



"FULLY EMBRACING GOD'S PROMISES"

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What is the value of keeping our promises?

God is _____, and He always _____.

God is "...trustworthy in all he promises and faithful in all he does."

Psalms 145:13 (NIV)

"...God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you."

Deuteronomy 31:6 (NIV)

Are you always true to God's promises?

Why we don't always fully embrace God's promises:

I. We fail to maintain _____ in life.

Joshua 23:1–3 *After a long time had passed and the LORD had given Israel rest from all their enemies around them, Joshua, by then a very old man, ²summoned all Israel—their elders, leaders, judges and officials—and said to them: "I am very old. ³You yourselves have seen everything the LORD your God has done to all these nations for your sake; it was the LORD your God who fought for you. (NIV)*

James 4:2–3 *You do not have, because you do not ask. ³You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions. (ESV)*

II. We have _____.

III. Our _____ about God.

IV. We allow ourselves to grow _____.

Joshua 23:4–5 *Remember how I have allotted as an inheritance for your tribes all the land of the nations that remain—the nations I conquered—between the Jordan and the Mediterranean Sea in the west. ⁵The LORD your God himself will push them out for your sake. He will drive them out before you, and you will take possession of their land, as the LORD your God promised you. (NIV)*

V. Our _____ to _____.

Joshua 23:6 *Be very strong; be careful to obey all that is written in the Book of the Law of Moses, without turning aside to the right or to the left. (NIV)*

Joshua 23:8–9 *"But you are to hold fast to the Lord your God, as you have until now. ⁹The LORD has driven out before you great and powerful nations; to this day no one has been able to withstand you." (NIV)*

Joshua 23:11 *So be very careful to love the LORD your God. (NIV)*

Joshua 23:14b *You know with all your heart and soul that not one of all the good promises the LORD your God gave you has failed. Every promise has been fulfilled; not one has failed. (NIV)*

Why we should fully embrace God's promises:

I. God _____ His _____.

II. There are _____ for not full embracing them.

a. Missed _____ opportunities

b. Missed _____

c. Missed _____

How can we full embrace God's promises?

I. Be _____ to God.

II. _____ and seek _____.

III. _____ God.

We are blessed when we fully embrace God's promises.



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Something to take home and chew on!

1. How have your actions demonstrated your faith in God's promises?
2. What stops you from fully embracing God's promises?
3. What encourages you to more fully embrace God's promises?
4. How have you and/or others been blessed when you fully embraced God's promises?

Take a step in faith this week:

- **Let us know you are here today.** Fill out a Connection Card every Sunday through either the Christ Church app or the Connection Card tab in the top menu bar of the Online Campus Platform ([LIVE.CHRISTCHURCHVA.ORG](https://live.christchurchva.org)).
- **Go to our weekly online bulletin** and get involved with mission and ministry this week. Use the Christ Church app, or the Resources tab* in top menu bar of the Online Campus Platform, to access the current edition each week.
- Read through your [Fulfilling the Promise booklet](#) and stay informed about this initiative. Watch our [Night of Generosity program from November 14](#) to learn about creative ways to see Christ work through your generosity. **Both can be accessed online at [CHRISTCHURCHVA.ORG/PROMISE](https://christchurchva.org/promise).** Reach out to Tim and Laura at FTP@christchurchva.org if you want to know more or help.
- Join us for **Wednesday Night Dinner** (5:30pm) & **Discipleship** (6:30pm). Join a class or group; contact Pam Charbonneau to learn more about discipleship options at pcharbonneau@christchurchva.org.
- **Consider fasting (from food or something else)** with others from Christ Church on **Wednesdays until 5pm**, and consider breaking your fast at our Wednesday Night Dinner. As you fast, pray that Christ will increase our faith and build His Church. (Consult your medical professional if you are not familiar with fasting.)
- Join your pastors and church family as we **Read Through the New Testament in 2024**, using the YouVersion Bible App to read together and encourage one another along the way. Learn more and sign up: bit.ly/readthebible2024
- As part of our current and incoming annual Bible reading plan, join us live online at [LIVE.CHRISTCHURCHVA.ORG](https://live.christchurchva.org) each weekday at noon for **Midday Prayer** (soon to be known as **Online Daily Bible Study**), where our pastors discuss our daily readings.
- **Sign up to serve!** Contact Bev at badams@christchurchva.org for suggestions.

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