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From the Pastor



Faithful Fall

It's fall and that means it's time for the growth groups to begin. These are small groups where we can get to know each other better and learn about God together. It is also a place where we can help each other.

I love the fall for many reasons. It's the beginning of football season. The church's activities get back into full swing. There is excitement in the air.

I also love the fall colors and the change in weather. The smell of the fall air is wonderful.

Fall is also a show of God's faithfulness. I know that every year there will be a time that will be wonderful. The earth will bring out all sorts of colors and smells that are brought each time this year. I can count on the fall season to happen every year.

Why is that? It's because God is faithful.

After the great flood that God brought to earth was over, Noah took some of the animals from the ark and sacrificed them to God to worship Him. The book of Genesis tells us God's response.

²⁰ Then Noah built an altar to the LORD and took some of every clean animal and some of every clean bird and offered burnt offerings on the altar. ²¹ And when the LORD smelled the pleasing aroma, the LORD said in his heart, "I will never again curse the ground because of man, for the intention of man's heart is evil from his youth. Neither will I

ever again strike down every living creature as I have done.²² While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night, shall not cease." (Genesis 8:20-22 ESV)

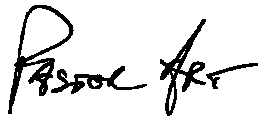
God promises that as long as the earth exists the seasons will always exist. Fall is one example of God's faithfulness.

You and I can trust God, because He is a faithful God. There are times in our lives when we aren't sure what to do. These can be times of crisis or times of planning for the future. During these times, our best way to live is by trusting God.

How do you do that? You learn God's direction for living and trust by lining your life up to that direction. Growth groups can assist you with this. Let me encourage you to get involved in a growth group this year. This is a great place to learn of God's faithfulness and His direction for living.

God is faithful. Enjoy His faithfulness.

In Him and for His glory,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Pastor Steve". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "P" and a long, sweeping underline.