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Lamentations 3:22-23

Disappointment and failure is a part of our lives. Friends have disagreements, marriages have frustrations, and likewise, we have failed someone else at some point. Despite the pain that we experience from these failings, the sweetest and most beautiful relationships we will ever know are the ones in which we have overcome the disappointment and have both given and received forgiveness.

The hard moments help us to reach a level of trust and love that we would have never otherwise known, and we understand faithfulness when there is a test in that relationship. Faithfulness is continued loyalty, support, constancy, trustworthiness, dependability, devotion, and eternal commitment. It is sticking with that person no matter the circumstance, even when disappointments and failures come.

In these relationships, we know that both sides will have to extend forgiveness at some point, but imagine a relationship in which the other person never let you down. They've never needed to be forgiven because they've never hurt your feelings, neglected you, or wronged you in any way. Instead, they've always thought of you, loved you, and gave everything they had for you. This is God. Because of His love for us He would never give up on us, even when we've failed Him or given up on Him.

"Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for His compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness." Lamentations 3:22-23

After sharing the Scripture, use at least three of the questions on the following page with your group.

Complete your monthly report and turn it in to the Corps Officer.

"It is easier to forgive an enemy than to forgive a friend." – William Blake

*"Never marry at all, Dorian. Men marry because they are tired, women, because they are curious: both are disappointed." – Oscar Wilde, **The Picture of Dorian Gray***

"I can't give you a sure-fire formula for success, but I can give you a formula for failure: try to please everybody all the time." – Herbert Bayard Swope



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How do the **quotes** above compare with the **Scriptures** about **God's faithfulness**?



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Is it hard to be **faithful** to others and have hope for your **relationships** in spite of **failures**?



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Are there **hurts** or **failures** that seem too hard to **overcome**?



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Is it hard to grasp the **truth** that **God** will never fail you or stop **loving** you?



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How can we demonstrate **faithfulness** to others in the way **God** demonstrates it to **us**?



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