

Finding God in His Promises

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Introduction: "How to Talk to Your Kids About God"¹ Relationship with God

1. Look from the Promise to the One Who _____

The LORD said to Moses, "Depart; go up from here, you and the people whom you have brought up out of the land of Egypt, to the land of which I swore to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob . . . Go up to a land flowing with milk and honey; but I will not go up among you, "And Moses said to him, "If your presence will not go with me, do not bring us up from here. (Exodus 33)

God's Promise isn't the same without God's _____

Imagine a boy waiting after school . . .

Imagine, a young bride with her wedding ring . . .

How?

2. Look to what the Promise Tells you about _____ God is

[13] For when God made a promise to Abraham, since he had no one greater by whom to swear, he swore by himself. [14] saying, "Surely I will bless you and multiply you." [15] And thus Abraham, having patiently waited, obtained the promise. [17] So when God desired to show more convincingly to the heirs of the promise the unchangeable character of his purpose, he guaranteed it with an oath, [18] so that by two unchangeable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have fled for refuge might have strong encouragement to hold fast to the hope set before us. [19] We have this as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul . . . (Heb. 6:13-20)

3. Rely on the Biblical _____ God Has Given You

Such things were written in the Scriptures long ago to teach us. And the Scriptures give us hope and encouragement as we wait patiently for God's promises to be fulfilled. (Rom. 15:4, NLT)

¹ Wendy Thomas Russell, "How to Talk to Your Kids About God," *Time*, (April 6, 2015) author of *Relax, It's Just God: How and Why to Talk to Your Kids About Religion When You're Not Religious*.

a. Apply the Character of God to the _____ You're In

They will say, "Where is the promise of his coming? For ever since the fathers fell asleep, all things are continuing as they were from the beginning of creation" . . . Beloved, do not let this one thing escape your notice: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day. The Lord is not slow to fulfill His promise as some understand slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance (2 Pet. 3:4-9, ESV, see also Romans 4:21 (convinced God had the power; Hebrews 11:19, reasoned that God could raise Isaac from the dead)

b. Pray the Character of God as if You both _____ Each Other

Let your steadfast love come to me, O LORD, your salvation according to your promise; then shall I have an answer for him who taunts me, for I trust in your word. (Ps. 119:41-42, ESV)

Look on my affliction and deliver me, for I do not forget your law. Plead my cause and redeem me; give me life according to your promise! (Ps. 119:153-154, ESV, see Jesus, Hebrews 5:7)

Robotic Priest in Germany²

c. Tell the Story of God's Promise Keeping as if it's _____!

Psalms 105

Conclusion: Paul on trial for his hope in the promise of relationship with God

Hope for this Week:

- What about this message gives you hope?
- What small step of grace is Jesus asking you to trust him with today?
- Are there any doubts, questions or obstacles that are keeping you from acting on this message? What do you need in order to overcome this obstacle?

² "Robot Priest Unveiled in Germany," *The Guardian* (Tuesday, May 30, 2017).

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- Is there someone in your life this message could encourage?

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