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## God's Faithfulness

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We recently celebrated the minor Biblical Feast of Lots (Purim), which occurred this year between the evening of March 9 through the evening of March 11. (Adar 13-15, 5780). Biblical scholars have noted that the word “God” does not appear in the scroll of Esther even though it is clear that the Lord rescued His people from the threat of death throughout the province of Persia after their dispersion from Eretz Yisrael in the 6<sup>th</sup> century B.C.E. “Where was God? Why is He not named in this book?” We do not know why God is not mentioned in the book. However, this festival has become one of joyful remembrance of the deliverance of the Jewish people from the attempt of wicked Haman the Agagite, a descendant of Amalek, the eternal enemy of God, to “wipe them off the face of the earth!”

One month after Purim, we will observe Yom HaShoah, the remembrance of the Holocaust on April 21 (Nisan 27, Omer 12, 5780). So many people have questioned “Where was God? As one-third of His Covenant people were consumed through Nazi hatred.” I remember well, when visiting Auschwitz in 2008 that I was distinctly aware, as I walked the path from where the cattle cars were emptied of Jewish captives as they were led to the ovens, that I had a strong awareness that Yeshua

captives as they were led to the ovens, that I had a strong awareness that Yeshua had walked that path. "In all their afflictions, He was afflicted" (Isaiah 63:9) He was there! I do not understand the mystery of the suffering of the Jewish people throughout the centuries, but this I know: "ISRAEL LIVES" And there is no explanation for that truth apart from the everlasting, irrevocable covenant that the Lord made with His people. Israel is the only historical, living witness on earth that God exists and that His Word is truth.

As we seek the unity for which our Savior prayed through the vision of TJCII, may we be faithful in prayer that this vision from the very heart of God will be realized according to His perfect will; that the Name of God will be sanctified on earth.

### **Note from the TJCII International Office**

*"...and may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you, so that He may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord with all His followers."*

*1 Thessalonians 3:12-13*

As we are all inundated with global news on the novel coronavirus, we want to reach out to you. The article above mentions God's faithfulness, and we are confident that He remains faithful even during the most challenging of times. Because of the way the virus is spreading across the globe, it is possible we are all in varying stages within our respective countries. Some might be quarantined, some might be under lockdown, some might be in countries where the virus has not hit yet, and some might be sick. Wherever you are located and whatever stage your city or country might be in right now, know that we are praying for you. Remember He is faithful. We encourage you to reach out virtually to one another. Support one another during this unusual time. Extend extra grace to your spiritual and national leaders as they navigate uncharted territory. Love one another in new and creative ways. We also ask that you keep our TJCII teams across the world in prayer. This is a difficult season for all of us. Please continue to support your local congregation, even when meeting virtually, and please continue to support TJCII as we embark on creative ways to continue furthering this important vision and advance God's kingdom.

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