



**April 26, 2011 - Psalm 100:5**

Hi everyone,

This week we finish Psalm 100 and next week we will move into Psalm 101. Each week God is storing Truth in our hearts. We love hearing memorization stories from you, so please, always feel free to share how God is using His Word in your lives. And as always I encourage you to review what you have already learned. My son is memorizing with me and we work on it each morning in the car on the way to school. The other day we took a moment to review Psalm 143 and it was neat to see how securely God's Truth from that Psalm is still in our hearts. That is one of the blessings of memorizing God's Word. God is faithful...may we be faithful in the way we handle His Truth as well. I know you are!

In the NASB, Psalm 100:5 reads:

**"For the Lord is good; His lovingkindness is everlasting,  
and His faithfulness to all generations."**

I will be memorizing this verse this week, but it already has a place in my heart for several reasons. First of all it has been the theme of my year. Considering the phrase "**His faithfulness to all generations**," let me share that last September I started journaling and it seemed as I wrote each day I would find myself writing "*God is faithful*" at the conclusion of my entry. It wasn't something I planned to do; it was just something that became apparent as I took the time to consider what God was doing in my life. But each time I wrote that phrase I became more and more convinced. There is just something about telling yourself God is faithful each day, writing it on your heart and stating it over your life.

How does the phrase "**For the Lord is good**" fit into all this? Well, about the time February rolled around, it seemed I found myself adding some additional words as I finished journaling each day. I now was writing "*God is faithful and good*" at the close of each day's entry. Again, it wasn't something I planned to do; it was just representative of what God was doing in me and I just needed to write it down and state it over my life.

Now let me say this, just because I wrote these things doesn't mean I always felt them. In fact, if

I allowed you to go back and read my journal, you would find it full of praises and joys and hopes but also full of questions, concerns and hurts. You would find it full of prayers unanswered and wonderings of God's work, but you would also find these solid rock statements at the close of each day. Why? Well simply because they are true and I want them to direct who I am and how I relate to the Lord each day.

Those of you who know me know that I became convinced of the Lord's lovingkindness a long time ago...in fact, the first Bible study I ever wrote is called *Face to Face with His Lovingkindness*, so knowing that "**His lovingkindness is everlasting**" is a conviction in my heart for sure.

I guess you can see why this verse really resonates in me. What about in you? Verse 5 isn't just a verse to close out a psalm; no, it is a verse of conviction and a verse of knowing and experiencing God. It is a verse that directs how we relate to God each day. See, I really believe if we are convinced of these three things...that the Lord is faithful, the Lord is good and the Lord is full of lovingkindness toward us forever, it will be solid Truth for us to plant our feet in each day no matter what comes our way. I know for me, that being convinced of these things about my God has transformed my life. I am sure many of you could share similar things, but there are always more depths for us to see about our God. So this week as we memorize, let's ask the Lord to reveal His faithfulness, goodness and lovingkindness to us in deeper ways than what we have already known. May these Truths resonate in us even more as we close out this psalm this week. And may we be able to say, "**For the Lord is good; His lovingkindness is everlasting, and His faithfulness to all generations**" and really mean it.

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