

“Don’t Fret, God is Faithful!”

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Bible First Lifestyle Reading: Numbers 15-33; Ps. 32-37

1. I fret when I am **angry** because I don’t think God is **fair**. (Numbers 16)

“You have gone too far! ...Isn’t it enough that you have brought us up out of a land flowing with milk and honey to kill us in the desert? And now you want to lord it over us? Moreover, you haven’t brought us into a land flowing with milk and honey or given us an inheritance of fields and vineyards....” Num. 16

“The ground under them split apart and the earth opened its mouth and swallowed them...and fire came out from the Lord and consumed them...” Num. 16

- Do not fret...Don’t get **angry, turn from** wrath.

“Refrain from anger and turn from wrath; do not fret – it only leads to evil. For evil men will be cut off, but those who hope in the Lord will inherit the land.” Ps. 37:8-9

2. I fret when I am **anxious** because I don’t think God **cares**. (Numbers 20)

“There was no water for the community, and the people gathered in opposition to Moses and Aaron. They quarreled with Moses and said, “If only we had died when our brothers fell dead before the Lord...why did you bring us up out of Egypt to this terrible place...It has no grain or figs or pomegranates...and there is no water.”

“The Lord said to Moses...speak to the rock before their eyes and it will pour out its water...Moses raised his arm and struck the rock twice with his staff and water gushed out...But the Lord said to Moses and Aaron, “Because you did not trust in me enough to honor me as holy in the sight of the Israelites, you will not bring this community into the land I give them.”

- Do not fret...**Trust, do good, delight yourself** in the Lord.

“Do not fret...Trust in the Lord and do good; dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture. Delight yourself in the Lord and He will give you the desires of your heart.” Ps. 37:1-4

3. I fret when I am **impatient** with God’s **timing**. (Numbers 21)

“The people grew impatient on the way; they spoke against God and against Moses, and said, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the desert? There is no bread! There is no water! And we detest this miserable food!”

“Then the Lord sent venomous snakes among them; they bit the people and many of them died....The people came to Moses and said we have sinned!...The Lord said to Moses, “Make a snake and put it up on a pole; anyone who is bitten can look at it and live.”

- Do not fret...Commit **your way, trust** and wait **patiently**.

“Commit your way to the Lord; trust Him and He will do this: He will make your righteousness shine like the dawn...Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for Him...do not fret...” Ps. 37:5-7

Psalm 34

I will extol the LORD at all times; His praise will always be on my lips.

² I will glory in the LORD; let the afflicted hear and rejoice.

³ Glorify the LORD with me; let us exalt his name together.

⁴ I sought the LORD, and He answered me; He delivered me from all my fears.

⁵ Those who look to Him are radiant; their faces are never covered with shame.

⁶ This poor man called, and the LORD heard him; he saved him out of all his troubles.

⁷ The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear Him, and he delivers them.

⁸ Taste and see that the LORD is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in Him.

⁹ Fear the LORD, you His holy people, for those who fear Him lack nothing.

¹⁰ The lions may grow weak and hungry, but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing.

¹¹ Come, my children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the LORD.

¹² Whoever of you loves life and desires to see many good days,¹³ keep your tongue from evil and your lips from telling lies.

¹⁴ Turn from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it.

¹⁵ The eyes of the LORD are on the righteous, and His ears are attentive to their cry;

¹⁶ but the face of the LORD is against those who do evil, to blot out their name from the earth.

¹⁷ The righteous cry out, and the LORD hears them; He delivers them from all their troubles.

¹⁸ The LORD is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.

¹⁹ The righteous person may have many troubles, but the LORD delivers him from them all;

²⁰ He protects all his bones, not one of them will be broken.

²¹ Evil will slay the wicked; the foes of the righteous will be condemned.

²² The LORD will rescue his servants; no one who takes refuge in Him will be condemned.