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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. Yesterday we looked at the impact of the promise when it is received and applied to our life. Today we are closing the week with the Implication to further apply the promise to your life this weekend.

In 1 Samuel 15:29 God is called "the Glory of Israel," a rare name for Him in the Bible. It refers to the eternity or "everlastingness" of God. In a world of brief commitments and even shorter attention spans, our reputation as dependable and trustworthy people will be enhanced as we learn to think like Him.

1 Samuel 15:29 says, *"He who is the Glory of Israel does not lie or change his mind; for he is not a human being, that he should change his mind."*

A story appeared in the sports sections of all the major news services about a college basketball coach who couldn't decide which job offer to take. Over the course of three days, he switched four times between three schools, citing personal and family matters as reasons for his indecision. He finally ended up accepting an offer he had initially rejected, thankful that the school would give him a second chance.

The net result of this story would have earned only a small column on the interior of the sports section: "Coach resigns position at school A and accepts position at school C." Nice to know, but not groundbreaking news. But the way the coach got to school C put it on the front page.

Why do we get nervous when people change their minds for less than obvious or understandable reasons? Because their decisions then appear to be made on the basis of a whim, an impulse, a feeling, or a mood. And we don't like people making decisions that way, especially when the decisions affect us.

The prophet-priest Samuel uses "man" as an example of what God is NOT like when it comes to being dependable and trustworthy. When announcing to Saul that God is taking the kingship of Israel away from him, Samuel warns Saul not to think that God will relent: *"He is not a man that He should change His mind."*

Why does Samuel position "man" as the opposite of God? Because in our natural state, we are the opposite of God. But by God's grace and with His help, we can enhance our reputations as trustworthy and dependable people. On this issue, we must never change our minds.

God's Promise: His mind has been the same forever; it never changes.