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For the word of the Lord is right and true;
he is faithful in all he does.
The Lord loves righteousness and justice;
the earth is full of his unfailing love.

Psalm 33:4-5

But the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him,
on those whose hope is in his unfailing love,
to deliver them from death
and keep them alive in famine.

Psalm 33:18-19

Having a steadfast faith in God does not guarantee a happy, carefree life. We will all experience different hardships and loss in our lives. God can, and miraculously does, deliver those who fear him from pain and death but not always. Sometimes for purposes only known to God, he chooses not to. When we are faced with those harsh realities we must try to focus on the wise judgements of God remembering what we are told in verse 4 that all God's words are right and true. We can trust in the word of God because unlike people, God does not lie, forget, or leave his promises unfulfilled. We can trust the Bible because it contains the words of a holy, trustworthy and unchangeable God.

In times of crises we can place our hope in God (verse 18-19). While on earth we may never see the purpose of our suffering, we know that God will keep his promises to us. Do you know that God will keep his promises to you, watch over you and strengthen you with his love?

I recall the words of one of the older hymns by Horatio Richmond Palmer:

To him that o'ercometh, God giveth a crown;
Through faith we shall conquer, though often cast down;
He who is our Saviour, our strength will renew;
Look ever to Jesus, He will carry you through.

Ask the Saviour to help you,
Comfort, strengthen and keep you;
He is willing to aid you,
He will carry you through.

May each and every struggle send us straight to the One who carries us through.

Amen