

**NOTES:**

**SERIES:** The Story Begins (Gospel Project)

**SERMON 9:** "God Reaffirms the Covenant"

**TEXT:** Genesis 25:19-26; 26:1-6; 28:10-22

**DATE:** November 5/6, 2016

1. God keeps his promises in \_\_\_\_\_ ways.  
Genesis 25:19-26

Every time you feel frustrated with God and you wonder why he's allowing something to happen in your life, in that very moment, he's calling you to remember that he keeps his promises in unusual ways. Will you trust him in the process?

2. God keeps his promises to \_\_\_\_\_ people.  
Genesis 26:1-5

John Stott: "Grace is love, but love of a special sort. It is love which stoops and sacrifices and serves, love which is kind to the unkind and generous to the ungrateful and undeserving."

Only unworthy people who acknowledge their unworthiness receive God's \_\_\_\_\_.

3. God keeps his promises by offering us his \_\_\_\_\_.  
Genesis 26:24; 28:10-15

The ultimate blessing from God is the blessing of \_\_\_\_\_.

The promise of God's presence isn't first about warming our souls; it's first about \_\_\_\_\_ our mission.

The promise of God's presence is a \_\_\_\_\_ to us who are his people.

Is it ultimately about God's \_\_\_\_\_ or God's presence?

## SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Please complete this study on your own, then bring it to your small group for discussion.

1. Looking back over your notes from this week's sermon, what particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?
2. Read Genesis 25:19-26. In the story of God so far, we have seen God keep his promise in unusual ways, including long delays, grief, and hardship for those whom he calls. Why do you think God allows us to experience hardship in between the time we receive a promise and its fulfillment?
3. Read Genesis 26:1-5. In the story of God so far, how have you seen God make promises to unworthy people?
4. God has made promises to us that are independent of our worthiness before Him, but we often seem to believe that God is mad at us or that we forfeit His blessing if we fail Him. Why is it easy to think God is perpetually angry with us when we fail Him?
5. Why is it that only unworthy people who acknowledge their unworthiness receive God's promises? (Bonus question: Do we ever become worthy of his promises?)
6. Read Genesis 28:10-15 and Matthew 28:19-20. How is it that the promise of God's presence is first about igniting our mission.
7. In what ways do you struggle to make your relationship with God more about him—about his presence—than about the perks of knowing him?
8. Looking back over this week's sermon and study, what one thing is most important for you to remember and apply.

### Family Discussion Questions:

1. Why is it important for our family to understand that God keeps His promises?
2. What are some promises we've seen God keep to our family?
3. How can our family stand on the promises of God we see in Genesis?

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### CHRIST CONNECTION

God's promise to be with His people is most clearly fulfilled in Jesus Christ, "God with us."

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### BIG PICTURE QUESTION

What did God promise?