

**Our Awesome God
is Faithful, True,
and Abounds in
Steadfast Love**

Is our culture prone to making God fit our feelings and imagination? Do we believe that truth is relative?

- ❑ Scenario 1: You're stopped by a police officer for speeding.
- ❑ Scenario 2: You're selling your car for \$7,500.
- ❑ Scenario 3: You tell your teacher that you don't have to turn in homework tomorrow, since tomorrow, really, never comes.
- ❑ Scenario 4: You tell your boss that showing up 15 minutes late is not *really* late until it's been over a half hour.
- ❑ ***When it comes to God, your imagination and feelings have no bearing on His character. He is who He is.***

Have you imagined God is like you or like others in your life?

We should praise God for His steadfast character

Do you really know that God's character does not change?

Psalm 71:22 (NIV2011) I will praise you with the harp for your **faithfulness**, my God; I will sing praise to you with the lyre, **Holy** One of Israel.

Psalm 89:1-2 (NASB) ¹ I will sing of the **lovingkindness** of the LORD forever; To all generations I will make known Your **faithfulness** with my mouth. ² For I have said, "**Lovingkindness** will be built up forever; In the heavens You will establish Your **faithfulness**."

Lamentations 3:22-23 (ESV) ²² The **steadfast love** of the LORD never ceases; his **mercies** never come to an end; ²³ they are new every morning; great is your **faithfulness**.

But what if we are unfaithful?

Have you confessed your sins so you can be forgiven?

2 Timothy 2:11-13 (ESV) ¹¹ The saying is trustworthy, for: If we have died with him, we will also live with him; ¹² if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he also will deny us; ¹³ if we are faithless, **he remains faithful**— for he cannot deny himself.

Wait... what if we deny Him?

Luke 22:31-32 (HCSB) ³¹ “Simon, Simon, look out! Satan has asked to sift you like wheat. ³² **But I have prayed for you that your faith may not fail.** And you, **when you have turned back, strengthen your brothers.”**

1 John 1:9 (NASB) If we confess our sins, **He is faithful** and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

In the 62nd of 66 books of the Bible, **we find...**

Are you striving to love the way God loves?

1 John 4:7-8 (HCSB) ⁷ Dear friends, let us love one another, because love is from God, and everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸ The one who does not love does not know God, because

God is love

But... what is love?

Agape

1 Corinthians 13:4-8a (NIV2011) ⁴ Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. ⁵ It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. ⁶ Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. ⁷ It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. ⁸ Love never fails.

So how can we effectively imitate God's character?

Do you abide in Jesus so that the Spirit can produce fruit in you?

Step 1: Recognize Jesus as Lord and Savior and read God's word.

John 14:6 (NKJV) Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."

Step 2: Yield to the Power of the Holy Spirit.

John 16:13a (HCSB) ¹³ When the Spirit of truth comes, He will guide you into all the truth.

Galatians 5:16;22-23 (NASB) ¹⁶ But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh.

²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.