God is Faithful: Escaping, Enduring

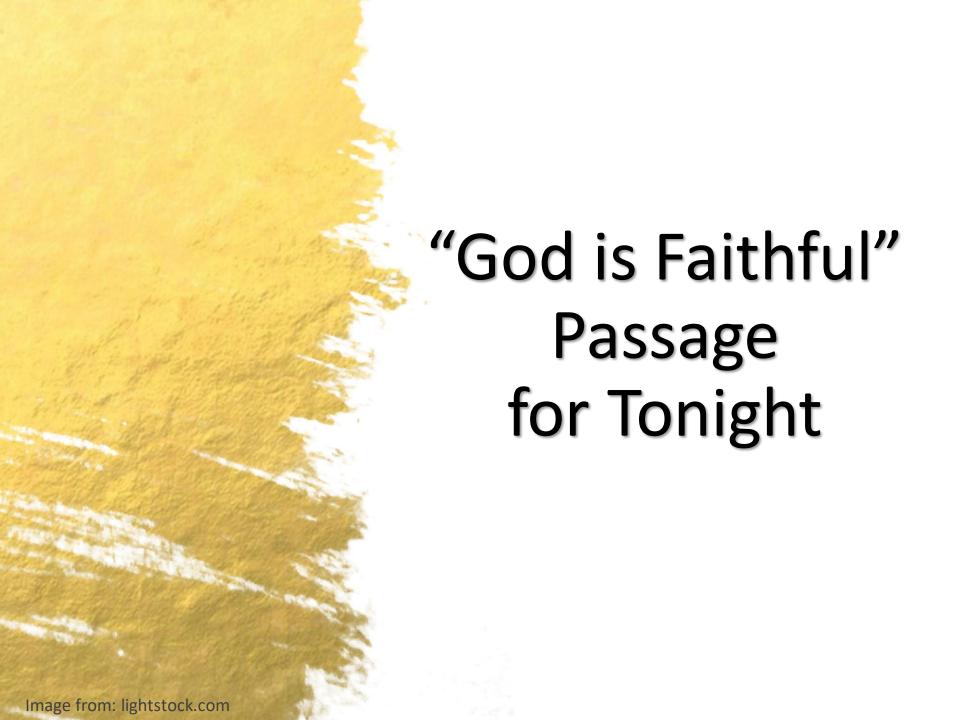


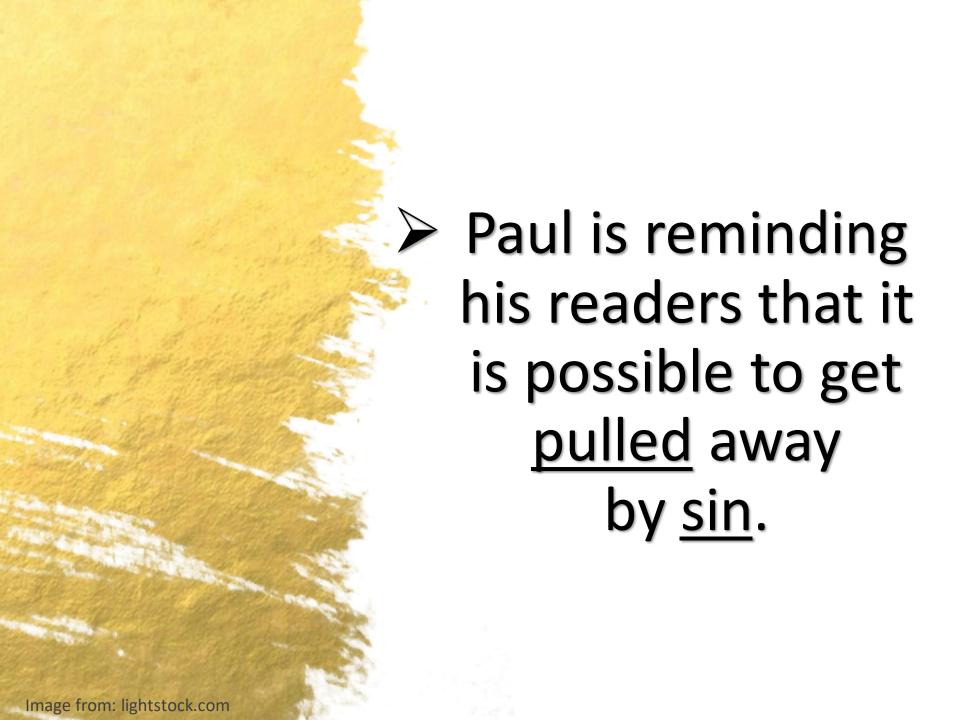
Deuteronomy 7:9

⁹ Know therefore that the LORD your God, He is God, the faithful God, who keeps His covenant and His lovingkindness to a thousandth generation with those who love Him and keep His commandments;

1 John 1:9

⁹ If we confess our sins, <u>He is faithful</u> and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.





¹¹ Now these things happened to them as an example, and they were written for our instruction, upon whom the ends of the ages have come.

¹² Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed that he does not fall.



¹³ No temptation has overtaken you but such as is common to man; and God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will provide the way of escape also, so that you will be able to endure it.



¹³ No temptation has overtaken you but such as is common to man; and God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will provide the way of escape also, so that you will be able to endure it.





It reminds me of 2 Corinthians 2:11.

2 Corinthians 2:11

- ¹⁰ But one whom you forgive anything, I *forgive* also; for indeed what I have forgiven, if I have forgiven anything, I did it for your sakes in the presence of Christ,
- ¹¹ so that no advantage would be taken of us by Satan, for we are not ignorant of his schemes.



We know his schemes:
Anger

Ephesians 4:26-27

²⁶ BE ANGRY, AND *yet* DO NOT SIN; do not let the sun go down on your anger,
²⁷ and do not give the devil an opportunity.



We know his schemes:
<u>Materialism</u>

1 Timothy 6:9-10

- ⁹ But those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a snare and many foolish and harmful desires which plunge men into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰ For the love of money is a root of
- ¹⁰ For the love of money is a root of all sorts of evil, and some by longing for it have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.



We know his schemes:
Pain and suffering

Job 1:11

¹¹ But put forth Your hand now and touch all that he has; he will surely curse You to Your face."



We know his schemes:
Sinful desires

James 1:14-15

- ¹⁴ But each one is tempted when he is carried away and enticed by his own lust.
