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He wants you to live in His freedom.

The *faithfulness* of the Father: Even though we will fail, He never will.

**Ps. 73:26** *My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever. (NIV)*

Here is another instance in scripture where the interjection of two words makes all the difference: but God. Because we are all flawed with the sin nature, the only hope that we have is found in the loving Father and what He accomplished through Christ on the cross. In another familiar verse in the book of Romans, we see this same interjection with the same faithfulness of the Father: **Rom. 5:8** *But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. (NIV)*

In this verse, we also see one of the names of God in the phrase *God is the strength of my heart*. The Hebrew translation is Jehovah Tsur, which means the LORD is my rock. So here is a comparative statement: our heart and flesh will fail, *but God* never will because He is a rock that can never be broken. Because we are flesh, we cannot handle the sinful temptations of this world, *but God* can! He is the rock that will never fail - Jehovah Tsur.

David also meditates on this in **Psalm 139:7-10** *Where can I go from Your Spirit? Where can I flee from Your presence? If I go up to the heavens, You are there; if I make my bed in the depths, You are there. If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, even there Your hand will guide me, Your right hand will hold me fast. (NIV)*

God is FAITHFUL. He is our rock that will never change or fail. We can always put our trust in Him.

**Dear LORD, You are our rock. We have a firm foundation in You; one that will never shift or fail. We can stand with complete confidence when we stand upon the rock. Help us to say with David, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever! In Jesus Name, Amen**