

The Blessings of Faith Promise Giving
2 Cor 8:1-12

Getting Started

- ❖ Before Covenant, have you ever been a part of a church that taught Faith Promise Missions? What was the missions program like in that church or other churches that did it differently?
- ❖ If you participate in Faith Promise at Covenant, give a testimony of what this has been life for you.
- ❖ Do you have any questions about how Covenant does Missions that you'd like to see answered? (Note: Group leaders, please pass these questions on to Pastor Jerry or Pastor Jonathan.)

Digging Deeper

- ❖ **Study Acts 11:25-30.** In this special offering collected by the Christians in Antioch, Faith Promise principles mentioned in the sermon are also present in this text. Identify as many as you can.
- ❖ **Study 1 Cor. 16:1-4.** This offering and need is what Paul again refers to in 2 Cor. 8-9. What principles in this passage should direct our understanding and management of Faith Promise?
- ❖ **Compare 1 Cor. 16:1-4 & 2 Cor. 8:10-15.** What do you see in these passages that encourage "Faith Promise" instead of "Foolish Promise"?
- ❖ **Study 2 Cor. 8:16-21.** An important principle in Faith Promise is that all monies given to its purpose are dedicated to that purpose alone. How does this passage speak to this concept?

Apply It!

- ❖ Faith Promise starts with prayer, asking God whether we should be involved this year and, if so, what amount would he have us give. Are you willing to pray over the next week and ask God about your involvement?
- ❖ Do you believe that God will provide resources to you so you can be involved in the spread of the gospel around the world?
- ❖ How do you feel about our church's desire to help plant 50 churches by 2028?

Think About It!

From a practical standpoint, how does a distinct division between tithes funding local ministries and Faith Promise Giving funding international and cross-cultural ministries make sense and benefit the overall vision of our church?

WORSHIP RESOURCE

October 18, 2020 | 20th Sunday after Pentecost

WORSHIP SONGS

GOOD GOOD FATHER

Words and Music by Paul Barrett and Anthony Brown, 2014

I've heard a thousand stories of what they think You're like,
But I've heard the tender whisper of love in the dead of night.
You tell me that You're pleased and that I'm never alone.

*You're a good, good, Father, it's who You are. It's who You are;
it's who You are. I'm loved by You, it's who I am, it's who I am.*

I've seen many searching for answers far and wide.
But I know we're all searching for answers only You provide
Because You know just what we need before we say a word.

Love so undeniable I can hardly speak. Peace so unexplainable
I can hard think as You call me deeper still as You call me
deeper still; As You call me deeper still into love, love, love.

WHAT A BEAUTIFUL NAME

Words and Music by Ben Fielding and Brooke Ligertwood, 2016

You were the Word at the beginning, one with God, the Lord most
high. Your hidden glory in creation, now revealed in You our Christ.

*What a beautiful name it is, what a beautiful name it is, the name of
Jesus Christ, my king. What a beautiful name it is. Nothing compares
to this. What a beautiful name it is, the name of Jesus.*

You didn't want heaven without us, so Jesus, You brought heaven
down. My sin was great, Your love was greater.
What could separate us now?

*What a wonderful name it is, what a wonderful name it is, the name
of Jesus Christ, my king. What a wonderful name it is. Nothing
compares to this. What a wonderful name it is, the name of Jesus.*

Death could not hold You, the veil tore before You. You silenced the
boast of sin and grave. The heavens are roaring the praise of Your
glory. For You are raised to life again. You have no rival, You have no
equal. Now and forever, God, You reign. Yours is the Kingdom, Yours
is the glory. Yours is the Name above all names.

*What a powerful name it is, what a powerful name it is, the name of
Jesus Christ, my king. What a powerful name it is. Nothing can stand
against. What a powerful name it is, the name of Jesus.*

IS HE WORTHY

Words and Music by Ben Shive and Andrew Peterson, 2018

Do you feel the world is broken, we do. Do you feel the shadows
deepen, we do. But do you know that all the dark won't stop
the light from getting through, we do. Do you wish you that you
could see it all made new, we do.

Is all creation groaning, it is. Is a new creation coming, it is.
Is the glory of the Lord to be the light within our midst, it is.
Is it good that we remind ourselves of this, it is.

*Is anyone worthy, is anyone whole. Is anyone able to break the seals
and open the scroll. The Lion of Judah, who conquered the grave,
He is David's root and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave.
Is He worthy, is He worthy of all blessing and honor and glory?
Is He worthy of this, He is.*

Does the Father truly love us, He does. Does the Spirit move among
us, He does. And does Jesus our Messiah hold forever those He loves,
He does. Does our God intend to dwell again with us, He does.
From every people and tribe, every nation and tongue,
He has made us a kingdom and priest to God to reign with the Son.

10,000 REASONS (BLESS THE LORD)

Words and Music by Jonas Myrin and Matt Redman, 2011

*Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul; worship his holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul; I'll worship your holy name.*

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning; it's time to sing
your song again. Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me;
let me be singing when the evening comes.

You're rich in love and you're slow to anger; your name is great
and your heart is kind. For all your goodness I will keep on singing,
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

And on that day when my strength is failing; the end draws near
and my time has come. Still my soul will sing your praise unending,
Ten thousand years and then forevermore.

DAILY READINGS | BOOK OF COMMON WORSHIP

SUNDAY | Ps. 46; Micah 1:1-9; 1 Cor. 10:1-13; Matt. 16:13-20

MONDAY | Ps. 57; Micah 2:1-13; Revelation 7:1-8; Luke 9:51-62

TUESDAY | Ps. 54; Micah 3:1-8; Revelation 7:9-17; Luke 10:1-16

WEDNESDAY | Ps. 65; Micah 3:9-4:5; Rev. 8:1-13; Luke 10:17-24

THURSDAY | Ps. 81; Micah 5:1-15; Revelation 9:1-12; Luke 10:25-37

FRIDAY | Ps. 20; Micah 6:1-8; Revelation 9:13-21; Luke 10:38-42

SATURDAY | Ps. 149; Micah 7:1-7; Revelation 10:1-11; Luke 11:1-13

PRAYER OF RENEWAL

Lord Jesus, we know that you go before us and clear our path.
May we ascribe to you all the glory that is due your name. Like the
Thessalonians, may the world see our work of faith, our labor of love,
and our steadfastness of hope in the Lord Jesus Christ. May the good
news of the gospel sound forth from us in our city, and in every place
that our faith in God has become known. In the name of Jesus we
pray. Amen.



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