



## Family Devotional: What Is Faith?

**Theme:** Trusting God through every season of life

**Focus Verse:** Lamentations 3:22–23 – “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.”

**Other Scriptures:** Psalm 9:10, Philippians 4:19, and Joshua 3

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### Devotional Thought:

Trusting God doesn’t mean life is always easy or predictable. It means leaning on Him when we can’t see the outcome.

I love the story of **Elijah and the widow at Zarephath (1 Kings 17)**. She had just enough flour and oil for one last meal, yet she trusted God and shared what she had. Day by day, God’s provision never ran out.

That reminds me of my own life, like the Thanksgiving that we didn’t know how we’d make work, and then our church family showed up with everything we needed. Or the long nights when my husband was sick, and God whispered His peace into our hearts before we had all the answers.

Trust often shows up **before the miracle**. That’s what we see at the **Jordan River crossing (Joshua 3)**. The Israelites didn’t see dry land yet, but the miracle didn’t happen until they stepped forward.

And sometimes, trust means sitting quietly in the storm, like when Jesus calmed the waves (Mark 4:35–41). His presence doesn’t always change the situation immediately, but it reminds us the **storm isn’t bigger than Him**.

Trust grows when we **remember past faithfulness**, when we **step forward in obedience**, and when we **lean on God in the middle of uncertainty**.

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### Scripture Focus:

- **Lamentations 3:22–23** – God’s faithfulness is new every morning.
- **Psalm 9:10** – Those who know God’s name trust Him, because He never abandons those who seek Him.



- **Philippians 4:19** – God meets all our needs according to His glorious riches in Christ Jesus.
  - **Crossing the Jordan River (Joshua 3)** – God’s provision often comes after our first step of trust, not before.
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## Talk About It:

(Use these questions to guide your family discussion.)

- Where have you seen God’s faithfulness in your life—big or small?
  - Can you remember a time God provided or protected you in a way you didn’t expect?
  - How does stepping out in trust feel? Is it scary, exciting, or both?
  - What does Lamentations 3:22–23 teach us about God’s love and compassion?
  - How does the Jordan River story show that God sometimes waits for our first step before working a miracle?
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## Weekly Challenge: The Invisible Air Experiment

This week, **share your testimony**. Tell someone—your sibling, a friend, a grandparent—about a time you saw God’s faithfulness in your life. Even small stories of provision, peace, or protection can help others trust Him too.

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## Memory Verse:

**Lamentations 3:22–23** – *“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.”*

Practice saying it together as a family this week.

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## Family Prayer:

Lord, thank You for Your faithfulness in our lives. Thank You for providing, guiding, and comforting us even when we can’t see the whole picture. Help us trust You in every season, remember Your past faithfulness, and take steps of faith when You ask us to. Give us courage to share our stories so others can see that You are trustworthy. In Jesus’ name, Amen.