



**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.

- The promises of God reflect the **character** of God.

Even when we are too weak to have any faith left, he remains faithful to us and will help us, for he cannot disown us who are part of himself, and he will always carry out his promises to us. 2 Timothy 2:13 (TLB)

- The promises of God give us **confidence** in God.

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

- We can be confident that God **hears** us when we pray.

And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him. 1 John 5:14-15

Before they call I will answer; while they are yet speaking I will hear. Isaiah 65:24

How long, Lord, must I call for help, but you do not listen?... Habakkuk 1:2

Why doesn't God All-Powerful listen and answer? If God has something against me, let him speak up or put it in writing! Job 31:35 (CEV)

How long, O Lord? Will you forget me forever? How long will you hide your face from me? Psalm 13:1

- Prayer is a conversation for the **family**.

Jesus said "When you pray, say: "'Father,.. Luke 11:2 (NIV)

We know that God listens only to people who love and obey him. God doesn't listen to sinners. John 9:31

...O God, be merciful to me, for I am a sinner.'...Luke 18:13 (NCV)

**How to make sure God hears me:**

- What we do with **Jesus** really matters.

The righteous cry out, and the Lord hears, and delivers them out of all their troubles. Psalm 34:17

There is none righteous, no, not one... Romans 3:10

God made him (Jesus) who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. 2 Corinthians 5:21

The righteous cry out, and the Lord hears, and delivers them out of all their troubles. Psalm 34:17

- Harboring unconfessed **sin** matters.

If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me. Psalm 66:18

The Lord is far from the wicked, but he hears the prayers of the righteous. Proverbs 28:9

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Surely the arm of the Lord is not too short to save, nor his ear too dull to hear. But your iniquities have separated you from your God; your sins have hidden his face from you, so that he will not hear. Isaiah 59:1-2

The eyes of the Lord watch over those who do right, and his ears are open to their prayers. But the Lord turns his face against those who do evil. 1 Peter 3:12

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:9

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- How we **treat people** matters.

Whoever shuts his ears to the cry of the poor will also cry himself and not be heard. Proverbs 21:13

When you lift up your hands in prayer, I will not look. Though you offer many prayers, I will not listen, for your hands are covered with the blood of innocent victims. Isaiah 1:15

...husbands must give honor to your wives. Treat your wife with understanding as you live together. She may be weaker than you are, but she is your equal partner in God's gift of new life. Treat her as you should so your prayers will not be hindered. 1 Peter 3:7

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:9

And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. Ezekiel 36:26

**The heart that God hears:**

- The **repentant** heart gets an audience with God.

If my people who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sins and restore their land. 2 Chronicles 7:14

- The heart that **seeks** God gets an audience with God.

Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. Jeremiah 29:12-13

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Psalm 51:10



## 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?
- How important are God's promises to you? Explain.
- What does the statement mean to you: The promises of God reflect the character of God.
- Why is it important to have confidence that God hears us when we pray?
- Do you agree that prayer is a conversation for the family? Explain.
- Explain in your own words why God hears us based on what we do with Jesus?
- Why does harboring unconfessed sin prevent God from hearing us? Read the scriptures under this point on your notes.
- What does "harboring" sin mean? How do we resolve that issue? (1 John 1:9)
- Why does how we treat people prevent God from hearing us? Read the scriptures under this point on your notes.
- What does it mean to have a repentant heart? Why does God hear us with a repentant heart? Read 2 Chronicles 7:14
- What does it mean to have a heart that seeks God? Why do you think God hears us when we seek Him? Read Jeremiah 29:12-13

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### ADDITION SCRIPTURES:

#### **Other scriptural reasons why God may not hear us:**

- **We put other things before God.**

Ezekiel 14:7-8

- **We don't care about God's will.**

1 John 5:14

- **We don't care about being obedient to God.**

Zachariah 7:11-13:

- **We don't forgive others.**

**Mark 11:25**

- **We continue in a lifestyle that doesn't please God.**

Micah 3:4:

- **We don't ask in faith.**

James 1:6-8

- **God hears those who love Him.**

Psalms 145:18-20

Psalms 91:14-15

John 9:31



**Doing life together**

Today's Talk..



*Today's promise:*

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