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I want to wrap up the last few days of this year focusing on the **faithfulness** of the Father. **Heb. 10:23**, “*Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for He Who promised is faithful.*” (NIV)

Our God is faithful. When the word for promised is used in this verse, it is not the same as when we use the word promise. We might promise to be at a function or to take our children somewhere if they are good. The problem with our promises is that we sometimes don't keep them. The Greek phrase used here means *a proclamation that will be fulfilled*. Every word that comes from the mouth of God is a proclamation that will come to pass. Our hopes are truly built upon the solid rock that will never waver or crumble. So, we can hold onto every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD. I like this paraphrase: ***for He Who said it will do it!***

The reason that we can hold on to the hope that we profess without wavering is completely based on the LORD's faithfulness; not ours. We tend to change, He never does. Paul spoke of this in **Eph. 4:14-15**, “*Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming. Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of Him Who is the head, that is, Christ.*” (NIV)

There is nothing worse than trying to rely upon someone who is unreliable. They say one thing and then do another. We find it difficult to trust them when they say they will do something. One of my favorite hymns, ***The Solid Rock*** by **Edward Mote**, reminds me in the very first verse:

*My hope is built on nothing less,
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.
On Christ the Solid Rock I stand,
All other ground is sinking sand.
All other ground is sinking sand.*

Jesus is our solid rock. We can trust Him. Whatever He says, we should obey and follow. He will never lead us astray, but instead, He will lead us with wisdom and righteousness.

Dear LORD, thank You that You are always faithful. You will always do what You have said You will do. That means that when You saved us, You will also keep us. Praise You Lord! In Jesus Name, Amen