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Precious and Magnificent Promises 2 Peter 1:3-11

How many dads have promised their child, “Go ahead and jump into this deep water and I will catch you”? We find confidence when we receive a promise from someone we trust. We trusted our earthly fathers, so how much more should we trust our heavenly Father who cannot lie (Titus 1:2)?

We should feel the greatest of comfort when we realize that God Himself has given us promises; not just promises but “precious and magnificent” promises; not only this, but promises given by His own glory and excellence (2 Peter 1:3-4 NASB). These divine promises enable us, according to Peter, to “become partakers of the divine nature,” escape the corruption of the world (4), and “for this very reason also” (5) we are to build our Christian character (5-8) to the point we make our calling and election sure (10) and have an entrance into the eternal kingdom “abundantly supplied” to us! My, oh my—what promises God has made!

We sing “sweet are the promises,” and we sing about standing on the promises of God. The water will get deep and the storms will rage. Health will decline, abundance comes and goes, peace may elude us and the governments of men will rise and fall! But our trust must be in the eternal God who has always existed (Ps 90:2) and in Jesus who says “...and lo I am with you always, even to the end of the age” (Matt 28:20). The farther I go and the older I get, the larger God’s promises are for me and the more I need the “Rock of Ages”!

Consider His promises...

“Come unto me all who are weary and heavy-laden and I will give you rest” (Matt 11:28).

“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whoever believes in

Him shall not perish but have eternal life” (John 3:16).

“Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the *promise* is for you and your children and for all who are far off, as many as the Lord our God will call to Himself” (Acts 2:38-39).

“...God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will provide the way of escape also, so that you will be able to endure it” (1 Cor 10:13).

“But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness and all these things will be added to you” (Matt 6:33).

“For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord” (Rom 8:38-39).

“Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life” (Rev 2:10).

“Do not let your hearts be troubled; believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father’s house are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you. If I go to prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself that where I am, there you may be also” (John 14:1-3).

“This is the promise which He Himself made to us: eternal life” (1 John 2:25).

We can read them and we can sing about them, BUT the real test is trusting God to deliver! In essence, the Father says “Go ahead and jump’ (in obedient faith) and I will take care of you.”

John Deffenbaugh



Betty Ball, Jack Brodie, Ed Cornell, Lee Crabtree, Jerry and Louise Faules, Joe and Teresa Freund, Phyllis Goins, Faye Haught, May Hill, Wilma Hill, Doris Jones, Max Naramore, Price Naramore, Mark Strohl, Helen Swem, Corin Thomlinson, Richard Tink, Bobbie Tuggle, Robin Van Dorn, Margaret Wald, Ruth Ann Wilson, Treva Wolgamott, Velda Wood, and Neosho Christian School.

- Jerry Faules is back at Freeman West.

Edwin and Vera Cornell want to “thank all of you”. We thank you for all the visits while Edwin was in the hospital and rehab. They sure did help him and the many get-well wishes in cards. Everyone in church has been so kind and helpful in the food and it is so wonderful to have a loving church family. God bless all of you. We love all of you very much. Also, thanks everyone for the nice 90th Birthday cards he received in February. He really enjoyed each one of them.

In Christian Love,
Edwin and Vera Cornell

Hillcrest family, Thank you for your prayers and comforting words during these difficult days of losing mom. The plant was beautiful. All the visits and food was much appreciated. Thanks for your thoughtfulness!

Love,
David and Julia Fehring

Hillcrest Church of Christ members, We do appreciate you guys. Thanks for the visits, cards and food—you were comforting when we needed your support.

Love,
Dale and Mebyl Privett

To our family at Hillcrest, Thanks so much for all the beautiful cards you sent our family during the loss of our aunt and Mom’s sister, Betty. Thanks to all her friends who visited her and all the prayers during this very difficult time of her life. With God’s help she seems to be doing better now.

In Christian Love,
*Miles, Dorothy and
and Treva Wolgamott*



This Sunday’s Sermons:

A.M. *Let Brotherly Love Continue*
(Hebrews 13:1, Danny Boggs)
P.M. *Some Unthankful Lepers*
(Luke 17:11-19, Luke Yates)

Sympathy: Our hearts go out to Sue Brodie in the passing of her sister Goldie Conner last week.

Everyone who comes to our Medicalodge devotional on third Sundays is invited to a Volunteer Recognition on April 25 at 6:00 in the Parlor at Medicalodges.

Welcome! We rejoice with God and his angels over the restoration of Keith Daniels to fellowship with God and the church. Keith expressed his repentance, need and desire at our assembly Sunday morning, April 16. He is Lisa's husband and Kent's father.



Kids and Families Devo: All families with kids below seventh grade are invited to the Boggs’ home for a campfire devotional at 5:30 this Saturday. Please see Jessica if you are coming and find out what to bring.

Fifth Sunday Giving: Our next opportunity to give specifically toward the payment for our new fellowship building will be Sunday, April 30. Make prayerful plans as we anticipate moving in soon.

Juice boxes: We’re collecting juice boxes to help with the Bright Futures effort to send needy Neosho children home with nutrition over the weekends. Place your donations in the west nook of the foyer.



Watch!

Our week at Green Valley Bible Camp is only 47 days away! Register at greenvalleybiblecamp.com. Whoever gets the most friends to come to camp with them will get a cash award of \$123.03!

Remember to give an extra dollar every Sunday to help someone in need. Last Sunday we helped a member of our congregation whom we love and who needed the help. This week we have helped a police officer who recently lost both parents and has a lot of medical bills and funeral expenses to pay.



Special Note: This Wednesday is Administrative Professionals Day, and this year Jessica Boggs will have served ten years as our church secretary. She keeps up with many tasks assigned to her and does so much more on her own initiative for building up the body of Christ here. Give her a big thank you! The preacher/bulletin editor is trying to get this note in here and the bulletin emailed and printed before she sees this. If he has a black eye the next time you see him, you’ll know why.

This Sunday is a fifth Sunday and gives us the opportunity to **give extra towards the construction** of our new fellowship building. Please make prayerful plans. We should be moving in soon.



ASSIGNMENTS

Prayers Sunday, April 30

- AM Opening: Todd Tyler
- AM Closing: Bill Reiboldt
- PM Opening: Jim Friend
- PM Closing: Josh King

Scripture Reading Sunday, April 30

- John 13:34-35, Elijah Boggs
- Prayers Wednesday, May 3**
- Opening: Noah Reiboldt
- Closing: Fred Bukowich

RECORDS	04-19-17	04-17-16
Bible Study	137	152
AM Worship	178	210
PM Worship	121	122
Wednesday	121	124
Contribution	\$10,150.43	\$7,082.26
Budget	\$7,630.58	\$7,075.67