

# VINEYARD church

## PRAYER & FASTING

### DAY 6

#### Scripture Focus

*When God made his promise to Abraham, since there was no one greater for him to swear by, he swore by himself, saying, "I will surely bless you and give you many descendants." And so, after waiting patiently, Abraham received what was promised. People swear by someone greater than themselves, and the oath confirms what is said and puts an end to all argument. Because God wanted to make the unchanging nature of his purpose very clear to the heirs of what was promised, he confirmed it with an oath.*

– Hebrews 6:13-17 (NIV)

#### Trusting in the Promise

I remember when I was growing up and I was hanging out with my friends, there was plenty of times where we would ask each other, "Pinky promise?" It became the ONLY way we could really trust that we would keep our promises with each other. Now, this is a funny example of keeping promises, but it shows that even at a young age, our nature is we need something to show that promises can be trusted.

I received a note with this verse on it several years ago from a teacher. I was unsure at the time how much these verses would help me in my walk with the Lord. But they have been words I can lean on and that I can trust in. About 2 years after receiving the note and reading this passage, I had a decision in my life that has been one of the toughest decisions I have had to walk through. The Lord was calling me to leave everything I knew and move across the country to Kansas City. That meant leaving all the family and friends I had around me and leaving behind the church that I loved. And even though that decision was hard, the Lord's promise to Abraham in this passage helped me to trust in the promises that this was the right decision. Because I was able to trust in His promise, he has blessed my life in ways that would have never been possible if I had stayed where I was.

#### What has God promised you?

What comes to your mind when you think of this question? Maybe you think about the promises that he made to you:

- A family
- A new job
- Clarity
- Moving
- Etc.

Or maybe you are weary and are tired of waiting on his promises to come true. I want to challenge you to hold close the Lord's words, be patient, because He is good, and his promises will happen in our lives. God's timing is the perfect timing.

#### Prayer

*Lord, as waves of fear come, I pray you would stir up in me a heart that desires to run to you. I pray for an unwavering trust in your goodness and the praise that you are my refuge. Thank you for your unfailing love, grace, and mercy over my life.*

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