

The LORD passed before Moses and proclaimed, "The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and **abounding** in steadfast love and ______..."
(Exodus 34:6)

Faithfulness. What does that mean? In the Bible, faithfulness is a lot like stability, something you can stand on and not worry about it falling apart underneath you.

Can you find **Deuteronomy 32** in your Bible? Deuteronomy 32 is a song about God that Moses taught the children of Israel. In Deuteronomy 32:4, when Moses wanted to describe the "God of faithfulness," notice what he called the LORD: "The ______, his work is perfect…"

What better word picture could Moses use for stability than "the Rock"? We've learned this month that God is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. This last word in our verse for the month—faithfulness—teaches us that God is consistent. He is steady and trustworthy. He is stable and reliable. Our God is going to be true to his character.

- # His "testimony" is "______" (Psalm 19:7)
- # His "rules" are "______" (Psa 19:9)

God **abounds** in **faithfulness!** So we shouldn't be surprised that leaders like Joshua called God's people to serve the LORD "in sincerity and in faithfulness" (Josh 24:14). God wants **US** to be faithful like he is faithful.

In the New Testament, Jesus is the perfect picture of God's faithfulness (I Cor I:9; 2 Cor I:20).

When I hear his words and do them, I am like "a _____ man who built his house on the _____ "(Matt 7:24). Because our God abounds in faithfulness, when we build our lives on him by listening to him and obeying him, he helps us to be "steadfast" and "immovable" (I Cor I5:58).

What is God like? He overflows with faithfulness.

FOUNDATION STONES

Exodus 34:6 has been a really good verse to memorize this month. What is God like? Have you memorized it yet?



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Can you find Matthew 7:24-27 in your Bible? Let's read that together.

- What made the wise man "wise"?
- What made the foolish man "foolish"?
- Jesus said, "Everyone then who hears these words of mine..."
 What words? What sort of things did he talk about in
 Matthew 5-7?

