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Because God is Loyal and Faithful

2 Thess. 3:3 *But the Lord is faithful, and He will strengthen you and protect you from the evil one. (NIV)*

As Paul was moving through city after city, he was continually trumpeting this message to the people he encountered. Why? Because this was something that Paul had personally experienced. He had been beaten, flogged, stoned, physically abused, and spiritually maligned by so many. And yet he found strength in the One Who he relied on for his strength, the Lord God Almighty. You might wonder how he could make such a statement after going through all these things, but his faith was deeper than his physical feelings.

Paul was not getting weaker; he was getting stronger! In Phil. 4:11, he put it this way: ***I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances (NIV)***. Notice in our verse for today that it is God Himself that strengthens us. It is not from our own selves that this happens. It is by the power of the Holy Spirit within each one of us. We must learn to rely on the one who gives us our strength. He will never fail us. He will continue to guide us. He will always abide with us. He is faithful and true. He is able to do all of this because of who He is!

Dear Faithful Father, we call upon You today because You alone are our strength, our fortress, our deliverer, our protector and our God. We worship You because of Who You Are! In Jesus name, AMEN