



Faith Promise Mission Offering

Devotional Booklet

WHY THIS DEVOTIONAL BOOK?

The purpose of this devotional booklet is to instruct and challenge families concerning the Faith Promise plan of missionary giving. It contains four weeks of lessons. Each weekday there is a short, simple devotion. On Saturday there is a review of the material covered in the weekday lessons. Sunday, we finish off the week with testimonies of how Faith Promise has blessed individuals and families.

In week **ONE** we have the principles of **FAITH**.

In week **TWO** we have the principles of **PROMISE**.

In week **THREE** we have the principles of **OFFERINGS**.

In week **FOUR** we have the principles of **MISSIONS**.

It is **IMPORTANT** that you read every Scripture verse and seek to understand it in the light of the lesson material. The time needed to complete each devotion will vary from family to family and from day to day. The family should pray **EVERY DAY** about their **PERSONAL COMMITMENT** to Faith Promise.

Ideally, the lessons would begin **FOUR WEEKS** before the Sunday the Faith Promise cards will be filled out and collected.

Lesson 1

Monday

**FAITH PROMISE OFFERING
FOR MISSIONS**



MEMORY VERSE for the week: Romans 4:20, 21
He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God; And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform.

MONDAY'S LESSON: Faith Promise Defined

It is a plan for systematic, purposeful giving above the tithe to the missionary ministry of your local church. The commitment is normally for one year and is renewed each year at the annual mission conference of the church.

Read 2 Corinthians 9:7 and learn several important truths about giving.

We are to _____ in our hearts how much we personally ought to give (to Faith Promise).

Our attitude towards giving is important.

Not _____

Not of _____

God loves a _____ giver.

ACTION STEPS:

What is God saying to ME in this lesson?

What am I going to do with what God said to me today?

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TUESDAY'S LESSON: Faith Promise is Scriptural

There are many passages in the Bible which demonstrate the principles of giving by faith. One of the greatest of these is the story of Hannah in 1 Samuel chapter one.

Hannah was unable to have a child, but wanted one (1:2). She _____ about this desire (1:10) and made a _____ to God (1:11) that if He would give her a child, she would give him back to the Lord to serve Him all his days.

This is how Faith Promise works. God burdens us to get involved in giving to missions, we pray about what we should do, God shows us what He wants us to give, then we make a promise to Him and then we trust Him to supply the need. We must follow through and give by faith, trusting God to supply our need just like He did for Hannah.

ACTION STEPS:

What is God saying to ME through Hannah's example?

What am I going to do with what God said to me today?



FAITH PROMISE OFFERING FOR MISSIONS

Lesson 3

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WEDNESDAY'S LESSON: Faith Promise is not a Man-made Plan

Giving to missions through Faith Promise has risen to prominence in the past 40 years. Men like Oswald J. Smith from Toronto, Canada, and Clifford Clark from Tulsa, Oklahoma, have been greatly used to challenge people to give by faith. They did not originate the plan, but did start teaching and preaching this truth found throughout the Bible.

A study of **2 Corinthians chapter eight** will open our hearts and minds to the truth of learning how to give what we do not have.

It is a Biblical plan that develops faith. 8:3

It is a Biblical plan that encourages growth. 8:7

It is a Biblical plan that deals with selfishness. 8:9

It is a Biblical plan that brings God's blessings. 8:1

It is a Biblical plan that provides funds for Missions. 8:4

ACTION STEPS:

What is God saying to ME in this lesson?

Am I willing to trust God to give what I do not have?

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THURSDAY'S LESSON: Faith Promise is Motivated by Love

2 Corinthians 8:8 *I speak not by commandment, but by occasion of the forwardness of others, and to prove the sincerity of your love.*

Someone has rightly said, "You can give without loving, but you cannot love without giving." The Bible teaches us this truth about God in John 3:16, "*For God so _____ the world, that he _____ his only begotten Son...*"

If we love the world as God loved the world, we will give also. The result will be "*...that whosoever _____ in him should not perish, but have _____ life.*"

When we love those who have never heard, our love will prompt us to give. This will enable missionaries to go and tell those who have never heard.

ACTION STEPS:

What is God saying to ME in this lesson?

How can I show my love for a lost world?



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Lesson 5
Friday

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FRIDAY'S LESSON: Faith Promise is Personal

Everything about our faith is personal. We begin our journey of faith when we trust Jesus Christ as our personal Savior. Please read Ephesians 2:8,9.

