

**FAIL US NOT Video Bible Study Guide**  
**Experiencing God's Transforming Faithfulness**

**PART I. INTRODUCTION**

The Christian faith is usually presented as God's provision for mankind's sinfulness. While this is true, it's only half the story. God's eternal intention has always been to gather to himself a people from every race, tribe, and nation who will forever trust him as their God. The eternal, all-powerful God of the universe lovingly desires you and me as his faithful children.

*Read aloud Genesis 17:7 & 9: I will establish my covenant as an everlasting covenant between me and you and your descendants after you for the generations to come, to be your God and the God of your descendants after you." Then God said to Abraham, "As for you, you must keep my covenant, you and your descendants after you for the generations to come."*

The *bad news* is that it's utterly impossible for us to be perfectly faithful to God. But the *good news* is that God *is faithful to us* in spite of our disobedience to him. And the *really great news* is that God did something personal and permanent about our "sin" problem by sending his Son, Jesus, into our lives.

*Read aloud Romans 5:6-9: You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous man, though for a good man someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him!*

All those who confess their sinfulness and who accept Jesus' sacrifice of love are irrevocably born into God's family of faith. This changes everything!

*Read aloud Romans 8:31,32, 35-39: What, then, shall we say in response to this? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all--how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? As it is written: "For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

For those whose lives are transformed by Christ, there is absolutely nothing that can separate us from God's love. Our sin is under his blood and our circumstances are covered by his sovereignty. He can even use our struggles and failures for his glory and our good.

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“Fail Us Not” was written by and performed by the band *1000 Generations*. This worship song is their incredulous response to a heavenly Father whose love is undiminished by our “un-loveliness” and whose faithfulness can transform us into the people he envisions us to be.

**PART II. PLAY “Fail Us Not” Video Clip**

*Failure doesn't phase You, worry doesn't win,  
Loss doesn't leave You afraid to start again,  
Our sin doesn't shock You, our shame doesn't shame You at all.*

*Mistakes do not move You, terror doesn't tame,  
Death doesn't doom You to life in the grave,  
Our struggling doesn't scare You, our secrets don't surprise You at all.*

*There is nothing above You, there is nothing beyond You,  
There is nothing that you can't do...  
There is no one beside You, there is no one that's like You,  
There is nothing that You can't do...*

*CHO. Whatever will come, we'll rise above,  
You fail us not, You fail us not.  
No matter the war, our hope is secure,  
You fail us not, You fail us not.  
You fail us not...*

*Hatred doesn't hide You, evil doesn't ail,  
Despair can't disguise You and tell You that You've failed,  
Our doubt doesn't daunt You, our darkness won't defeat You at all.*

*BRIDGE: You're bigger than the battle, You're bigger than the battle  
You are bigger than the battle has ever been*

### PART III. APPLICATION

1. Over the course of the video, each character revealed a specific issue that had marked their lives. Feel free to go online to [FailUsNot.com](http://FailUsNot.com) and hear them share short stories of how the Lord has been faithful to them in the midst of these challenges. What are some of the key struggles which have defined your relationship with God and others?
  
2. Do some of your issues still seem insurmountable to you? If so, which ones?
  
3. Have you ever felt that God deserted you in the midst of your problems? If so, how and when?
  
4. Have you ever felt God's presence in the midst of an important issue? If so, how and when?
  
5. Have you asked Christ to be Lord of your life and then to exercise his lordship over the issues at hand?
  
6. Read aloud Psalm 18: 4-6, 16-19: *The cords of death entangled me; the torrents of destruction overwhelmed me. The cords of the grave coiled around me; the snares of death confronted me. In my distress I called to the Lord; I cried to my God for help. From his temple he heard my voice; my cry came before him, into his ears. He reached down from on high and took hold of me; he drew me out of deep waters. He rescued me from my powerful enemy, from my foes, who were too strong for me. They confronted me in the day of my disaster, but the LORD was my support. He brought me out into a spacious place; he rescued me because he delighted in me.*

Do you truly realize that—no matter your situation—the Lord hears your distress and delights in demonstrating his faithfulness to you? Take a few moments to write out your “cry” for help to God. Feel free to share your prayer with others, or keep it as a daily reminder to trust in his unfailing love for you.

7. Read Romans 8:28 aloud: *And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.*

Given the reality of God's unconditional love and acceptance, your position as his child, and his promise to cause ALL things to work together for you, what will trust **look like** for you – practically?

- a. How would trust in God affect what you think about each day? Be specific.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- b. Are there thoughts that need to be replaced? (2 Cor. 10:4-5)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- c. Are there promises waiting to be claimed?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- d. Is there any repeated activity in your life that hinders the work of God in your life?

PART IV. BENEDICTION

More Encouragement from King David in the Psalms:

*The LORD is a refuge for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble. Those who know your name will trust in you, for you, Lord, have never forsaken those who seek you. –Psalm 9:9-10*

*Now I know that the LORD saves his anointed; he answers him from his holy heaven with the saving power of his right hand. Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the LORD our God. –Psalm 20:6-7*

*Love the Lord, all his saints! The LORD preserves the faithful, but the proud he pays back in full. Be strong and take heart, all you who hope in the Lord. –Psalm 31:23-24*

*For the word of the LORD is right and true; he is faithful in all he does. The LORD loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of his unfailing love. –Psalm 33:4-5*

*Do not fret because of evil men or be envious of those who do wrong; for like the grass they will soon wither, like green plants they will soon die away. Trust in the LORD and do good; dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture. Delight yourself in the LORD and he will give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him and he will do this: He will make your righteousness shine like the dawn, the justice of your cause like the noonday sun. –Psalm 37:1-6*

*I waited patiently for the Lord; he turned to me and heard my cry. He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire; he set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand. He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God. Many will see and fear and put their trust in the Lord. Blessed is the man who makes the LORD his trust, who does not look to the proud, to those who turn aside to false gods. –Psalm 40:1-4*

*Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures through all generations. The LORD is faithful to all his promises and loving toward all he has made. The LORD upholds all those who fall and lifts up all who are bowed down. –Psalm 145:13-14*

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