

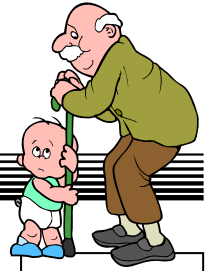
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part 2

When God Makes a Promise

Abraham – A Fascinating Template of Promises & Faith



1. Embrace the _____ (cf. Gen.12)

2. Prepare to _____ (cf. Gen.12 – 21)

3. Power _____ (cf. Gen.22)

4. Celebrate _____ (cf. Gen.22)

Heb. 6:13-15

¹³ When God made his promise to Abraham, since there was no one greater for him to swear by, he swore by himself, ¹⁴ saying, "I will surely bless you and give you many descendants."
¹⁵ And so after waiting patiently, Abraham received what was promised.
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Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.

1. Where do you think you would be right now had Christ not drawn you to himself and if you were not a Christian?

Describe your outlook on eternity if you were still unsaved and not yet at the place of repentance and faith?

2. What "tests of faith" have you been through in your Christian life?

Read **1 Peter 6-7**. How have the above listed trials confirmed the reality of your Christianity?

3. What victories (a.k.a. "appetizers of God's ultimate salvation") has God allowed you to experience recently?

4. Read **Psalm 37:7**. How patient would God say you are? Write out a prayer that reflects your desire to possess a more tenacious hope and persistent patience.

Read Through the Bible in a Year

Here's this week's schedule:

September 10th
Is. 25-26 & 1Cor. 12
September 11th
Is. 27-28 & 1Cor. 13
September 12th
Is. 29-30 & 1Cor. 14
September 13th
Is. 31-32 & 1Cor. 15
September 14th
Is. 33-34 & 1Cor. 16
September 15th
Is. 35-36 & 2Cor. 1
September 16th
Is. 37-38 & 2Cor. 2
September 17th
Is. 39-40 & 2Cor. 3

Today's sermon will be recorded and available on CD at the Focal Point Ministry window in the lobby immediately following the conclusion of today's service. Here is a list of other CDs available from past sermons which may assist you in your further study of today's message.

CD # 0621 - 0624 – **Almost a Christian (a four-part series on assurance from Heb. 6:4-12)**
CD # 0223 - 0224 – **When Life Takes a Left Turn (a two-part series on trials)**
CD # 0234 – **Why God Doesn't Make All Your New Years Happy (1 Peter 1:6-9)**
CD # 0330 – **The Real Battle: Help & Hope When Doubt Creeps In (1 Peter 5:8-11)**
CD # 0010 – **Incredible Love: Believing God Cares When It's Hard to Believe (1Sam. 15)**

Here are some resources that will assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in this week's sermon.
(To see other recommendations by Pastor Mike related to this and other topics go to www.CompassBooks.org.)

Bonar, Horatius. **Night of Weeping: When God's Children Suffer**. Christian Focus Publications, 1999.
Bridges, Jerry. **Trusting God: Even When Life Hurts**. NavPress, 1988.
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Chapell, Bryan. **The Promises of Grace: Living in the Grip of God's Love**. Baker Books, 2001.
Elliot, Elisabeth. **A Path Through Suffering**. Servant Publications, 1990.
Feinberg, John A. **Deceived by God? A Journey Through Suffering**. Crossway Books, 1997.
Guinness, Os. **God in the Dark: The Assurance of Faith Beyond a Shadow of Doubt**. Crossway Books, 1996.
Lewis, C. S. **The Problem of Pain**. Macmillan Publishing, 1962.
Mayhue, Richard. **The Healing Promise: Is It Always God's Will to Heal?** Mentor Books, 1997.
McCartney, Dan G. **Why Does It Have to Hurt? The Meaning of Christian Suffering**. P & R Publishing, 1998.
Owen, John. **Christians Are Forever**. Reprint, Grace Publications, 1993.
Piper, John. **Future Grace: The Purifying Power of Living by Faith**. Multnomah Press, 1998.
Tada, Joni Eareckson. **Seeking God: My Journey of Prayer & Praise**. Wolgemuth & Hyatt Publishers, 1991.
Wiersbe, Warren, ed. **Classic Sermons on Suffering**. Kregel Publishing, 1984.