As our faith increases, so does our relationship with the Savior. Please read Hebrews 11:6.

When we learn to exercise personal faith in giving, it can have a dramatic effect upon our spiritual life. 2 Corinthians 8:3 tells us that the churches of Macedonia were able to give "*beyond their power.*" Even though they experienced "*deep poverty*" (2 Corinthians 8:2), through faith, they were able to give to help others. The Macedonian example shows us why it is important for every family member to fill out a commitment card for himself.

ACTION STEPS:

What is God saying to ME in this lesson?

Is my personal faith growing?
(If the answer is no, why not?)

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Lesson 6

Saturday

Every family member should recite the **MEMORY VERSE for the week:** Romans 4:20, 21

REVIEW QUESTIONS:

God loves what kind of giver? 2 Corinthians 9:7

God honored whose promise by giving her a child?

What two men brought Faith Promise to prominence about 40 years ago?

Faith Promise helps us to prove the _____ of our love.

Should every family member fill out a Faith Promise commitment card?

ACTION STEPS:

Have each family member **BRIEFLY** answer the following questions:

What was the most important thing I learned through the lessons this week?

Why was it important to me?

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FAITH PROMISE OFFERING FOR MISSIONS

Lesson 7

Sunday

FAITH PROMISE TESTIMONY

The first time I really made a Faith Promise commitment was when I became the pastor of my first church in Bay City, Texas, in 1969. Although it was a young church, it already had a great missions program. When the church called me as their pastor, they apologized for the small salary they could afford to pay me. I told them it was fine and that God would take care of our needs.

The Saturday night before my first Sunday as pastor, I went to the church to pray. I asked God what part I ought to have in Faith Promise. The reply was immediate and shocking. It was far more than I ever considered giving. I knew God had spoken to me, so I started giving it the very next day.

Three weeks later, one of the men said that the men of the church wanted to see me in my office. I told my wife, "I am in trouble." I had never been summoned to my office before. How could I, this was my first pastorate? The men said, "Pastor, when we hired you, we told you we could only afford to pay you this amount, and that was true. However, even though you have only been here three weeks, the offerings have gone up dramatically. We are going to give you a raise by faith."

Would you like to guess how much the raise was? It was the exact amount I was giving to Faith Promise. God taught me and that young church a lesson together; Faith Promise works. I have practiced, taught and preached Faith Promise enthusiastically ever since.

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MONDAY'S LESSON: Faith Promise Teaches Dependence upon God

We make a promise to God because He is the one who burdened our hearts to get involved. When He moves on our heart, He will also move the hearts of men to provide what we need to give for Faith Promise.

Luke 6:38 _____, and it shall be _____ unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over; _____ into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again.

Everything we have comes from God.

1 Corinthians 4:7 ...and what hast thou that thou didst not receive?

James 1:17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above,...

ACTION STEP:

How can I, in a practical way, learn to trust God TODAY?



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TUESDAY'S LESSON: Faith Promise is Between the Individual Believer and God

The word PROMISE is well known to all of us. When we make a promise we commit ourselves to finish what we start. We make promises all the time: to our children, to our parents, to our spouse and yes, even to God.

Your Faith Promise is **NOT** made to the church.
Your Faith Promise is **NOT** made to the pastor.
Your Faith Promise is **NOT** made to the missionary.
Your Faith Promise **IS** made to God.

Making a promise (vow) to God is a very serious matter. Solomon, the human author of Ecclesiastes 5:4, 5, says "When thou vowest a vow unto God, defer not to pay it; for he hath no pleasure in fools _____ thou hast vowed. Better is it that thou shouldest not _____, than that thou shouldest vow and _____."

ACTION STEPS:

What is God saying to ME in this lesson?

How important is it for me to give my word to God?



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WEDNESDAY'S LESSON: Faith Promise Teaches Dependence upon God

We make a promise to God because He is the one who burdens our hearts to get involved. When He moves on our heart, He will also move the hearts of others to provide what we need to give for Faith Promise.

Luke 6:38 _____, and it shall be _____ unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, _____ into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again.

Everything we have comes from God. 1 Corinthians 4:7 ...and what hast thou that thou didst not receive?

Read also James 1:17 and Matthew 6:11

ACTION STEPS:

Who gave me everything I have?

