



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.

...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's promises keep us **strong**.

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

- God's promises for you communicate His **love** to you.

If you are looking for God's blessings:

- God always blesses what we **surrender** to Him.

- God always blesses our **obedience** to Him.

"Begin by being honest. Do honest people rob God? But you rob me day after day. "You ask, 'How have we robbed you?' "The tithe and the offering—that's how! And now you're under a curse—the whole lot of you—because you're robbing me. Bring your full tithe to the Temple treasury so there will be ample provisions in my Temple. Test me in this and see if I don't open up heaven itself to you and pour out blessings beyond your wildest dreams. Malachi 3:10

11I've learned to be content in whatever situation I'm in. 12 I know how to live in poverty or prosperity. No matter what the situation, I've learned the secret of how to live when I'm full or when I'm hungry, when I have too much or when I have too little. Philippians 4:11-12 (GWT)

When it comes to God meeting our needs:

- It doesn't mean you will always have an **abundance**.

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- It does mean that you will always have **enough**.

Content: The ability to see our current condition as **sufficient** or **enough**.

He cares for them when times are hard; even in famine, **they will have enough**. Psalm 37:19 (TLB)

Enough means:

- Having enough is not about the amount of we have but the **satisfaction** in what we have.

For he satisfies the longing soul, and the hungry soul he fills with good things. Psalm 107:9 (ESV)

- Having enough is not about having what we **want** but trusting that God knows what we **need**.

And don't be concerned about what to eat and what to drink. Don't worry about such things. These things dominate the thoughts of unbelievers all over the world, but your Father already knows your needs. Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need." Luke 12:29-31 (NLT)

We'll never experience enough in life without a deep seated **trust** in the God who knows our needs in life.

- Having enough is not about what we are lacking, it's accepting that what God provides is **sufficient**.

4 ...The Lord is the provider for my life. Psalm 54:4 (GWT)

God will generously provide all you need. Then you will always have everything you need and plenty left over to share with others. 2 Corinthians 9:8 (NLT)

We'll never experience enough in life until God is the one who **satisfies** our life.

The secret to being content:

- Focus on **who** you have, not **what** you have.

I have the strength to face all conditions by the power that Christ gives me. Philippians 4:13 (GNT)

Whatever I have, wherever I am, I can make it through anything in the One who makes me who I am. Philippians 4:13 (MSG)

- Focus on the **promise**, not the problems.

You can be sure that God will take care of everything you need, his generosity exceeding even yours in the glory that pours from Jesus. Philippians 4:19 (MSG)

"That is why I tell you not to worry about everyday life—whether you have enough food and drink, or enough clothes to wear. Isn't life more than food, and your body more than clothing? 26 Look at the birds. They don't plant or harvest or store food in barns, for your heavenly Father feeds them. And aren't you far more valuable to him than they are? Matthew 6:25-26 (NLT)



TO CREATIVELY LOVE AND LEAD PEOPLE IN A GROWING RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS.

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?
- Do you wrestle with having an assurance of God's promises to you? (it's common and part of a growing faith.)
- How does God's promises to us keep us strong? How does God's promises for you communicate His love to you?
- In your own words, what does it mean: God always blesses what we surrender to Him? Do you agree with that? Explain why? Do you also believe that God blesses our obedience to Him? Why?
- Do you think that we base our contentment on abundance? Is having enough really enough for us?
- Do you think that we are satisfied with what we have? How does intimacy with God bring satisfaction with life in general?
- Do you believe that God knows what you need? Do you trust God to provided for your needs?
- Do you accept that what God provides for you is enough? Are you satisfied with what you have? How do we balance the desire to better our lives with a satisfaction of what we have?
- How does focusing on who we have (God) develop contentment in us?
- Do you believe that God will provide for ALL of your needs? How do we keep focused on that promise when times are difficult or fearful?

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Doing life together

Today's Talk..



Today's promise:

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