

The theme of today's lesson is PROMISES.

Have you ever made a promise to someone that you did not keep?

Can we count on God to keep His promises?

What has God promised to you?

What are the big promises He makes?

What are the day to day promises He makes?

How many promises does He make?

It all depends how you define the word promise. In the NIV promise of a form of the word occurs 225 times.

If God says he will do something does that make it a promise?

If you say you will do something does that make it a promise?

[Here](#) is a website with one of God's promises for each day of the year

When had God first promised the land of Canaan to the Israelites?

Abraham in Genesis 12. Read [Genesis 12: 1 - 6](#)

## JOSHUA

Have we seen Joshua before?

He was one of the 12 spies...he and Caleb had brought back a favorable report, so they were allowed to go to Canaan. Not only that Joshua would be the leader.

The book is about the conquest of Canaan.

A lot takes place in the book.

What are some of the main events that you recall from previous study of the book?

Rahab, the wall of Jericho tumbling, crossing the Jordan and the river stopping, sun stands still

Joshua led the Israelites and took over the land. He was a great military leader but that was not his greatest strength.

What was Joshua even better at? He was faithful to God.

What does it mean to be faithful to God in the Bible?

What does it mean to be faithful to God today?

Faithful people keep their promises.

Or In the beginning of the book the people needed to cross the Jordan River while it was at flood stage. They needed God's help. What is your Jordan River?...In what area of your life do you need help?

Achan thought he could keep some of the plunder from the battle even though God had said specifically not to.

Can we keep anything from God? Why do we even try? Why do we constantly put short term fun over long term faithfulness?

God made the sun stand still in the sky...is there anything he can't do? In light of His power why do we ever doubt Him?

[Towson professor article](#)....social media encourages us to portray ourselves as perfect without blemish or need from anyone or anything? Do you think this is true? Where is the need for God in social media?