Can I trust God to provide for me so I can provide for others?



Lesson 11

Thursday

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THURSDAY'S LESSON: Faith Promise Teaches us to Pray

A true Faith Promise commitment will not be made until after the individual has spent time alone with God in prayer, seeking His leadership and direction as to the amount that he should promise. To not do so may lead to a promise made in foolishness, not in faith. There is a world of difference between faith and foolishness!

Matthew 7:7 _____, and it shall be given you; _____, and ye shall find; _____, and it shall be opened unto you:

John 14:14 If ye shall _____ any thing in my name, _____.

ACTION STEPS:

Start praying **TODAY** for the amount to give.

Start praying **TODAY** for the faith to believe God.

Start praying **TODAY** that God will burden each family member to have a part in Faith Promise.

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FRIDAY'S LESSON: Faith Promise is Based upon God's Ability, not our Own

Paul wrote about how the Macedonians gave beyond their own power. 2 Corinthians 8:3 *For to their _____, I bear record, yea, and beyond _____ they were willing of themselves.*

A true Faith Promise offering is one that is given by faith. You do not figure what you can afford to give. You do not budget for it. It is not a percentage gift like the tithe. It is an offering by faith.

How can a person give "beyond their power?" **By faith**
How can a person give what they do not have? **By faith**
God is able; He owns everything.

Psalm 50:10 *For every beast of the forest is mine, and the cattle upon a thousand hills.*

Haggai 2:8 *The _____ is mine, and the _____ is mine, saith the Lord of hosts.*

ACTION STEPS:

Have I ever recognized God's ownership of all things in my life?

Am I willing to trust God's ability to provide?



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Every family member should recite the **MEMORY VERSE for the week:** 1 Samuel 1:11a

REVIEW QUESTIONS:

Why is Faith Promise more valuable to the individual than the church?

To whom is the Faith Promise commitment made?

Luke 6:38 teaches us _____ and it shall be _____ unto you.

Why is prayer important to Faith Promise?

Who does all the silver and gold in the world belong to according to Haggai 2:8?

ACTION STEPS:

Have each family member **BRIEFLY** answer the following questions:

What was the most important thing I learned through the lessons this week?

Why was it important to me?



FAITH PROMISE OFFERING FOR MISSIONS

Lesson 14

Sunday

The Blessing of Giving

The main speaker at a Missions Conference in which I participated as a deputation missionary, challenged my heart and changed my whole concept of giving when he told the following story:

He related that he had once been a successful businessman, but the Lord had called him to preach. So he sold his business and started witnessing to people about Jesus Christ and then organized those converts into a brand new Baptist church.

Soon he had given almost all of the funds that he had received from the sale of his business to the establishment of the new church. Now he was totally dependent upon the gifts which his new brothers and sisters in Christ gave him as their pastor. Yet, instead of decreasing his Faith Promise giving, he increased it. Still, he prospered financially and spiritually.

The new believers simply could not figure this out. One day, one of them came and said, "Pastor, I feel that God has really cheated me. You have been so blessed by God and have such a joy in your heart when you give. What is your secret?"

This pastor said that because of the statement of his friend, he realized that he had been negligent to challenge his baby converts with the joys of giving. Because of this fact, he was robbing these baby Christians of some major blessings from God. He confessed his sin and began to share with them the secret of making God the Master of their financial lives. As a result, they followed his example and learned the joy of sacrificial giving.

(And I learned it too, through their example!)

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Lesson 15

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MONDAY'S LESSON: Faith Promise is not the Tithe

The word tithe means one-tenth or 10%.

Tithing was first mentioned in the time of Abraham, Genesis 14:20, *And blessed be the most high God, which hath delivered thine enemies into thy hand. And he gave him _____.*

It was practiced later by Israel as a nation, Leviticus 27:30, *And all the tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land, or of the fruit of the tree, _____: it is holy unto the _____.*

Proportional giving (the tithe) was also practiced by the New Testament church, 1 Corinthians 16:2, *Upon the _____ let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath _____ him...*

The tithes of God's people in a local church are given to meet the needs of that local church.

ACTION STEPS:

What is God saying to ME in this lesson?

Am I obeying God's command to tithe?

