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## Promises Kept Faithful through the Ages

- A. Intro: How many promises have been broken in your life?
  - a. Proverbs 25:14 NLT – <sup>14</sup> A person who promises a gift but doesn't give it is like clouds and wind that bring no rain.
  
- B. Big Idea: God is faithful to keep His promises!
  
- C. Scripture: Psalm 98:1-7 NLT – <sup>1</sup> Sing a new song to the Lord, for he has done wonderful deeds. His right hand has won a mighty victory; his holy arm has shown his saving power! <sup>2</sup> The Lord has announced his victory and has revealed his righteousness to every nation! <sup>3</sup> He has remembered his promise to love and be faithful to Israel. The ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God. <sup>4</sup> Shout to the Lord, all the earth; break out in praise and sing for joy! <sup>5</sup> Sing your praise to the Lord with the harp, with the harp and melodious song, <sup>6</sup> with trumpets and the sound of the ram's horn. Make a joyful symphony before the Lord, the King! <sup>7</sup> Let the sea and everything in it shout his praise! Let the earth and all living things join in.
  
- D. How do we know God keeps His promises?
  - a. His Track Record
    - i. What are some of the promises God has made in Scripture?
      - 1. Noahic Covenant
        - a. Genesis 9:8-13 NLT – <sup>8</sup> Then God told Noah and his sons, <sup>9</sup> “I hereby confirm my covenant with you and your descendants, <sup>10</sup> and with all the animals that were on the boat with you—the birds, the livestock, and all the wild animals—every living creature on earth. <sup>11</sup> Yes, I am confirming my covenant with you. Never again will floodwaters kill all living creatures; never again will a flood destroy the earth.” <sup>12</sup> Then God said, “I am giving you a sign of my covenant with you and with all living creatures, for all generations to come. <sup>13</sup> I have placed my rainbow in the clouds. It is the sign of my covenant with you and with all the earth.
      - 2. Abrahamic Covenant
        - a. Genesis 12:1-3 NLT – The Lord had said to Abram, “Leave your native country, your relatives, and your father's family, and go to the land that I will show you. <sup>2</sup> I will make you into a great nation. I will bless you and make you famous, and you will be a blessing to others. <sup>3</sup> I will bless those who bless you

and curse those who treat you with contempt. All the families on earth will be blessed through you.”

3. Jesus came and gave us a New Covenant.

- a. Luke 22:20 NLT – <sup>20</sup> After supper he took another cup of wine and said, “This cup is the new covenant between God and his people—an agreement confirmed with my blood, which is poured out as a sacrifice for you.

b. His Saving Power

- i. Joshua 6:4-5 NLT – <sup>4</sup> Seven priests will walk ahead of the Ark, each carrying a ram’s horn. On the seventh day you are to march around the town seven times, with the priests blowing the horns. <sup>5</sup> When you hear the priests give one long blast on the rams’ horns, have all the people shout as loud as they can. Then the walls of the town will collapse, and the people can charge straight into the town.”
- ii. Proverbs 18:10 NLT – <sup>10</sup> The name of the Lord *is* a strong tower; The righteous run to it and are safe.
- iii. Matthew 1:21 NLT – <sup>21</sup> And she will have a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.”
- iv. John 3:16-17 NLT – <sup>16</sup> “For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. <sup>17</sup> God sent his Son into the world not to judge the world, but to save the world through him.

c. His Long View

- i. Psalm 105:8 NLT – <sup>8</sup> He always stands by his covenant— the commitment he made to a thousand generations.
- ii. Revelation 1:8 NLT – I am the Alpha and the Omega—the beginning and the end,” says the Lord God. “I am the one who is, who always was, and who is still to come—the Almighty One.”
- iii. Lamentations 3:22-23 NLT – <sup>22</sup> The faithful love of the Lord never ends! His mercies never cease. <sup>23</sup> Great is his faithfulness; his mercies begin afresh each morning.

E. Close: Where do you see the faithfulness of God in your life?

- a. Psalm 18:25 NLT – <sup>25</sup> To the faithful you show yourself faithful; to those with integrity you show integrity.

b. Next Steps

- i. Memorize: Matthew 1:21 NLT – <sup>21</sup> And she will have a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.”
- ii. Think: How has God shown His faithfulness over my life?

- iii. Action: Choose to be faithful to Jesus – Savior of your life and Savior of the world!