

PROMISE

Message Title: *The King Who Keeps His Promises*

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CONNECT

When have you needed to trust God's faithfulness in the last year?

If God's promises were an object (like a lighthouse, a shield or a song), what would they be for you?

PRAY TOGETHER

Read Psalm 27:1-5, then turn it into a prayer.

Add to this your own words of praise and request.

STUDY AND DISCUSSION

This series is based on the idea that (1) God made a promise, (2) Jesus fulfilled that promise and (3) one day we will experience the complete fulfillment of that promise.

Explore these three aspects by studying the Scriptures below and responding to the questions that follow. Don't rush through this guide. The goal is not to get *right answers* or even answer all the questions, but to have thoughtful discussions that lead to renewed minds and transformed hearts.

The King of kings stoops low,
and in His bending we see His
glory rise.

George MacDonald

THE PROMISE

David's offspring will have an eternal kingdom.

2 Samuel 7:8-17 (NIV)

⁸ “Now then, tell my servant David, ‘This is what the LORD Almighty says: I took you from the pasture, from tending the flock, and appointed you ruler over my people Israel. ⁹ I have been with you wherever you have gone, and I have cut off all your enemies from before you. Now I will make your name great, like the names of the greatest men on earth. ¹⁰ And I will provide a place for my people Israel and will plant them so that they can have a home of their own and no longer be disturbed. Wicked people will not oppress them anymore, as they did at the beginning ¹¹ and have done ever since the time I appointed leaders over my people Israel. I will also give you rest from all your enemies.

“‘The LORD declares to you that the LORD himself will establish a house for you:

¹² When your days are over and you rest with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring to succeed you, your own flesh and blood, and I will establish his kingdom. ¹³ He is the one who will build a house for my Name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. ¹⁴ I will be his father, and he will be my son. When he does wrong, I will punish him with a rod wielded by men, with floggings inflicted by human hands. ¹⁵ But my love will never be taken away from him, as I took it away from Saul, whom I removed from before you. ¹⁶ Your house and your kingdom will endure forever before me; your throne will be established forever.”

¹⁷ Nathan reported to David all the words of this entire revelation.

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- What stands out to you about the way God recounts David's story in verses 8-9?
 - If God were to name defining moments in your life the same way He did for David—reminding you of His presence and guidance—what moments might He highlight?
 - What's the correlation between God raising up a king with the idea of Him being a Father?
 - When have you experienced God's discipline in a way that ultimately affirmed His love for you?

FULFILLMENT OF THE PROMISE IN JESUS' FIRST COMING

Luke 1:32-38 (NIV)

³² *He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David,* ³³ *and he will reign over Jacob's descendants forever; his kingdom will never end."*

³⁴ *"How will this be," Mary asked the angel, "since I am a virgin?"*

³⁵ *The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God. ³⁶ Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be unable to conceive is in her sixth month. ³⁷ For no word from God will ever fail."*

³⁸ *"I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May your word to me be fulfilled." Then the angel left her.*

- What parallels do you see between this passage and the promise God made to David in 2 Samuel?
- If Jesus' kingdom will never end, how does that change the way you feel about disappointment and fear?
- What promise did the angel give Mary? How did she respond?
- What caused her to be hesitant at first?
- Describe a time your faith was challenged. What were specific things that made you wonder if God really cared?

Romans 1:3b-6 (NIV)

³ ... [Jesus] *was a descendant of David,* ⁴ *and who through the Spirit of holiness was appointed the Son of God in power by his resurrection from the dead: Jesus Christ our Lord. ⁵ Through him we received grace and apostleship to call all the Gentiles to the obedience that comes from faith for his name's sake. ⁶ And you also are among those Gentiles who are called to belong to Jesus Christ.*

- According to this passage, how is Jesus different than any other king or ruler?
- What does it mean that Jesus is not only a Savior, but also a king?
- How will remembering that God is King affect the way you live this week?

THE ULTIMATE FULFILLMENT WHEN JESUS RETURNS

Acts 15:15-18 (NIV)

¹⁵ *The words of the prophets are in agreement with this, as it is written:*

¹⁶ *"After this I will return*

and rebuild David's fallen tent.

Its ruins I will rebuild,

and I will restore it,

¹⁷ *that the rest of mankind may seek the Lord,*

even all the Gentiles who bear my name,'

says the Lord, who does these things,

¹⁸ *things known from long ago."*

- God's promise to David applied not only to the Jews, but also to the whole world. How does this impact your view of people who are angry toward Christians or God?
- What aspects of the modern church do you feel need to be restored or renewed?
- What does it look like to cling to God's faithfulness when your own faith feels fragile or inconsistent?

Revelation 22:16-17 (NIV)

¹⁶ *"I, Jesus, have sent my angel to give you this testimony for the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, and the bright Morning Star."*

¹⁷ *The Spirit and the bride say, "Come!" And let the one who hears say, "Come!" Let the one who is thirsty come; and let the one who wishes take the free gift of the water of life.*

- What does it mean that Jesus is the *Root and the Offspring of David*?
- How does God quenching our thirst relate to Him being a king?
- What comfort or courage can you draw from God's promise to David when facing uncertainty or instability in life?

FOR FURTHER STUDY

Compare and contrast Revelation 19:11-16 with Revelation 22:1-5.

- Write down what you see.
- Which characteristic of Jesus mentioned in these passages means the most to you right now? Why?

THE BIG TAKEAWAY

That was a good bit of study and reflection. The good news is that God wants to say something to you personally. Something that applies to your life. Pause and ask Him how He feels about you and what He wants you to know. Allow for a couple of minutes of silence and listen for Him to speak.

MEMORIZE SCRIPTURE

One of the best ways to hear God in your daily life is to have His words rooted in your heart. Memorize this Scripture, trusting God will bring His words to mind at just the right time.

and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light.

Colossians 1:12 (NIV)