PROMISES

NOT ONE WORD

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Background and History:

- The church in Corinth is currently facing hard challenges
  - They have internal strife and division
  - Some are question Paul’s leadership
  - They are confused concerning God’s will

- Paul wrote this second letter as informative letter after his travel plans to come to Corinth had changed.
  - Because of his delayed arrival the church began to question his authority.
  - Doubt is reliability
  - Attack his character

Background and History:

- Paul doesn’t run from these accusations.

2 Corinthians 1:18 As surely as God is faithful, our word to you has not been Yes and No.

Meaning; The word of God we have preached to you is unwavering.

2 Corinthians 1:19 For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, whom we proclaimed among you, Silvanus and Timothy and I, was not Yes and No, but in him it is always Yes.

Yes = unwavering and true

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Amen = complete and true

Background and History

- Paul reminded the Corinthians that, since ancient times, God has made numerous promises of deliverance, provision, blessing, forgiveness, and ultimately, salvation through (Christ) the Messiah
- Paul taught that God's promises are "yes" in Jesus Christ, meaning Christ is the fulfillment or embodiment of God's faithfulness and His Word.
- Every word spoken by God in Scripture finds affirmation in Christ.

Point 1: Not one Word

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Joshua 21:45 Not one word of all the good promises that the Lord had made to the house of Israel had failed; all came to pass.

- The Israelites had just reached the Promised land, a place that many people didn’t believe existed.
- God fulfilled His promises by giving Israel the land He said he would give them.

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Joshua 23:14 And now I am about to go the way of all the earth, and you know in your hearts and souls, all of you, that not one word has failed of all the good things[a] that the Lord your God promised concerning you. All have come to pass for you; not one of them has failed.

- Joshua is near the end of his life. He is reminding the people of God of ‘the good things’[a]
- This was remind the generations following to trust in the Lord.
- His promises; not one of them has failed.
- If He said it, He will do it. He always has and He always will.

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1 Kings 8:56 Blessed be the Lord who has given rest to his people Israel, according to all that he promised. Not one word has failed of all his good promise, which he spoke by Moses his servant.

- God promised the Land. It came to Pass
- God promised Rest. It came to Pass
- God promised Inheritance (a future). It came to Pass
    - This promise started with Moses
    - Joshua was the one reaper
    - God will finish what he starts.

Point 2: His Provision

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Philippians 4:19 And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

2 Corinthians 9:8 And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency[a] in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work.

If God promised it, He will provide it.

Point 3: His Protection

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2 Thessalonians 3:3 But the Lord is faithful. He will establish you and guard you against the evil one.[a]

- Establish means to affirm, make permanent.
- Guard is to protect on all sides

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Point 4: His Presence

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Hebrews 13:5 Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, “I will never leave you nor forsake you.”

Isaiah 41:10 fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

Joshua 1:9 Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.”

Genesis 28:15 Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land. For I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.”

Point 4: His Presence

- We have the Promise of His presence

John 14:1-3

1 “Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God;[a] believe also in me.

2 In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you?[b]

3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also.

- It won’t always be like this

Point 4: His Presence

John 1:12-13

12 But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God,

13 who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

1 Peter 1:23 since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God;

1 John 3:2 Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears[a] we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is.