



God's promises are better than ours.

God's promises are:

■ To strengthen you.

10 So do not fear, for I am with you;
do not be dismayed, for I am your God.

I will strengthen you and help you;

I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. Isaiah 41:10 (NIV)

■ Give financial stability.

10 Bring all the tithes into the storehouse so there will be enough food in my Temple. If you do," says the Lord of Heaven's Armies, "I will open the windows of heaven for you. I will pour out a blessing so great you won't have enough room to take it in! Try it! Put me to the test! Malachi 3:10 (NLT)

■ Sustain your health.

17 But I will restore you to health
and heal your wounds,'

declares the Lord,

'because you are called an outcast,

Zion for whom no one cares.' Jeremiah 30:17 (NIV)

■ Provide wisdom.

5-12 Trust God from the bottom of your heart;

don't try to figure out everything on your own.

Listen for God's voice in everything you do, everywhere you go;

he's the one who will keep you on track. Proverbs 3:5-12 (MSG)

God can fulfill His promises through us, the church:

1. Relationships

2. Serving

3. Giving

God will always fulfill His promises:

■ When we will seek Him.

11 For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. 12 Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. Jeremiah 29:11-12 (NIV)

■ When we thank Him.

Our God gives you everything you need, makes you everything you're to be. You need to know, friends, that thanking God over and over for you is not only a pleasure; it's a must. We *have* to do it. 2 Thessalonians 1:2-4 (MSG)

God knows what you need.

4 Delight yourself in the Lord,

and he will give you the desires of your heart. Psalm 37:4 (ESV)

God will give you everything you need,
if you will give Him everything you want.

Have Questions? Text them to: (559)-464-5754

Questions that can be used in Connection Groups:

These questions also work well for personal time with God.

- What spoke most to you from Sunday's Talk? Explain why.
- Which of God's promises spoke to you the most? Why?
- Is it encouraging to know God has made promises to you? How can you focus on that in the New Year?
- God uses us, the church, to fulfill His promises. In which area (relationships, serving, giving) do you feel you are most strong in? Weak?
- How can you improve in the area of the church you feel weakest?
- In a world that constantly fights for our attention, how can we better set time to seek out God?
- Why do you feel it would be important to seek out God? Explain.
- Why should we thank God? Explain.
- Do you feel your desires line up with what God wants for your life? Explain.
- Is it easy to surrender what you want, or hard? Do you think God intends it that way?
- How can you surrender everything you want to God?

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