



Series: Genesis: The Foundations for the Coming of Christ.

Title: Promises Fulfilled Even When We Break Them

Scripture: Genesis 20-21:8

2026 Theme Verses *May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. **Romans 15:5-7***

June Verse: *(Remember Lot's wife), Whoever seeks to preserve his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life will keep it. **Luke 17:33***

What happens when people who are in a whole-hearted relationship with God blow it?

1. **We can slip back to old sin habits. (Gen. 20:1-2; Gen. 12:10-13)**
2. **God intervenes because He is God and we all need God to intervene. (vs. 3)**
 - a. **“But God” protects His plan of redemption at all costs. (vs. 3-7)**
 - b. **“But God” teaches pagans truth and integrity. (vs. 3-7)**
 - i. **No one is innocent but God. (vs. 4; Romans 3:23; 6:23)**
 - ii. **Marriage is between one man and one woman. (vs. 5)**
 - iii. **God is Sovereign over the affairs of all, even kings. (vs. 6; Prov. 21:1)**
 - iv. **God reveals that He is only God over life and death. (vs. 7)**
3. **We have opportunities to have gospel conversations with people even when we blow it. (vs. 8-13)**
 - a. **We think/strategize instead of praying. (vs. 11)**
 - b. **We assume people won't respond to God. (vs. 11)**
 - c. **We justify our sin instead of confessing it. (vs. 12)**
 - d. **We blame God for our problems. (vs. 13)**

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4. God remains faithful even when we are faithless. (vs. 14-18; 2 Tim. 2:11-13)
 - a. We accept undeserved generosity. (vs. 14-15)
 - b. We accept deserved rebuking. (vs. 16)
 - c. We pray with and for people even when we have wronged them. (vs. 17-18)
 - d. God is working all things together for gospel good and glory. (vs. 18)

5. God keeps His Word and fulfills His promises. (Gen. 21:1-8)
 - a. God gets maximum glory in His time, not ours.
 - b. We learn to walk by faith, not by sight.
 - c. We learn delays are not God's denials.
 - d. Nothing is too hard for the Lord.
 - e. God brings abounding joy.

Take aways/So what/Now what:

- What practices of the past need to change now that we are learning to walk by faith and not by sight?
- What people do we need to pray for and with and/or have gospel conversations with?
- How can we thank God for being faithful when we have not?
- How can we celebrate the joy of the Lord and His fulfilled promises?