

FAITH OF OUR FATHERS

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The Christian faith, while ever-new in its expression, is rooted in a beautiful heritage of real people who walked the same earth and learned to trust the same God over thousands of years. We share a faith that rests on the foundation that God always fulfills His word, and His unfailing greatness is a wondrous story that we have the privilege of both experiencing and announcing to the world. It is from His fullness that we have all received grace upon grace (John 1:16).

*We sing the wondrous story
Of the Lord's unfailing greatness
With mercy upon mercy
For a thousand generations*

We, like our fathers before us, can rest in the fact that God's mercies stand for all time, even to a thousand generations. This is something God first promised us after engraving the Ten Commandments with his own hand: "Know therefore that the LORD your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations" (Deuteronomy 7:9 ESV). Our faith is one handed down through the ages and one that is relevantly and powerfully working today.

*This is the faith of our Fathers
Handed down, handed down
A living faith set on fire
By Your power, the Spirit's power
Lord, teach our hearts Your song
And we will pass it on
And sing the faith of our fathers
Handed down*

Jesus changed the world - not by starting a political revolution, but by discipling a handful of people. Jesus didn't just teach people so they learned a valuable lesson, he taught them so they could teach others. Therefore, having been taught by Jesus we are to make disciples who will in turn make more disciples (Matthew 28:18-20). This multiplication of our faith, or the handing down of what has been handed down to us, is at the core of what it means to follow Jesus.

*The mercy You've shown to us
We feel it flowing through us
Into the world around us
As we hand it down*

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