



### Questions:

1. Where do you see opportunities for fidelity?
2. What are some examples of God's steadfast love in the world today?
3. In what ways does fidelity provide hope?
4. In what ways might fidelity invoke a sense of wonder?
5. If Fidelity is a constant process of decisions and commitments, how does that work in your life?

### EPISODE TITLE: "Fidelity"

Hope: A Pessimist's Guide, Episode 4

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### Pneuma Divina Scripture: Psalm 136

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| <p><sup>1</sup> O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,<br/>for his steadfast love endures for ever.</p> <p><sup>2</sup> O give thanks to the God of gods,<br/>for his steadfast love endures for ever.</p> <p><sup>3</sup> O give thanks to the Lord of lords,<br/>for his steadfast love endures for ever;</p> <p><sup>4</sup> who alone does great wonders,<br/>for his steadfast love endures for ever;</p> <p><sup>5</sup> who by understanding made the heavens,<br/>for his steadfast love endures for ever;</p> <p><sup>6</sup> who spread out the earth on the waters,<br/>for his steadfast love endures for ever;</p> <p><sup>7</sup> who made the great lights,<br/>for his steadfast love endures for ever;</p> <p><sup>8</sup> the sun to rule over the day,<br/>for his steadfast love endures for ever;</p> <p><sup>9</sup> the moon and stars to rule over the night,<br/>for his steadfast love endures for ever;</p> <p><sup>10</sup> who struck Egypt through their first-born,<br/>for his steadfast love endures for ever;</p> <p><sup>11</sup> and brought Israel out from among them,<br/>for his steadfast love endures for ever;</p> <p><sup>12</sup> with a strong hand and an outstretched arm,<br/>for his steadfast love endures for ever;</p> <p><sup>13</sup> who divided the Red Sea in two,<br/>for his steadfast love endures for ever;</p> | <p><sup>14</sup> and made Israel pass through the midst of it,<br/>for his steadfast love endures for ever;</p> <p><sup>15</sup> but overthrew Pharaoh and his army in the Red Sea,<br/>for his steadfast love endures for ever;</p> <p><sup>16</sup> who led his people through the wilderness,<br/>for his steadfast love endures for ever;</p> <p><sup>17</sup> who struck down great kings,<br/>for his steadfast love endures for ever;</p> <p><sup>18</sup> and killed famous kings,<br/>for his steadfast love endures for ever;</p> <p><sup>19</sup> Sihon, king of the Amorites,<br/>for his steadfast love endures for ever;</p> <p><sup>20</sup> and Og, king of Bashan,<br/>for his steadfast love endures for ever;</p> <p><sup>21</sup> and gave their land as a heritage,<br/>for his steadfast love endures for ever;</p> <p><sup>22</sup> a heritage to his servant Israel,<br/>for his steadfast love endures for ever.</p> <p><sup>23</sup> It is he who remembered us in our low estate,<br/>for his steadfast love endures for ever;</p> <p><sup>24</sup> and rescued us from our foes,<br/>for his steadfast love endures for ever;</p> <p><sup>25</sup> who gives food to all flesh,<br/>for his steadfast love endures for ever.</p> <p><sup>26</sup> O give thanks to the God of heaven,<br/>for his steadfast love endures for ever.</p> |
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