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The harvest truly is plenteous but the labourers are few; Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest. Matthew 9:37,38



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TUESDAY'S LESSON: Faith Promise is Above the Tithe

Paul told the Corinthians they should first learn to give what they have before they can give what they do not have, 2 Corinthians 8:12, *For if there be first a _____ mind, it is accepted according to that a man _____, and not according to that _____.*

Faith Promise is neither the tithe nor part of the tithe.

Faith Promise giving is above the tithe.

Some people teach you can give 5% to the church and 5% to missions and that the latter is Faith Promise. If you give that way you neither tithe (10%) nor give by faith to missions.

ACTION STEPS:

What is God saying to ME in this lesson?

How am I going to show God I trust Him this week?



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WEDNESDAY'S LESSON: Faith Promise Offerings are Normally not Designated.

Faith Promise should be given through the local church. The giver should have enough trust in the church and its leadership to allow them to make decisions concerning who the church will support. That is what we do with our tithe.

There are several reasons why Faith Promise should not be designated.

People may want to support missionaries who doctrinally and philosophically disagree with the church.

If churches allow designations, it may cause some missionaries to solicit support directly from the members and not the church.

As we stated earlier, Faith Promise offerings are **normally** not designated.

ACTION STEPS:

What is God saying to ME in this lesson?

How can I learn to trust the leadership of my church to make wise decisions?



FAITH PROMISE OFFERING FOR MISSIONS

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THURSDAY'S LESSON: Faith Promise is a Commitment for One Year

The promise extends from one mission conference until the next. In most of our churches the mission conference is an annual event.

In the definitive chapter on Faith Promise, Paul speaks about honoring a promise that was made one year earlier.

2 Corinthians 8:10 *And herein I give my advice: for this is expedient for you, who have begun before, not only to do, but also to be _____*

Each year at the annual mission conference people should evaluate God's blessings upon their promise from last year. They should also ask God to allow them to increase their giving so their faith can grow even more. As we mature in our faith, our giving in all areas should increase.

ACTION STEPS:

How has God blessed my giving this past year?

Am I willing to trust Him for more this coming year?



FAITH PROMISE OFFERING FOR MISSIONS

Lesson 19

Friday

MEMORY VERSE for the week: Luke 6:38 *Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again.*

FRIDAY'S LESSON: Faith Promise Works

Most people who have given to Faith Promise for any length of time will agree that nothing has impacted their spiritual life more than giving by faith. Once the Biblical principles are learned and applied, they begin to see God work in their life.

It teaches them to live by faith. 2 Corinthians 5:7 *For we walk by _____, not by _____.*

It teaches them to expect God to work daily in their lives. Hebrews 11:6 *But without faith it is _____ to please him: for he that cometh to God must _____ that he is, and that he is a _____ of them that diligently seek him.*

ACTION STEPS:

What is God saying to ME in this lesson?

How can I learn to walk by faith, not by sight?

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Every family member should recite the **MEMORY VERSE for the week:** Luke 6:38

Review Questions:

What does the word tithe mean?

Who was the first man in the Bible to tithe?

Is it right to give part of your tithe to missions?

Give one reason why Faith Promise is normally not designated.

How long is a Faith Promise commitment and why?

Faith Promise teaches us to _____ God to work in our lives every week.

ACTION STEPS:

Have each family member **BRIEFLY** answer the following questions:

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Why was it important to me?



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Lesson 21

Sunday

FAITH PROMISE TESTIMONY

One of the best Faith Promise testimonies I have heard in recent times came from a pastor's wife in Ohio. Many years ago her husband had started a church. In the early days, he was a bi-vocational pastor; he worked a secular job while seeking to establish the church. She did not work outside the home. At their mission conference, God burdened her heart to give to Faith Promise. She had no income; however, she knew she was supposed to make a Faith Promise commitment. The only money she had control over was the family's weekly grocery money. She started to clip grocery coupons in order to save money. The money she saved with the coupons she would give to Faith Promise. God started to bless her efforts. She got excited and really worked at finding more and better coupons. Soon she was giving more to Faith Promise than anyone in the church except her husband.

She is a classic example of how God can work in ways we never think or expect. She put God to the test and He rewarded her faith. The key to real Faith Promise giving is listening to God. When He makes it plain we are to give, we should also know that He will provide the means for us to give.

