

Living in the Light of God's Promise

- **Day One – Read John 8:12.** There are over 7,000 promises in the Bible. How many of the statements of Jesus in the gospels involve a promise? What kind of “light” does Jesus promise here in John 8:12? How would you describe not having to “walk in darkness” in every day terms? What will it look like in your life?

Pray and ask God to help you live in the light of following Jesus.

- **Day Two – Read Isaiah 11:1-2, 10a, 11a; 12:1, 3; Galatians 3:13-14, 29.** God has always had a “remnant” – people who have not forsaken him or lost faith in him. God remains faithful to them. Aren't you thankful for a God who doesn't give up on us?

Pray and ask God to help you remain faithful, in spite of the challenges you are facing right now. He is faithful and he will not abandon you! Thank him for his faithfulness and recommit yourself to him right now.

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Get in a circle (preferably sitting on the floor) and share the promises that have been made to you, and the promises that you have made to others. Have the promises been kept? Why is “keeping a promise” so important in a relationship?

To keep “the true spirit of Christmas,” what are some promises you could make to each other that will help? Write them here:

Close by sharing in a time of prayer together.

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Overcoming the Darkness #2

John 8:12; Isaiah 11:1-2, 10a,11a; 12:1,3; 2 Peter 1:3-4

John 8:12 (NLT) ¹² **Jesus said, “I am the light of the world. If you follow me, you won't have to walk in darkness, because you will have the light that leads to life.”**

Isaiah 11:1-2, 10a, 11a; 12:1, 3 (NIV) ¹ **A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit.** ² **The Spirit of the Lord will rest on him-- the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of power, the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord--** ^{10a} **In that day the Root of Jesse will stand as a banner for the peoples; the nations will rally to him.** ^{11a} **In that day the Lord will reach out his hand a second time to reclaim the remnant that is left of his people.** ^{12:1} **In that day you will say: “I will praise you, O Lord. Although you were angry with me, your anger has turned away and you have comforted me.”** ³ **With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.** Isaiah 58:11; 61:1-4, 8-11; Luke 4:18-19

The Remnant, the Root & the Wells

John 4:10, 13-14 (NLT) ¹⁰ **Jesus replied, “If you only knew the gift God has for you and who you are speaking to, you would ask me, and I would give you living water.”** ¹³ **Jesus replied, “Anyone who drinks this water will soon become thirsty again.** ¹⁴ **But those who drink the water I give will never be thirsty again. It becomes a fresh, bubbling spring within them, giving them eternal life.”**

John 7:37-38 (NIV) ³⁷ **On the last and greatest day of the Feast, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, “If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink.** ³⁸ **Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from within him.”**

The God Who Makes Promises

PROMISE – “A declaration that something will, or will not be done or given.” “An express assurance on which expectation is to be based.”

Dictionary.com

COVENANT - “A pact, treaty, alliance, or agreement between two parties of equal or of unequal authority.”

Holman Bible Dictionary.

- **The Covenant with Adam** Genesis 2:15-17
- **The Covenant with Noah** Genesis 9:8-17
- **The Covenant with Abraham** Genesis 15:1, 4-18
- **The Covenant with Israel** Exodus 19:3-6; 20:1-20
- **The Covenant with David** Psalm 89:3-4
- **The New Covenant of Jesus** Matthew 26:26-29

Matthew 26:26 (NIV) ²⁶ While they were eating, Jesus took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take and eat; this is my body.”

John 6:33, 35 (NLT) ³³ The true bread of God is the one who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.”

^{35a} Jesus replied, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry again.

Matthew 26:27-29 (NIV) ²⁷ Then he took the cup, gave thanks and offered it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you. ²⁸

This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.

(*kainos* “new” *diathēkē* “covenant”)

²⁹ I tell you, I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it anew with you in my Father's kingdom.

Revelation 19:5-9a

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1. We Must Know God's Promises.

Galatians 3:13-14, 29 (NIV) ¹³ Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written: “Cursed is everyone who is hung on a tree.” ¹⁴ He redeemed us in order that the blessing given to Abraham might come to the Gentiles through Christ Jesus, so that by faith we might receive the promise of the Spirit. ²⁹ If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

Romans 10:13-15, 17

2. We Must Apply God's Promises.

2 Peter 1:3-4 (NIV) ³ His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. ⁴ Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature and escape the corruption in the world caused by evil desires.

2 Peter 1:5-8; Matthew 7:22-27; John 8:12, 31-32; 11:25-26a; 14:23

3. We Must Trust God's Promises.

Hebrews 12:1 (NLT) ¹ Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith, let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily trips us up. And let us run with endurance the race God has set before us. Psalm 19:11

2 Peter 3:9 (NLT) ⁹ The Lord isn't really being slow about his promise, as some people think. No, he is being patient for your sake. He does not want anyone to be destroyed, but wants everyone to repent. Romans 8:28; Galatians 4:4; John 6:66-69; Proverbs 3:5-6; John 17:3; 20:30-31

Hebrews 10:23 (NLT) ²³ Let us hold tightly without wavering to the hope we affirm, for God can be trusted to keep his promise.