

God's Promises
One Voice One Purpose – Part 4
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"...And the Scriptures give us hope and encouragement as we wait patiently for God's promises to be fulfilled." Romans 15:4 (p.868)

"Abraham never wavered in believing God's promise. In fact, his faith grew stronger, and in this he brought glory to God. He was fully convinced that God is able to do whatever he promises." Romans 4:20-21 (p.860)

• **I Can Trust God's Promises.**

*"For all of God's promises have been fulfilled in Christ with a resounding 'Yes!' And through Christ, our 'Amen' (which means 'Yes') ascends to God for his glory."
2 Corinthians 1:20 (p.882)*

"And this same God who takes care of me will supply all your needs from his glorious riches, which have been given to us in Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:19 (p.901)

1. Know God's promises.

"In those days you were living apart from Christ. You were excluded from citizenship among the people of Israel, and you did not know the covenant promises God had made to them. You lived in this world without God and without hope." Ephesians 2:12 (p.896)

*"Again, the Kingdom of Heaven is like a merchant on the lookout for choice pearls. When he discovered a pearl of great value, he sold everything he owned and bought it!"
Matthew 13:44-46 (p.745)*

2. Speak God's promises.

"The Lord merely spoke, and the heavens were created. He breathed the word, and all the stars were born. He assigned the sea its boundaries and locked the oceans in vast reservoirs. Let the whole world fear the Lord, and let everyone stand in awe of him. For when he spoke, the world began! It appeared at his command." Psalm 33:6-9 (p.427)

*"The tongue can bring death or life; those who love to talk will reap the consequences."
Proverbs 18:21 (p.494)*

3. Act on God's promises.

"But don't just listen to God's word. You must do what it says. Otherwise, you are only fooling yourselves." James 1:22 (p.930)

"May God, who gives this patience and encouragement, help you live in complete harmony with each other, as is fitting for followers of Christ Jesus. Then all of you can join together with one voice, giving praise and glory to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ." Romans 15:5-6 (p.868)

Next Step:_____ This is my daily declaration: *"I will never waver in believing God's promise. In fact, my faith will grow grew stronger, and in this bring glory to God."* (Romans 4:20 - personalized)



Discussion/Groups Guide from the Weekend Talk
From the Weekend Talk of January 16-17, 2021
One Voice One Purpose - Part 4: God's Promises

Life Groups use these questions to go deeper into what we talked about this weekend. Dig into them so you will be ready for the discussion at your Life Group. If you are not in a Group, find out more at alivechurch.com/groups.

You can also use this guide to discuss the Talk with your family or friends.

Conversation Starters

- What are you looking forward to in this Life Group semester?
- Have you ever been in a Life Group (or small group, etc.) before?
- How long have you been in the Tucson area?
- Talk about how you found Alive Church and this Life Group.

Quick Review

- Looking back at your Talk Notes, was there anything you heard in the service that stood out or maybe even confused you?

Discussion Starters from the Weekend Talk

Refer to the Talk Notes and related Bible verses from this Weekend's Talk Notes.

Jeff challenged us to remember One Thing this weekend: *"I Can Trust God's Promises."*

(See Romans 15:4 (p.868*); Romans 4:18-22 (p.860*); 2 Corinthians 1:20 (p.870*); Philippians 4:15-19 (p.901*))

- When have you waited on God’s promise?
 - What did you learn in the time of waiting?
- Talk about the fact that God’s promises are fulfilled in Jesus.
 - How does that impact your faith?
- Abraham had to exercise a lot of trust in God—for decades!
 - Why do you think God would consider Abraham “righteous” because of his faith?
 - When have you exercised faith? What faith might you need right now?
- Paul speaks of God supplying his needs. How had God supplied his needs in the context of the passage from Philippians 4?

Jeff also gave us some steps to experiencing the reality of God’s promises:

1. **Know God’s promises.** (Ephesians 2:11-12 (p.896*) and Matthew 13:44-46 (p.745*))
 - How do these passages speak to God’s promises?
 - When did God become real to you? When did you cease “living apart from Christ” and begin to live with the hope only He brings?
 - In Matthew 13, what did the two “finders” of great wealth do once they discovered it?
 - What are some similarities and differences in these two quick parables?
 - What in your life is of great value?
 - What value do you give your relationship with Jesus?
 - How would your life indicate what is truly valuable to you?
2. **Speak God’s promises.** (Genesis 1:3 (p.1*); Psalm 33:6-9 (p.427*) and Proverbs 18:21 (p.494*))
 - What are the first words God recorded in the Bible?
 - Talk about the power of God’s words.
 - When have you experienced the power of words?
 - How can you use words to build up—to bring life?
 - Why is it important to speak God’s promises?
3. **Act on God’s promises.** (James 1:22-25 (p.930*) and Romans 15:4-6 (p.868*))
 - What happens when we do not do what God’s Word says?
 - What value is there in reading-hearing-knowing God’s Word without doing it?
 - Did you ever hear your someone actually say, “Do as I say not as I do?”
 - If they didn’t say it, did you ever experience them living in that inconsistent way?
 - Have YOU ever lived that way—inconsistently encouraging others to do one thing while you did another?
 - What are some of the benefits of acting on God’s promises we see described in Romans 15:4-6?

Many promises are found in the Bible. Here are a few that specifically speak to the faithfulness of God in keeping His promises. Look them up and consider how God has kept His promises in your life.

- Joshua 1:8
- Joshua 23:14
- 1 Kings 8:56
- 2 Corinthians 1:20
- Romans 4:20-21
- Romans 1:2
- Haggai 2:5
- Hebrews 10:23
- Hebrews 10:36
- James 1:12
- 2 Peter 3:9

Next Step

My Next Step: ___ This is my daily declaration: "I will never waver in believing God's promise. In fact, my faith will grow grew stronger, and in this bring glory to God." (Romans 4:20 - personalized)

- Use your Connection Card (www.alivechurch.com/card) to indicate you are taking this Next Step so that we can pray for you.

What's Ahead

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