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HOLDING ON TO WHAT GOD NEVER BREAKS ...



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2. I can _____ God's promise when my _____ is breaking.

3. I can live with _____ because God _____ His Promise.

What's more, the Scriptures looked forward to this time when God would make the Gentiles right in his sight because of their faith. God proclaimed this good news to Abraham long ago when he said, "All nations will be blessed through you." Galatians 3:8 (Quoting Genesis 12:3)

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1. I can TRUST God's promise when life feels UNCERTAIN.

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2. I can HOLD ONTO God's promise when my HEART is breaking.

3. I can live with ASSURANCE because God KEEPS His Promise.

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS
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CONNECT

Have you ever held on to a promise for a long time before it came to pass? What helped you stay hopeful, or what made it hard?

ENGAGE

What part of the message spoke most personally to you this week? Was it a moment, a verse, or a story?

GROW

1. Read Genesis 15:1,6. How does Abram's honest question to God ("What can You give me, since I remain childless?") reflect both faith and struggle? What does this teach us about bringing our questions to God?
2. Why is it significant that God walked through the covenant path alone in Genesis 15? How does that connect to what Jesus did in Luke 22?
3. Re-read Galatians 3:8, 13,14, and 29. What do these verses teach us about how the promise to Abraham is fulfilled in Christ and extended to us?
4. The message emphasized that we are not saved by effort, but by grace, secured by Jesus and received by faith. How does this truth impact how you view your relationship with God today?
5. Psalm 30:5 says, "Weeping may last for the night, but joy comes in the morning." How have you experienced this in your own life? Or where are you still waiting for morning to come?

CHALLENGE

Is there an area in your life where you need to trust God's promise again? What's one way you can take a step of trust this week, through prayer, community, or obedience?