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# THE STORY OF PROMISE

Have you ever noticed that endings bring new beginnings? We have all had those “ending” moments in life that come in many ways: job loss, relocation, death of a loved one, divorce. Some endings are easier than others, some come as expected while others in unexpected ways. But one thing stands true no matter how the ending comes about, endings serve as a catalyst for new beginnings. Our choices in the face of new beginnings impact our future endings, just like they did for the Israelites in the days of old.

Over the next 5 weeks we will look at the Story of Promise, examining passages from Joshua, 1 and 2 Samuel and 1 Kings, that tell the next part of the story of God’s plan to fulfill His promise to redeem and restore His people. With each step of the journey, we see endings, new beginnings and good and bad choices made by His covenant people. Yet, God’s faithfulness to His promises remains unwavering through it all.

The book of Joshua tells us how God – in His time and in His way – fulfilled the promise of the land in the Abrahamic covenant by taking the Israelites across the Jordan River to a new beginning in Canaan, thus ending their time of 40 years in the wilderness. Under the leadership of Joshua, God fulfilled His promise through the conquest of the Canaanites and the allocation of the land amongst the twelve tribes of Israel. Once in the land, Joshua and the people of God had to make a choice on how they would live their lives before a “*living God*” who delivered them to the land of promise.

1 and 2 Samuel and 1 Kings give us insight on endings and new beginnings as we look at the life of King David, the Davidic covenant and God’s faithfulness in fulfilling His promise to provide a King for the nation.

God’s promise to David started when David was a young teenager out in the field tending sheep. David was not on anyone’s radar as a potential leader. He was the youngest of the sons of Jesse. He was not trained in any special skill. He did not have an education that would lead to a prominent job or responsibility. Yet, God saw something in David that was special. God looked at the heart of David and saw a King. The promise God made to David at such a young age was never deterred, though there were many obstacles and challenges along the way. David was not perfect, but he was always repentant and willing to lay his heart before God in confession and obedience. In David’s life and lineage we will see God’s promise made, fulfilled and affirmed.

Join us for the next 5 weeks as we step into His Story, The Story of Promise!

Feb 29/Mar 1	Promise Kept - Joshua 3
Mar 7/8	Promise Committed - Joshua 24
Mar 14/15	Promise Made - 1 Samuel 16
Mar 21/22	Promise Fulfilled - 2 Samuel 7
Mar 28/29	Promise Affirmed - 1 Kings 11