



**Pentecost
EveryDay**



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CENTRAL IDEA Faith Promise is not primarily about getting people to give more. It is about helping people discover that God can work through them to accomplish something bigger than themselves.

The framework for this session

IN THE GIVER	THROUGH THE CHURCH	FOR THE MISSION
Faith grows as people hear God, believe God, obey God, and watch Him provide.	Missions becomes a shared culture, not an occasional offering or visiting speaker.	Consistent partnership helps send missionaries and place the gospel within reach.

My hope for this session

What would make this time useful for me, my church, or my ministry?

PART ONE

What Faith Promise Does in the Giver

Faith Promise begins with formation before it ever becomes funding.

THE QUESTION Not simply, “How much can I afford to give?” but, “God, what would You have me believe You for?”

A working definition

Faith Promise is a spiritual covenant between the giver and God. It is a prayerful commitment to give as God provides - not a pledge based only on present ability, emotional pressure, or neglect of ordinary responsibilities.

The posture I will pray, listen, believe, and obey.

The principle As God provides, I will give.

The purpose To participate personally in sending the gospel.

The discipleship rhythm

RHYTHM	PRACTICE
HEAR GOD	Prayerfully ask what He wants to do through you.
BELIEVE GOD	Respond in faith to His direction.
OBEY GOD	Give as He provides.
WATCH	Pay attention to His provision and the fruit of obedience.
GIVE GLORY	Tell the story so faith grows in others.

KEY TAKEAWAY The greatest Faith Promise testimonies are not merely giving testimonies. They are God-provided testimonies.

Where have I already seen God provide after a step of obedience?

A TESTIMONY FROM RADCLIFF, KENTUCKY

Our Need Would Not Cancel Our Mission

Faith does not deny a real need. Faith acknowledges the need and still believes God is bigger than it.

In 2017, failing roof trusses forced the church out of its sanctuary. The insurance claim had been denied, repairs were essential, temporary braces stood in the center of the room, and the church faced a major stewardship campaign.

The reasonable temptation was to suspend missions giving and focus only on the local crisis. Instead, the church sensed a clear direction: keep giving, keep going, and trust God with both the need and the mission.

THE DECISION We were still going to be a missions church. We would not allow our need to cancel our mission.

What happened next

People gave The church still held its Faith Promise service while the braces and building need remained visible.

God provided Individuals experienced raises, unexpected provision, new opportunity, and spiritual breakthroughs.

The church responded The stewardship campaign reached more than 93 percent fulfillment.

The need was met Repairs and renovations were completed, and the later settlement covered repair costs and legal expenses.

The hidden memorial

Words of faith had been written on the temporary braces: “COUNT IT ALL JOY” and “GONE BECAUSE OF FAITH PROMISE.” When the new trusses were installed, those boards were placed above the ceiling as a hidden testimony to God's faithfulness.

REMEMBER We do not give to manipulate God. We give because we love God, love people, and are called to the mission. Yet we can still believe His promises concerning generosity and grace.

What visible need is tempting me or my church to postpone the mission?

PART TWO

What Faith Promise Does Through the Church

The money may leave the local church, but the faith it develops stays in the church.

From occasional emphasis to shared identity

If missions only becomes visible when a missionary visits, the church's missions culture will rise and fall with the travel schedule. Faith Promise creates an annual commitment and a year-round rhythm of prayer, testimony, partnership, and celebration.

MISSIONS AS AN EVENT	MISSIONS AS A CULTURE
Talked about when a guest arrives	Kept visible throughout the year
Something “the church” supports	Something “we” personally own
Measured mainly by an offering	Measured by obedience, partnership, and impact
A line in the budget	People reaching people through consistent sending

Keep the mission visible: tell the stories

Share reports Celebrate people receiving the Holy Ghost, churches being planted, and leaders being trained.

Pray by name Help adults, youth, and children know the missionaries their church supports.

Connect giving to people We do not give to budgets; we give through budgets to reach people.

Invite testimony Let givers describe how God provided and how obedience formed their faith.

OWNERSHIP A child, teenager, young couple, single adult, widow, wage earner, or business owner can all participate. The amounts may differ; everyone can have a part.

What one story could we share soon to make the mission personal?

PART THREE

What Faith Promise Does for the Mission

What happens in a local church can have consequences thousands of miles away.

A giver prays. God directs. God provides. The giver obeys. The church develops a missions treasury and makes consistent missionary partnerships. A missionary reaches the place to which God has called them. Someone hears the name of Jesus.

THE CONNECTION Somebody's Faith Promise becomes somebody else's opportunity to hear the gospel.

A simple path for a local church

- 1 PRAY** Ask what God wants to do through the church. Give people time to pray before commitment day.
- 2 PREACH** Preach faith before finance: the Great Commission, the harvest, God's provision, generosity, and eternity.
- 3 PROMISE** Invite a prayerful, personal response without pressure: "What would God have you believe Him for?"
- 4 PARTNER** Put the missions treasury to work through responsible, consistent commitments and meaningful relationships.

Build an annual rhythm

Celebrate what God did last year. Tell how He provided. Show what the giving accomplished. Invite fresh prayer. Then do it again - because the goal is not merely an annual missions budget; the goal is a missions culture.

RESPONSIBLE PARTNERSHIP Do not overcommit every dollar. The goal is not to make impressive promises; it is to keep the promises we make. Missionaries depend on consistent partnership.

Which step needs the most attention in my context: Pray, Preach, Promise, or Partner? Why?

PUT FAITH INTO ACTION

My Next Step

Pastor, minister, or church member: every one of us can participate and obey.

Choose your lane

ROLE	NEXT STEP
PASTOR	Schedule a Faith Promise emphasis and begin preparing the church through prayer and preaching.
MINISTER / LEADER	Help keep missions visible through stories, prayer, communication, and relationships.
CHURCH MEMBER	Ask God what He would have you believe Him for; listen and respond as He provides.
EVERYONE	Pray. Participate. Obey. Celebrate what God does through the whole church.

A 30-day response plan

Within 7 days, I will pray or begin this conversation:

Within 14 days, I will share this testimony, report, or missions need:

Within 30 days, I will take this concrete next step:

My personal prayer

PRAY Lord, what would You have me believe You for? Help me hear Your voice, trust Your provision, obey Your leading, and participate faithfully in Your mission.

What I sense God asking of me:

**Faith Promise puts faith into action. Faith puts provision into the mission.
The mission puts the gospel within reach.**