



**Dear Crossroads Family,**

According to the local paper in Anchorage, Alaska, a couple named Dorothea (85) and George (82) were walking their golden retrievers on a day when the temperature was below zero. Dorothea got in the truck while George was rounding up the playful pups when a massive moose saw him and began to run angrily toward him. George tried to outrun the moose but didn't make it to the truck in time. The moose caught him and began stomping on him in the snow.

Seeing that, Dorothea, all 5'0" of her, grabbed a shovel from the truck and attacked the moose. Forgetting about her own safety, she hit the moose with shovel again and again. Eventually the moose had had enough. He turned to walk away and Dorothea swung one last time with all her might. That's when one of their dogs, Tut, joined the fray and finished chasing the moose off. Dorothea was cold, tired, and overcome with adrenaline, but unscathed. George was taken to the hospital with 7 broken ribs and a cut on his forehead.

When asked about her heroic actions, Dorothea simply said, "Well, we've helped each other out of problems before. This just happened to be the latest."

I'd say Dorothea took her marriage vow of faithfulness seriously. She loved her husband so much that she would risk her life for his salvation.

Dorothea's faithfulness to her husband, in some ways, is a picture of Christ's faithfulness to us, His people. But His faithfulness is even greater. Before we had ever taken our vow to Him (while we were still sinners) Jesus went into action to bring about our salvation. Furthermore, He didn't just experience freezing temperatures, exhaustion, and an adrenaline rush. He died for us.

Regarding God's faithfulness demonstrated in the actions of Jesus, **Romans 5:10** says, "if, while we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life!"

The act of Jesus dying on the cross should be enough for us to be assured that God's faithfulness to us is the *gravity* of our lives—unseen, constant, and the only thing keeping our world from flying apart. As His word promises, "since God is for us, who can be against us (**Rom. 8:31**)," and "He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus (**Phil. 1:6**)," and "God has said, 'Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.' So we say with confidence, 'The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can mere mortals do to me?'" (**Heb. 13:5b-6**).

What a faithful God! Let's talk about it Sunday in Bible study and worship. Just as He is faithful, let us be faithful in worship and praise. (Sermon notes are provided below.)

See you Sunday.

Love,  
Bro. Doug

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***Chosen by Our Faithful God***  
***Deuteronomy 7:6-16***

In our world, the 'chosen' are usually the strongest, the \_\_\_\_\_, or the most \_\_\_\_\_. But when we turn to Deuteronomy 7, we find God chooses because He decides to \_\_\_\_\_. He chooses people because of His \_\_\_\_\_.

Before entering the Promised Land, Moses reminded a new generation of Israelites that they were the \_\_\_\_\_ of God because God had chosen Abraham and his future offspring. Now \_\_\_\_\_ were chosen because of God's faithfulness to \_\_\_\_\_.

The New Testament, mirroring the language of the Old, says that \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ are chosen too. **1 Peter 2:9** says, "You are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession,..." Like Israel in the OT, if you are a follower of Christ, **Eph. 1:4** says, "He chose us in him before the creation of the world." He chose us \_\_\_\_\_. The Bible says, God chose Christ before the creation of the world and if we are "in Christ," we are chosen in Him. And God remains faithful to His choice. **2 Timothy 2:13** says, "if we are \_\_\_\_\_, he remains \_\_\_\_\_, for he cannot disown himself."

But **Deut. 7:12** seems to say that God's faithfulness is \_\_\_\_\_. Reading the whole Bible is so important. **Romans 3:10** and **3:20** affirm that the law is \_\_\_\_\_ for us to fulfill completely. Reading it, we become aware that we aren't able to fulfill it. But Jesus came to \_\_\_\_\_ for us perfectly the very law we are unable to fulfill for ourselves. Because of God's choice of Jesus, and because you are "in Him," He remains faithful to us.

To be chosen by God is to become part of the people called holy to the Lord. None of us \_\_\_\_\_ to be a part. We haven't \_\_\_\_\_ it. We haven't \_\_\_\_\_ the dues. We just showed up at the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_, and in faithfulness to His \_\_\_\_\_, Jesus, God chose us in Christ to be on the most prized team of all—a people holy to the Lord.

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**A Few Announcements:**

**Youth Burger Sale Fundraiser** is Sunday, immediately following the Worship Service, the Youth will be serving a Hamburger or Hot Dog lunch to raise funds to help cover the cost of Youth Camp. If you haven't gotten a ticket yet, you can still make your purchase on Sunday! The lunch will be \$6 for a Hamburger or Hot Dog & chips. Drinks will be available for \$1-\$2. You can pick up or dine in. Tickets will be on sale in the foyer.

**Easter Invitations** are available in the foyer. Invite family & friends to join us for our Easter services: Good Friday Lord's Supper Service will be Friday, April 3, at 6:30 in the Sanctuary; and Resurrection Sunday Celebration is Sunday, April 5, with Bible Study for all ages at 9:00 am and Worship Service at 10:30 am.

**The Church Office will be closed** on Friday, April 3, in recognition of Good Friday.

**Fiesta Time in San Antonio & with Young at Heart!** Join us on Thursday, April 9 at 11:30 am in the Fellowship Hall for a fun time of food and fellowship. Our entertainment will be none other than our very own "Bound for Glory"! Be sure you don't miss being blessed by this wonderful talent! Bring your favorite Mexican dish or dessert.

**Crossroads Monthly Food & Diaper Drive** will be delayed one week due to Easter. Please plan to bring your donations on Sunday, April 12.