

FAITH THAT NEVER FALTERS
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# **ANNOUNCEMENTS - POTCHEFSTROOM**

### **Dreamweek**

- Dreamweek Tickets
  - o R350 per person
  - At the church Info Desk
  - o Church office (Monday, Wednesday, Thursday: 08:00 to 16:00)
  - o Limited tickets.
  - Wristbands: Issued upon purchase. Please keep your wristband safe, as it is required for entry.
  - If you bought your tickets via Main, you will receive your wristband from Main.

### **Sunday Service**

- 08:30 and 18:00, Dagbreek Estate (Next to Feather Hill)
- Every Sunday.
- Come expectant and with a friend!

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS - KLERKSDORP**

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# Sunday Service

- 10:00 and 18:00, Portuguese Hall, Wilkoppies
- Every Sunday.
- Come expectant and with a friend!





# WELCOME & CONNECT - ICE BREAKER

Welcome all members who are joining the Homecell.

#### PRAISE & WORSHIP

Sing at least 1 dynamic praise song and 2 intimate worship songs. As leaders, we set the pace for Praise & Worship, led by example and with confidence!

# ENGAGE – THE WORD

Let us Recap: Last week, we spoke about how God's goodness is essential to our faith. You cannot trust a God you believe is against you. True faith is belief plus action, it enables us to approach God's throne of grace with confidence. Today we will be discussing the foundation we need to understand concerning faith and that is covenant.

Psalm 105:8 – "He remembers His covenant forever, the word which He commanded, for a thousand generations!"

#### Ask the Members to:

- Share what stood out for them from this Sunday's sermon.

# Let us discuss the following:

- What is a covenant according to the law? A covenant is a binding agreement or contract between two or more parties.
- What is the difference between a promise and a covenant? Unlike a simple promise (which can be broken without consequence), a covenant carries legal weight, obligations, and consequences.
- What is the Biblical definition of a covenant? In Scripture, a covenant is a sacred, blood-sealed commitment between God and humanity, initiated by God. Beyond mere promises of blessings, it embodies a deep relationship rooted in loyalty, faithfulness, and mutual devotion.

# Give the members a practical example of what happens when you break a covenant:

- In law, when two people sign a contract, both parties have terms to fulfil. If one side fails, there are consequences.





Read: Hebrews 13:20

Hebrews 13:20 refers to God as the "God of peace" who raised Jesus from the dead through the "blood of the eternal covenant." This verse highlights God's power in resurrecting Christ and emphasizes the ETERNAL COVENANT a sacred, unbreakable agreement between GOD AND HUMANITY, sealed by Jesus' sacrifice. It underscores God's faithfulness and the enduring promise of salvation through CHRIST'S BLOOD.

The Bible is structured by covenants, from Genesis to Revelation, the story scripture is the unfolding of God's covenants:

Let us discuss the following:

- **Noahic Covenant:** God promises never to destroy the earth with a flood again.
- **Abrahamic Covenant:** God pledges blessings, numerous descendants, land, and global blessing through Abraham's line.
- **Mosaic Covenant:** God establishes the Law through Moses to guide His people.
- **Davidic Covenant:** God promises an everlasting king from David's lineage.
- **New Covenant:** Fulfilled through Christ's sacrifice, offering forgiveness, eternal life, and the indwelling Holy Spirit.
- **Key Insight:** The Bible forms a covenant timeline, with each covenant leading to the ultimate fulfillment in Christ's New Covenant.

Read: Amos 3:3

Amos 3:3, through the rhetorical question "Do two walk together unless they have agreed to do so?" emphasizes the necessity of mutual agreement for a harmonious relationship. In the context of God's message to Israel through the prophet Amos, it underscores that fellowship with God requires alignment with His covenant and will.

#### Let us discuss the following:

- **Covenant:** A sacred agreement between God and humanity, built on mutual commitment and trust.
- **Shared Direction:** To walk together in harmony, we must agree on our destination and align our steps with God's purpose.



- **God's Faithfulness:** God always upholds His promises, but we are called to respond with faith and obedience to fulfil our part.
- **A Vibrant Faith:** The dullest existence is a Christian life disconnected from God's presence, missing the adventure of walking closely with Him.

# Let us read these scriptures and discuss the examples:

### Read: Genesis 12:1-3, Genesis 22:15-18 and Deuteronomy 28:1-2

- **God's Faithfulness:** God consistently upholds His promises, but we are called to respond with faith and obedience to fulfill our part.
- **God's Promise:** God pledged to make Abraham the father of a great nation, promising countless descendants and a lasting inheritance.
- **Abraham's Role:** Abraham's faith and obedience were key—leaving his homeland, trusting God's word despite impossible odds, and showing radical obedience in his willingness to sacrifice Isaac.
- **Faith as a Muscle:** Faith grows through small, consistent acts of obedience, strengthening trust in God step by step.
- **Experiencing God's Faithfulness:** Each obedient act allowed Abraham to witness God's reliability, fueling deeper trust and bolder faith.
- **God's Promise:** God offered Israel blessings, prosperity, and protection, contingent on their faithful obedience to His commands.
- **Proving Trustworthiness:** Israel was called to demonstrate reliability through consistent obedience, building a relationship of trust with God over time.
- **Surrendering to God's Ownership:** Living in covenant means recognizing God as Master, surrendering personal control, and embracing a life fully aligned with His will, sealed by a sacred commitment.

TO ENTER INTO THIS COVENANT, FULLY SURRENDER YOURSELF TO GOD, DEDICATING YOURSELF COMPLETELY TO HIM.

Altar call

# **WORKS & APPLICATION**

Encourage members to share personal testimonies, fostering a supportive environment where the group can join hands and pray together for those facing challenges, drawing strength from Revelation 12:11 that says: 11 And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.

