



**BROKEN PROMISES
(PAIN)**

Living among fallen people in a fallen world we will know the **disbelief** and **disappointment** of broken promises.

WHY ARE PROMISES BROKEN?

- dishonest intention (*I won't*)
- internal unreliability (*I forgot*)
- external interference (*I can't*)
- changed circumstance (*I could ... but ...*)
- changed priority (*I no longer care*)
- changed perception (*I no longer think I should*)

Saul > admired by David

Mark > trusted by Paul

Gomer > married to Hosea

Judas > chosen by Jesus

1. Remember your own **imperfections**.

“Let him who has no sin among you cast the first stone” (*John 8:7*)

2. **Forgive** even when you no longer **trust**

3. LIFE STRATEGY: Hold human promises lightly

“Stop trusting in man who has but a breath in his nostrils. Of what account is he?” *(Isaiah 2:22)*

4. Realize that God alone is **totally trustworthy**

“Lord, to whom can we go? You alone have the words of life”

(John 6:68)

5. Pour your pain out unto God
and seek his healing rather
than seeking pity or revenge

6. Keep your own promises, whether others keep their promises or not.

The NT refers to God as “he who promised” and then describes God as **“faithful”**

Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. (*Hebrews 10:23*)

God's promises ... no **collateral**
or **proof** except HIMSELF

- No analogy or comparison or example available!
- His promises are in a class unto themselves!

God's promises **motivate** us

“Since we have these promises, my friends, let us purify ourselves ...”

(II Corinthians 7:1)

Sometimes God's promises are beyond our earthly perspective. But they are kept and fulfilled, even when we struggle to understand "how"

For no matter how many promises
God has made, they are “Yes” in
Christ. *(II Corinthians 1:20)*

Some of God's promises are only valid for those who **actually believe** the promise.

If those who live by the law are heirs, then faith has no value and the promise is worthless ... the promise comes through faith ...

(Romans 4:14-16)



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