discussion for the younger kids:

One of my favorite books growing up was *The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe* (the Chronicles of Narnia) by C.S. Lewis. In the book, one of the main characters, Edmund betrays Aslan. Edmund feels terrible and is ashamed for what he has done. There is one moment where Aslan reaches out and they go on a walk together. Aslan was ready to forgive and ready to love despite Edmunds betrayal. This scene has always been powerful to me. It reminds me how God loves each and every one of us. It reminds me that there is no way to separate ourselves from God, because God will always reach out to us. Like Aslan, God is ready to forgive, and powerfully love us.

The Bible tells us in Lamentations that God loves us like new every morning. He is faithful to us. That means He will never leave us, just like Aslan never left Edmund—even when Edmund betrayed him. I have faith in God because He is faithful to me. He has never left me, even though I have done hurtful things to Him. God will be faithful to you too. Look for ways that he has been faithful to you today.

For Further Discussion:

I am proud to admit that I drive a ratty old clunker of a car. It is in fact the same age (or maybe it's a year older?!) than I am. An 89' Chevy Cavalier. *Why* you ask am I proud to drive a car that frosts on the insides, and takes 30 seconds to reach 60mph. The answer is simple. It reminds me of God's faithfulness to me.

My parents and I had plans to run the car to the junkyard last October. At the time, I couldn't really afford a new car. Nor were any decent cars showing up in the for sale ads. When we took it to our mechanic for the ritual "There's nothing more I can do"

talk, we were all surprised to hear him say, “The Grey Bomber is runnin’ good”. Then I began to reflect a little more on this car. It was in fact an old clunker that no one believed would last through my high school years, and now it seemed to carry me the rest of the way through college. But was it really the car that was carrying me, or was it my God, who knew I could not swing finding another car in the next couple of weeks.

I believe that it has been and will continue to be my God. He knows everything that I need, right down to the minute details in my life—and my old rusty car. And He has always been faithful to me. Lamentations tells us that God’s love is new every morning and that in His character we find faithfulness. Because of this, I will put my trust and my faith in my God. I have faith because he is faithful.

If you would like to ask Barbara more about her devotional, you can send an [email](#) to her at camp.