



September 3-4, 2022 “Promises! Promises!”

ICEBREAKER What is a recent promise you made to someone? Did you keep it? What did that do to the relationship?

OPENING DISCUSSION (Have someone recap the message and then discuss the following question) Looking at your sermon notes in your Engage and Grow Journal, and remembering what was shared in the message, what stands out to you the most?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. List some ways that our world is built on contracts. Can you cite any examples of when people found loopholes in a contract? Explain.
2. What are the differences between a contract and a covenant?
3. Does God act on the basis of a contract or a covenant? Give some examples of God acting in that way. How important is that to your faith? What would happen if God didn't keep even one of His promises?
4. Is God's design for marriage and family life on the basis of a contract or a covenant? Explain the ramifications of each option.
5. **Read 1 Corinthians 13:7.** In practical terms, what would each of those phrases mean in your relationship?

6. Three benefits were shared for keeping your promises in your marriage and family; Keeping your promises builds trust, provides stability, and is conducive for growth. Which is most important to you? Why?

7. Are you all in when it comes to your promises?

MOVING FORWARD

Below are some sample vows. The challenge for moving forward is two-fold;

1. Recommit yourself to those vows. 2. Renew those vows daily.

WEDDING PROMISES TO GOD

Will you have this person to live with him or her according to God's command in marriage? Will you love him, comfort him, honor him, pray for her, grow in faith with her, keep her in sickness and in health and forsaking all others, keep yourself only unto him or her so long as you both shall live?"

WEDDING PROMISES TO EACH OTHER

"I, in the presence of God, take you, to be my wife, to be my husband, and promise you my faithfulness, in every duty not to part from you so long as we both shall live."

PRAYER Ask God for help in keeping your promises?