#### WAYMAKER #2 "Promise Keeper" March 28, 2021

• God is a <u>promise keeper</u>.

#### Why can we trust the promises of God?

## 1. God's promises <u>begin</u> and <u>end</u> with Him.

Hebrews 6:13-15 "For example, there was God's promise to Abraham. Since there was no one greater to swear by, God took an oath in his own name, saying: <sup>14</sup> 'I will certainly bless you, and I will multiply your descendants beyond number.' <sup>15</sup> Then Abraham waited patiently, and he received what God had promised." (NLT)

#### 2. God's promises are <u>sealed</u> by his <u>name</u>.

Numbers 23:19-20 "God is not a man, so he does not lie. He is not human, so he does not change his mind. Has he ever spoken and failed to act? Has he ever promised and not carried it through? <sup>20</sup> Listen, I received a command to bless; God has blessed, and I cannot reverse it!" (NLT)

- Faith is trusting that God will come through on <u>every</u> <u>promise</u>.
- The problem: We hold God accountable to promises he <u>never</u> made and get frustrated when he doesn't <u>fulfil</u> them.

2 Corinthians 1:8-9 "We think you ought to know, dear brothers and sisters, about the trouble we went through in the province of Asia. We were crushed and overwhelmed beyond our ability to endure, and we thought we would never live through it.<sup>9</sup> In fact, we expected to die. But as a result, we stopped relying on ourselves and learned to rely only on God, who raises the dead." (NLT)

Hebrews 13:5 "For God has said, 'I will never fail you. I will never abandon you." (NLT)

# • God's Promise: I will never <u>fail</u> you. I will never <u>abandon</u> you.

John 16:33b "Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows. But take heart, because I have overcome the world." (NLT)

## 3. God's promises are fulfilled by <u>Jesus</u>.

2 Corinthians 1:19-22 "For Jesus Christ, the Son of God, does not waver between 'Yes' and 'No.' He is the one whom Silas, Timothy, and I preached to you, and as God's ultimate 'Yes,' he always does what he says. <sup>20</sup> For all of God's promises have been fulfilled in Christ with a resounding 'Yes!' And through Christ, our 'Amen' (which means 'Yes') ascends to God for his glory. <sup>21</sup> It is God who enables us, along with you, to stand firm for Christ. He has commissioned us, <sup>22</sup> and he has identified us as his own by placing the Holy Spirit in our hearts as the first installment that guarantees everything that he has promised us." (NLT)

#### Talk-It-Over

- Do you find it easy or hard to trust the promises of God? (Explain)
- What are some of the promises of God in which you find comfort?
- What would allow you to trust the promises of God more, both now and in the future?