- ¹⁵ Then when lust has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and when sin is accomplished, it brings forth death.



We know his schemes:People pleasing

John 12:42-43

⁴² Nevertheless many even of the rulers believed in Him, but because of the Pharisees they were not confessing Him, for fear that they would be put out of the synagogue; ⁴³ for they loved the approval of men rather than the approval of God.

Image from: lightstock.com

God's Faithfulness



¹³ No temptation has overtaken you but such as is common to man; and God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will provide the way of escape also, so that you will be able to endure it.

God's Faithfulness



The question that stands behind temptations and trials:

do I <u>trust</u> God?

Genesis 3:1

¹ Now the serpent was more crafty than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, "Indeed, has God said, 'You shall not eat from any tree of the garden'?"

John 10:10

¹⁰ The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I came that they may have life, and have *it* abundantly.

¹³ No temptation has overtaken you but such as is common to man; and God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will provide the way of escape also, so that you will be able to endure it.

Image from: lightstock.com

God's Faithfulness



God decides what Satan can do.

Luke 22:31-32

- ³¹ "Simon, Simon, behold, Satan has demanded *permission* to sift you like wheat;
- ³² but I have prayed for you, that your faith may not fail; and you, when once you have turned again, strengthen your brothers."

¹³ No temptation has overtaken you but such as is common to man; and God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will provide the way of escape also, so that you will be able to endure it.

lmage from: lightstock.com

God's Faithfulness



➤ God knows what we can do — with His help!

¹⁴ Therefore, my beloved, flee from idolatry.

¹³ No temptation has overtaken you but such as is common to man; and God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will provide the way of escape also, so that you will be able to endure it.

In facing life's temptations: remember <u>God</u> is <u>with</u> you, you are not <u>alone</u>, and He will get you <u>through</u>.

