

PROMISES YOU CAN GO TO THE BANK ON

PRECEPT

JOHN 3:16

¹⁶ For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

1 JOHN 5:11-12

¹¹ And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. ¹² Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

PROMISE

The promises of God are also His gifts for us. The wonder of beauty of these promises is that they never fail. Unlike the promises we make, God never breaks His promises to us. The challenge though is that His promises don't always get fulfilled in the timing that we think they should, sometimes they don't get fulfilled in a day, a month, a year, or a decade, but we must be assured that everything He's promised He will do. The following are promises that we can put our trust on and believe in, from Jesus to us. 2 Corinthians 1:20 says, *"For no matter how many promises God has made, they are 'Yes' in Christ, and so through Him the 'Amen' is spoken by us to the glory of God"*.

1. JESUS PROMISES ETERNAL LIFE. John 3:16 is about the love of God, a God in heaven, unlike any other being in the world, who actually loves us and sent His Son to make it possible for us to be reconciled to Him and have a relationship with Him. The following verse says, *"For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him."* (John 3:17). A lot of times, we do condemn the world, when the verse clearly says, Jesus was sent to save the world and not condemn it. Jesus came out of love, so we are to love the people around us. He also wants to assure us of salvation, so we must receive Him, believe in Him, give our lives to Him, and trust Him.

2. JESUS PROMISES HIS PEACE. John 14:27 tells us, *"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid."* When we have God's peace, fear dissipates, even when we're in trouble. This generation has been filled with anxiety, dealing with all kinds of worries and stresses. We are advised in Philippians 4:6-7, *"⁶ Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."*

3. JESUS PROMISES PROBLEMS. John 16:33 says, *"In this world you will have trouble."* In a fallen world, problems are inevitably going to come. We have to get to a different attitude about troubles, for there is a purpose behind our problems. James 1:2-4 reminds us, *"² Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, ³ because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. ⁴ Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything."*

4. JESUS PROMISES HIS PRESENCE. On His last days on earth, Jesus promised His presence to His disciples before ascending to the heavens. In this world, there are times we get caught up with the things we have and want to have, not realizing that all we need is God's presence, and apart from Him, nothing will ever make us content.

5. JESUS PROMISES TO RETURN. Jesus' promise to return in this world is imminent, so we must not let our hearts be troubled. Let us be ready in the way we live and behave. His promise is *"I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am."* (John 14:3)

PRACTICE

1. Challenge #1. Share your salvation story to your life group, family, and/or friends.

2. Challenge #2. What can you do to experience His presence greater at work, school, or home?

PRAYER

I. North Life Groups

- Pray for these couples as they lead the North groups: Ocampo & Ico.

II. East Life Groups

- Pray for these couples as they lead the East groups: Torres & Domingo.

III. South Life Groups

- Pray for the Drapeza couple as they lead the South groups.

IV. West Life Groups

- Pray for these couples as they lead the West groups: Solidum & Fabregas.

V. Circles

- Pray for Manalo couple as they continue to lead our singles and youth to God & His Word.

VI. Young Couples

- Pray for these couples as they lead the Young Couples' groups: Imperial, Oliveros, & Renault.

VII. Life Groups

- Pray for the multiplication of life groups across the city, for God's glory!