



- Our responsibility to God's promises is to **hold on** to what God says He will do.

Let's keep a firm grip on the promises that keep us going. God always keeps his word. Hebrews 10:23 (MSG)

"God faithfully keeps his promises." 1 Corinthians 1:9a (GWT)

Promise: an offer with a **guaranteed** result.

A promise is the assurance that God gives to His people so we can walk by **faith** while we wait for Him to work.

When it comes to God's promises:

- Most of the promises of God require **relationship** with God.
And now that you belong to Christ, you are the true children of Abraham. You are his heirs, and God's promise to Abraham belongs to you. Galatians 3:29 (NLT)

Don't be afraid, for I am with you. Don't be discouraged, for **I am your God**. I will strengthen you and help you. I will hold you up with my victorious right hand. Isaiah 41:10 (NLT)

- Many promises of God are based on our **actions** toward God.
"...Resist the devil and he will flee from you." (James 4:7)

Submit to God, Resist the devil and he will flee from you." (James 4:7)

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight. Proverbs 3:5-6

Many people want the assurance of God without a **response** to God.

20 Abraham never wavered in believing God's promise. In fact, his faith grew stronger, and in this he brought glory to God. 21 He was fully convinced that God is able to do whatever he promises. Romans 4:20-21 (NLT)

If we're going to trust God:

- We have to **know** God's promises.

...he (*God*) has given us great and precious promises. These are the promises that enable you to share his divine nature and escape the world's corruption caused by human desires. 2 Peter 1:4 (NLT)

God can do anything, you know—far more than you could ever imagine or guess or request in your wildest dreams! He does it not by pushing us around but by working within us... Ephesians 3:20 (MSG)

Blessed is the person who does not follow the advice of wicked people, take the path of sinners, or join the company of mockers. Rather, he delights in the teachings of the Lord and reflects on his teachings day and night. Psalm 1:1-2

- We have to **believe** and **act** on God's promises.
2 We received the same promises as those people in the wilderness, but the promises didn't do them a bit of good because they didn't receive the promises with faith. Hebrews 4:2 (MSG)

5 Then the LORD took Abram outside and said to him, "Look up into the sky and count the stars if you can. That's how many descendants you will have!"

6 And Abram believed the LORD, and the LORD counted him as righteous because of his faith. Genesis 15:5-6 (NLT)

How to receive God's promises with faith:

- We make His word the **foundation** of our lives.
- I **believe** that what God says will happen even when nothing is happening.
50 These words hold me up in bad times; yes, your promises rejuvenate me. Psalm 119:50 (MSG)
- We **hold** tightly to what we believe **deeply**.

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Questions that can be used in Connection Groups:

These questions also work well for personal time with God.

- What scripture and/or point spoke most to you from the Talk on Sunday? Explain why?
- Have you ever been the recipient of a broken promise? How did that affect you? Did it cause you to not trust the promises of others?
- Do you have a difficult time trusting God's promises? Explain.
- In your own words explain why God's promises to us are important for us?
- How do we "Hold on" to God's promises? (What does that mean to you?)
- Why do most of God's promises to us require relationship with God?
- Do you find it difficult to accept that God's promises to us are based on our actions toward God?
- How does knowing God's promises help us to trust Him?
- Why is belief and action required in trusting God? Can you give an example of how we do that?
- How do we make God's promise the foundation of our life?
- How do you believe in God when you see no activity from God?
- Is there a promise that you are holding tightly to?

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