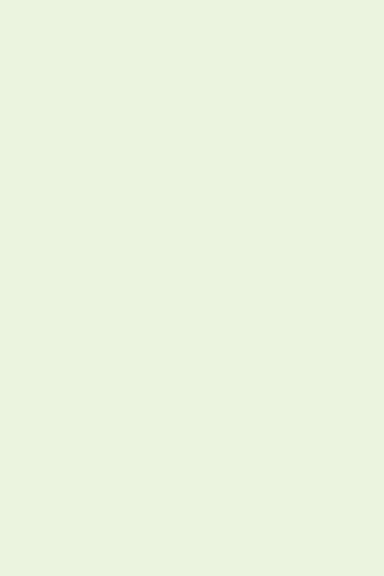
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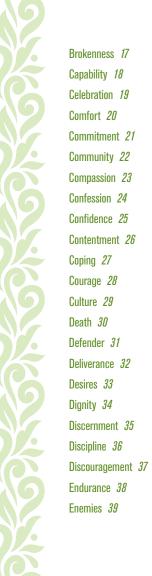
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INTRODUCTION



Anxiety. Fear. Helplessness. Despair. Discontentment. Jealousy. Impatience. These kinds of feelings rule over our hearts when we fail to believe God's promises for us in his Word. God's promises bring stability and security to chaos. They cultivate comfort and hope during times of bleakness and inspire freedom and joy when we are desolate.

Perhaps you struggle to know where and how to search the Bible to find God's promises. This little book is the perfect place to start. We have carefully selected 150 promises from the Bible and have organized them by topic to help you find the right promise for your particular situation or need.

But before you begin, keep this in mind: Resist the temptation to skim God's Word. Do not let it slip away from your mind as quickly as it came in. Every time you read a promise, read it again and again and let the truth of it sink in. Ask yourself, *Do I believe this?* And sit in the truth that each promise is made to you personally by your Creator.

God has promised big things for you in this life and the life to come. Our hope and prayer is that these promises will stick with you, positively impacting the way you think and live.

Abandonment

Those who know your name trust in you, for you, O LORD, do not abandon those who search for you.

PSALM 9:10

There may be times when even those closest to you neglect or abandon you, but know that God never will. He promises his unfailing love to those who search for him. The moments you feel deserted and alone may just be the times you need to look more intently and see that God is there by your side. He is always trying to get your attention. Are you aware of him? If you are sincerely seeking him, then you are sure to find him.



Abiding in Christ

[Jesus said,] "Remain in me, and I will remain in you. For a branch cannot produce fruit if it is severed from the vine, and you cannot be fruitful unless you remain in me. Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing."

JOHN 15:4-5

When you are connected to Jesus, he can turn your simple acts of service into profound and purposeful moments. God uses even the smallest acts—simple words of encouragement, humble gifts, and seemingly insignificant moments in which you share your testimony—to produce big results. Stay connected to Jesus and abide in his ways. Let him turn your every act and word into wonderful works for the Kingdom of God.





The Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

GALATIANS 5:22-23

We all have our addictions, whether they are simply bad habits or serious dependencies. But one thing we are all dangerously addicted to is sin. We consistently—daily—disobey God's Word through sinful thoughts, words, and actions. The only cure is to submit to the control of God through his Holy Spirit. When you are under God's control, the Holy Spirit replaces what's destructive in your life with what's beneficial. God's transforming power is the only thing that can ultimately heal you from your addictions.





Adversity

God is our refuge and strength, always ready to help in times of trouble.

PSALM 46:1

One thing you can count on in your lifetime is that adversity will come. The question is, What will you do when it arrives? When you believe in Jesus, Satan will work overtime to send you trials and temptations, hoping these difficult situations will make you doubt God and stop seeking him. But don't despair. Adversity may be a sign that you are being faithful to God. So continue to be faithful, even when things get tough. God promises to strengthen you through these troubling times and protect you through any harm.



Aging

I will be your God throughout your lifetime—until your hair is white with age. I made you, and I will care for you.

ISAIAH 46:4

Many people associate aging with weight gain, wrinkles, and gray hair. But what if we as believers viewed aging differently? What if we saw each passing year as an opportunity to experience more of God's tender care for us? God promises to walk with us throughout our lifetime, to watch over us in each and every stage. Reflect on how God has blessed you over the years, and ask him to use these memories to deepen your faith and trust in him.



Anxiety

Give all your worries and cares to God, for he cares about you.

1 PETER 5:7

How does God care for you? Can you count the ways? If you struggle with anxious thoughts and worries, remember that God promises he is always close, ready to help in your time of need. His presence surrounds you and protects you from Satan's attacks. He sends you opportunities and blessings to make your life full and satisfying. He promises to take your worries and cares upon himself. The next time you experience fearful thoughts, draw close to the Lord. Tell him your every worry because he promises to care for you.







Approaching God

Come close to God, and God will come close to you.

JAMES 4:8

Our natural human tendency is to cover our sin or hide from God when we have done something wrong. A clear example of this in Scripture is the story of Adam and Eve. After they disobeyed God by eating from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, they covered their nakedness and hid from God. But God promises you can always enter his presence with confidence. There is no need to run away from the God who longs to be close to you. Step out of hiding and experience the peace, love, and joy that can come only when you are in close relationship with him.

