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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. Yesterday we investigated God's Identity and how His character is the basis for the promise. Today we are going to look at My Identity and how the promise relates to our position as a child of God.

Everyone experiences conflicts of one kind or another. But sadly, many people don't even recognize the biggest conflict of their life-one that every human experiences. First Timothy 2:5 reveals what God did to resolve that biggest of all personal conflicts. When you see the solution, you'll immediately identify the conflict.

Read 1 Timothy 2:5, *"For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus,"*

Stop John or Jane Doe on the street of any town and ask this question: "What is the biggest conflict in your life?" And then hope the batteries in your tape recorder don't run out. While a multitude of conflicts will be described, one that will likely not be mentioned is conflict with God ...and for understandable reasons. Those persons who are already believers in Christ no longer have a conflict with God, and it probably hasn't occurred to those who aren't believers that they and God are in conflict!

But biblical truth be told, the initial identity of every human being who has ever lived is a "Person in Conflict with God." Outside of Jesus Christ, we are persons in conflict with God. While this may sound like bad news, it is simply that part of the gospel message that makes the good news good. (A new village fire truck is news. It becomes good news-great news-when a house is burning.) And the good news in our case is that God has provided a mediator for our conflict.

When companies and labor unions are in conflict, a judge sends a mediator to stand between the parties and work out a solution. The mediator has to provide a solution that satisfies both parties in the conflict and reestablishes the broken relationship. That is what happened when God sent Jesus Christ to be the mediator between Himself and sinners. God was satisfied (the penalty for sin was paid through Christ's death), and humankind was satisfied (we were granted access to God's kingdom).

If you are a Christian, at some point you recognized that you were in conflict with God because of sin. If you are not yet a Christian, perhaps seeing Christ as a mediator-a bridge-between you and God will help you to see the conflict-and how to resolve it.

God's Promise: The only One who can bring us together with God is His Son.