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**God’s Promises Are Made To Be Kept**

Genesis 15:1-6

**Key Truth:** God’s faithfulness is a result of His **nature** backed by His **promises** and undeniable love He has for His people.

**How Do You Classify Friendships?**

1. **Acquaintance** – Arm’s length – no info given – just the basic

 information – if they promise you something you don’t get

 that upset if they don’t come through.

2. **Friend** – close proximity without divulging too much info but

 still consider a friend – if they promise you something, your

 expectations are a little higher but you will still consider

 them a friend if they don’t come through.

3. **Best Friend** – You are completely transparent and can put

 your trust in them – if they promise you something or to do

 something then your expectations are extremely high and if

 they don’t come through for you, heads will roll and possibly

 friendship and trust will be broken.

**How To Receive The Promise:**

1. Your **relationship** with God guarantees the **promise.**

A. We must **listen** to God just like He listens to us when we

 pray.

1. God is **faithful** even though we are **faithless**.

A. Having faith in His word is **essential** to your promise.

 Because if you don’t believe His word and you won’t have

 faith in His promise.

1. God’s **promise** through Abraham **produces** life.

**Taking It Beyond The Walls:** Receive the blessings from God through His promises. Remember the purpose of His promises is to encourage and increase the faith of the local body by sharing what He has blessed us with through His Son Jesus Christ.

**Food For Thought**

What is the most significant promise you have made? Were you able to keep that promise? Why or why not?

What determines whether we believe a promise made to us?

What reasons or personal experiences did Abram have to believe God’s promise in verse 4?

Why do you think God gave Abram the sign of the stars as a reminder of His promise?

Read Genesis 15:7-21: What does verse 8 tell us about Abram’s faith? Is that encouraging or discouraging to you? Why?

Read Romans 4:18-25: According to this passage, what has God promised us?

How does belief in God’s promise result in our righteousness?

What are some ways that your heart is like Abram’s heart? In what ways are you struggling to believe God’s promises?

How does knowing that God is always faithful to His Word help us through seasons when our faith is weak?