Nov 15 / Sunday
Our Difficulties and Challenges - God's Faithfulness
Read Psalm 145:4

16 / Mon – Call List | Read Matthew 5:45
There are people who have turned themselves over to God for most of their lives, and some did that just a week ago. No matter when you did, has it made life easier? Christians still suffer loss, illness, tragedy and misfortune. Do we turn to blaming God? Or do we get closer to God through prayer and the Word to ease our pain and comfort, even if it's the same prayer day after day? Keep Him at the top of your call list, He will lead you from there.

17 / Tue – Are You Up For It? | Read Isaiah 41:10 / John 16:33
Sometimes when the most unexpected, difficult situations pop up someone might say, "Are you up for the challenge?" If you have the Lord front and center in your life then yes, you are. You know to pray, listen and follow. Is there someone you know that is going through difficulties? Are you ready to help them to also be up for the challenge?

18 / Wed – Flip Side | Read Psalm 28:7
There's a flip side to praying our way through tough situations. It's praising God for getting us through the tunnel and out into the beautiful sunshine again. Sometimes it's a long winding tunnel where we can't even see a glimmer of light ahead. But it's there. He's holding your hand and leading the way out, even if it isn't the outcome you expected or wanted. He can see what you can't. Rejoice and be glad.

19 / Thu – God's Help | Read Mark 11:24
There's a tale of a man trapped on a roof while floodwaters rose around him. He declined rescue by two boats and a helicopter saying, "I'm praying to God and He will save me." He soon drowned. In heaven, he asked God why his prayer was ignored. God reminded the man that he had rejected all the help He sent. Have you ever turned down help offered to you in tough situations? In retrospect was it someone sent by God to help you through?

20 / Fri – Whose Way? | Read Proverbs 15:22 / Isaiah 40:31
Frank Sinatra's song, *My Way*, is an ode to relying solely on oneself in life. He sings of good times and bad, doing things his own way, having few regrets and, significantly, kneeling to no one. But he is missing any meaningful connection with another person or with God. There is joy and fulfillment to be found in our relationships, most importantly the one we have with our Lord. After all, can we truly lift ourselves up without His love, guidance, and grace?

21 / Sat – Mix It Up | Read 1 Timothy 4:12 / Proverbs 1:5
Look around you at church. We see babies to teens to adults to seasoned adults. Aside from our families, we may not see such a diverse age mix in our other gatherings. We're in the same building listening to the same words. What did each one of us actually hear? What can we learn from one another? Where are we in our own faith walk? Let's take time to reach across an age gap and find out. Will you approach someone and start that conversation?