

## “Our Broken Promises”

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How many times have we trusted in the promises of others, only to be disappointed because of unforeseen circumstances that caused the promises not to be kept.? We should never make promises without qualifying them. Some variables beyond our control can impact our ability to fulfill them, especially our health and resources in this season of life. A promise should always be followed by... “I’m willing, if God wills it!” A person responding in that manner to a request is a good indication that they will seek God’s guidance. Believe me, it is the best way to be a person of integrity. However, some people may not like to hear this statement because they may view it negatively.

Some of us are still trying to recover from the crushing blows and disappointments because of broken promises that were made in the past. Many relationships have disintegrated over promises that were not kept. A Frenchman, Abbot Bernard of Clairvaux, made a statement in the mid-1100’s that said “The road to Hell is paved with good intentions.”

The Lord will never tell you anything that He can’t fulfill because *He is Holy and dwells in truth.*

Matthew 11:28-30 NLT *Then Jesus said, “Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you. Let me teach you, because I am humble and gentle at heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy to bear, and the burden I give you is light.”*

May you, this Valentine's Week, experience the promise of His love, acceptance, and personal forgiveness for your broken promises, to love, accept, and forgive others. You are deeply loved by our Heavenly Father, as well as your brothers and sisters in the faith!

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