

WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

(Thursday – 01/22/09 – Dr. Pete Norris)___

God is faithful. He's full of compassion. His mercies are new every morning. As a believer, you know all that. But simply knowing it is not enough. For it to do you any good, you have to recall it. You have to remember it again and again in order to rekindle your hope and stir your faith. So, make it a point to remind you of God's faithfulness every morning. Remind yourself of the benefits that are yours in Jesus. What are those benefits? Psalms 103 spells them out;

- (1) He forgives all your sins.
- (2) He heals all your diseases.
- (3) He redeems your life from destruction.
- (4) He crowns you with loving kindness and tender mercies.
- (5) He satisfies your mouth with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagles.
- (6) He executes righteousness and judgment for you against oppression. He sets you free.
- (7) He makes known His ways to you.
- (8) He gives you grace and mercy in times of need.

Make it a point every morning this year to say those things out loud to the Lord. Stand before Him in prayer and recall His mercies to you. Keep it up and by the end of this year you'll be stronger in faith and more confident of God's love than you've ever been before. Don't just settle for knowing God's blessings. Remember them every day and watch them come alive in you. Read Psalms 103:1-17.

Be faithful

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