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Welcome to Gods Promise, I'm Dr. Kiley and I'm here to help you apply God's promise to your life.

This week we are looking at the Promise that God Is Trustworthy. It is found in Joshua 23:14 which says, *"Now I am about to go the way of all the earth. You know with all your heart and soul that not one of all the good promises the LORD your God gave you has failed. Every promise has been fulfilled; not one has failed."*

Today I want to talk about The Original Promise Keeper

There is probably no larger collective stain on the conscience of people than the guilt associated with unkept promises. Parents make promises to their children but forget what they've promised in the busyness of family life. Spouses make promises to end disagreements but fail to follow through. Business partners commit to uphold their end of the contract, and when they don't do what they agreed to, litigation ensues. And, of course, there are the promises that politicians make. These are so rarely fulfilled that few take them seriously anymore.

Imagine being a parent and gathering your children around the table in life's later years, then summarizing your life by claiming that all the promises you have ever made to them have been kept: "Children, it is a great comfort for me to leave you knowing that not one promise that I made to you has gone unfulfilled. It was my intent to win your trust by keeping my word, and I believe I have done that."

Imagine being one of the children, thinking back on a lifetime of promises kept. By the example of that parent, you would never have developed the cynicism that comes when promises are repeatedly broken. The crust and faith that would arise from such a family would be of a purity perhaps unknown in our experience.

Most people will never have an earthly relationship in which every promise is completely fulfilled. For that reason, unfortunately, we have difficulty trusting God and believing in His promises for our lives. But we need to listen in on the conversation Joshua had with the leaders of Israel near his death. He reminded them that they knew-not just mentally knew, but knew with all their heart and soul-that God had kept ALL of His promises. The people of Israel knew that God had kept not just the spirit of His promises, but the letter of them as well; He kept them not because He had to, but because He wanted to.

God the Father is the parent described above. As His children, we can look to His example of divine integrity and be inspired to keep the promises that we make. God is fully trustworthy, and He wants us to know that we can trust Him to keep His promises to us-both now and for eternity.

God's Promise: His word spoken is His word accomplished.