

I AM THE PROMISE

Points To Ponder:

1. God's prophetic promises always trump your potential problems.
2. Out of brokenness and failure can come the beauty of God's plan.
3. God has made promises to all of us as His children.
4. God's promises are to define my identity.

SCRIPTURE READING - Genesis 3

Take Note:

- Adam and Eve have a massive failure.
- God makes a prophetic promise about the womb of Eve - her seed would crush the serpent's head. (3:15)
- Eve births her first seed: **Cain** (Possession) Cain was her possession of the promise.
- Eve has her second seed: **Abel** (Breath) Abel was a sign of Eve's freedom and certainty of the serpent being defeated. By possessing her seed (Cain) she would no longer be robbed of her life's breath (Abel).
- Cain and Abel are symbols of salvation. Christ will possess us as His own and give us His breath so we may have life.
- Cain kills Abel. Cain is banished.
- Eve has now had her hopes and dreams demolished. Everything she realized as her certainty of hope was dead and gone.
- Adam and Eve are left in a broken, failed mess of hopeless despair. How could they ever see the reality of God's promise in Genesis 3:15)

How To Become The Promise: Genesis 3:25

1. Are you willing to believe, that despite the failure and brokenness, there is an AGAIN for you?

*Eve had to go back AGAIN with a failed husband - and loss of two children - to see the birth of her next kid.

What keeps you from your "AGAIN"?

2. Are you willing to risk it?

*Eve could have thrown in the towel as a failed mother rather than trusting there was another seed (Seth) to be born.

Are the risks worth the fruit? What keeps you from taking the risks to believe again?

3. Do you believe, absolutely convinced, the promise is a reality even when you have ZERO proof?

*Eve was pregnant with Seth before there was any visible proof.

Why does it seem so hard to believe when there is ZERO evidence it's working?

4. Do you have a covenant friend who will believe God still has a plan for you despite your failure and brokenness?

*Adam was a failure. Eve was a broken mess. Yet, together they went and birthed out Seth. Out of brokenness came something beautiful. God isn't looking for perfect people - just broken people willing to be in covenant and willing to see beauty from brokenness.

Why is it so easy to focus on the brokenness rather than the beauty?

Who is your covenant friend?

5. Are you willing to deal with changes?

*Being pregnant with Seth, Eve had to deal with the changes of being pregnant. You can't birth something of God and keep living the same way you are used to living. Things change and you must change.

Why is change so difficult, especially when it's leading you to a better life?

6. Do you see visible proof God is working?

*As Eve progressed in time there was proof of the promise growing inside her womb. As you believe you will display visible evidence that it pays to trust God.

What is working right now in your life? What proof do you have that God is up to something?

7. Are you willing to transition through the pain to see the promise?

*Eve had to deal with the transition of the seed of Seth to the actual delivery of Seth. Transition is a painful process. You can abort when things get painful and give up on God and what He has promised you, or you can press through the pain to the promise.

Are you more pain focused or promised focused?

Why does pain often shout louder than the promise?