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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 Promises of God's Living Word. The Promise is found in John 1:1-18, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. There was a man sent from God whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe. He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light. The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God — children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God. The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. (John testified concerning him. He cried out, saying, "This is the one I spoke about when I said, 'He who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.'") Out of his fullness we have all received grace in place of grace already given. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God, but the one and only Son, who is himself God and is in closest relationship with the Father, has made him known."

Imagine the boldness needed for a person to walk into the chamber of the United States Supreme Court and declare, "I know something about the Constitution that you don't know: The real truth that will turn all of your knowledge upside down." That person would be greeted with skepticism at best and would shortly after be greeted by security personnel as well. It just doesn't make sense that someone unknown could reveal something new to a group of people who profess to know all there is to know (or most of it, anyway) about a certain subject.

Paul the apostle had this experience in the city of Athens. In the highly charged religious environment of the Mediterranean world, rife with the presence of Greek and Roman gods, Paul announced that the true God had come to earth (Acts 17:16-34). To tell this to a group of Greek philosophers was tantamount to calling them "uninformed." By doing so, Paul gained their attention and made a few converts to Jesus, the Logos of God, whom you just read about in the passage for today.

To Greeks, the logos (word) was not a person. It was either the spoken word or, more importantly, the "word" of the mind, of the reason. And at a universal level, they declared that reason governed the universe and all that is in it. The Greeks prided themselves on possessing, and pursuing, the logos. For Jews, the logos was the word spoken by the prophets of God. But never had either the "reason of the gods" for the Greeks or the "word of the Lord" for the Jews been perceived as a person.

Paul, and later John the apostle (see John 1), knew and proclaimed something that had not been realized or spoken before. First, the Word of God is God. Second, the Word of God became flesh and lived among humans. Third, Jesus of Nazareth is that living Word of God.

We now know something that not everyone knows, and we are hopefully like some to whom Paul spoke who embraced Christ (Acts 17:32-34). We are holding the written Word of God in our hands; are we also holding the hand of the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ, the living Word of God?

God's Promise: To obey God's Word is to obey His Son.