



“Keeping Our Word”

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» God is a **keeper and fulfiller** of ALL His PROMISES. How about you?

²³ Years passed, and the king of Egypt died. But the Israelites continued to groan under their burden of slavery. They cried out for help, and their cry rose up to God.

²⁴ God heard their groaning, and he remembered his covenant promise to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. ²⁵ He looked down on the people of Israel and knew it was time to act. Exodus 2:23–25 (NLT)

» Our promised word(s) can offer **HOPE, heal** and **restore** life from what may seem to be **dying or dead!** ...promises like:

- I will do for you...
- I will help you with...
- I am going to walk with you in...
- I will pray for/with you for...
- I will be there when...

¹⁵ Moses continued, “The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your fellow Israelites. You must listen to him. ¹⁶ For this is what you yourselves requested of the LORD your God when you were assembled at Mount Sinai. You said, ‘Don’t let us hear the voice of the LORD our God anymore or see this blazing fire, for we will die.’ ¹⁷ “Then the LORD said to me, ‘What they have said is right. ¹⁸ I will raise up a prophet like you from among their fellow Israelites. I will put my words in his mouth, and he will tell the people everything I command him.

Deuteronomy 18:15–19 (NLT)

» Our promises often **impact others** in more ways than we can **think or imagine!**

Question: In what ways can our broken promises impact others?

...we become **UNDEPENDABLE** or **UNRELIABLE!**

...our words are **not taken seriously!**

...expectation **drops to an all-time LOW!**

¹³ Trustworthy messengers refresh like snow in summer. They revive the spirit of their employer. ¹⁴ A person who promises a gift but doesn’t give it is like clouds and wind that bring no rain. Proverbs 25:13–14 (NLT)

How To Live A Promise-Keeping Life

²⁵ Don’t trap yourself by making a rash promise to God and only later counting the cost. Proverbs 20:25 (NLT)

⁴ When you make a promise to God, don’t delay in following through, for God takes no pleasure in fools. Keep all the promises you make to him. ⁵ It is better to say nothing than to make a promise and not keep it. Ecclesiastes 5:4–5 (NLT)

» Practice the habit of **thinking before you give an answer:**

“I will get back to you”

» **Commit** to letting our **words and actions match**; it will bring about HOPE, healing and restoration.

- Avoid using words like: ***L*might, *I*will see, *maybe*, ***I am not too sure, depends on...*****
- Let your **yes mean “YES”** and your **no mean “NO”!**

» Communicate **confidently and follow through** on your promises!

» Communicate when the **plan or process** has changed!

²¹ Don’t you remember that our ancestor Abraham was shown to be right with God by his actions when he offered his son Isaac on the altar? ²² You see, his faith and his actions worked together. His actions made his faith complete. ²³ And so it happened just as the Scriptures say: “Abraham believed God, and God counted him as righteous because of his faith.” He was even called the friend of God. James 2:21–23 (NLT)

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