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EUROPE
1 Missionary
Worker
per 4,005,000
people

AFRICA
1 Missionary
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people

ASIA
1 Missionary
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18,241,000
people

*The harvest
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plenteous, but
the labourers
are few;
Pray ye
therefore the
Lord of the
harvest,
that he will
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labourers
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Matthew
9:37,38*



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Lesson 22

Monday

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MEMORY VERSE for the week: 2 Corinthians 10:15b, 16a ...*but having hope, when your faith is increased, that we shall be enlarged by you according to our rule abundantly, To preach the gospel in the regions beyond you.*

MONDAY'S LESSON: Faith Promise is for Missions

Paul told the Corinthian church that the key to preaching the Gospel in the regions beyond you (missions) was an increase in faith. In 2 Corinthians 10:15-16 ...*when your _____, that we shall be enlarged by you according to our rule abundantly, 16 To preach the gospel in _____*

Some people try to apply the principles of Faith Promise to other forms of giving, but it seldom has the same results as giving to missions. The secret may very well be that missionaries are asked to live by faith so we ought to learn to support them through our faith.

As partners in faith, the church and the missionary can impact their worlds for Jesus Christ.

ACTION STEPS:

What is God saying to ME in this lesson?

Am I willing to ask God to burden my heart for missions TODAY?



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TUESDAY'S LESSON: Faith Promise is a Partnership

Luke 5:7 *And they beckoned unto _____, which were in the other ship, that they should come and _____ them.*

Faith Promise is a partnership BETWEEN the individual believer and God. God burdens us to give and we rely upon Him to supply.

Faith Promise is a partnership BETWEEN the individual and his local church. Our Faith Promise is given through OUR local church.

Faith Promise is a partnership BETWEEN the local church and the missionary. Local churches promise financial and prayer support to missionaries.

Faith Promise is a partnership BETWEEN the missionary and the lost world. The missionary, with the backing of his partners at home, spends his life trying to reach a lost world for Christ.

All the partners in the Faith Promise plan are important and of an equal value. 2 Cor. 8:13 *For I mean not that other men be eased, and ye burdened: 14 **But by an equality**, that now at this time your abundance may be a supply for their want, that their abundance also may be a supply for your want: that there may be equality.*

ACTION STEP:

Am I willing to become a PARTNER with God and the missionaries today?

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Lesson 24

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WEDNESDAY'S LESSON: Faith Promise Produces Results

Hannah, who was unable to have children, made a promise to God by faith; if God would give her a son, she would give him back to God. 1 Samuel 1:11 *And she vowed a vow, and said, O LORD of hosts, if thou wilt indeed look on the affliction of thine handmaid, and remember me, and not forget thine handmaid, but wilt _____ unto thine handmaid a man child, then I will _____ him _____ all the days of his life.*

God gave her the child (1 Samuel 1:20) and she gave him back to God (1:26).

Because of her gift by faith, God blessed her with more children. 1 Samuel 2:21 *And the LORD visited Hannah, so that she conceived, and bare _____ sons and _____ daughters. And the child Samuel grew before the LORD.*

Giving by faith does produce results.

ACTION STEPS:

What is God saying to ME in this lesson?

What results do I expect God to produce in my life?



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Lesson 25

Thursday

MEMORY VERSE for the week: 2 Corinthians 10:15b, 16a *...but having hope, when your faith is increased, that we shall be enlarged by you according to our rule abundantly. To preach the gospel in the regions beyond you.*

THURSDAY'S LESSON: Faith Promise Enables us to Reach More People for Christ

The Great Commission is still in effect. Mark 16:15 *Go ye into all the _____, and _____ _____ to every creature.*

The simple truth is that it costs money to do God's work. The more funds we have, the more missionaries we can send. The more missionaries we send, the more people who will hear the Gospel. The more people who hear, the more who will be saved. Read Romans 10:13-15.

The goal of every believer and every church ought to be to reach as many people for Jesus Christ as possible. Faith Promise is a key ingredient to accomplishing that great goal. Pray earnestly about what you will promise this week for missions.

ACTION STEPS:

What is God saying to ME in this lesson?

Do I want to be a part of sending out more missionaries?

How can I accomplish this?

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FRIDAY'S LESSON: A Danger in Faith Promise

Many have been involved in Faith Promise for a number of years. After a while, Faith Promise, like everything else, loses effectiveness because of familiarity. To some people, Faith Promise become faithfulness. They give, just like it is another bill that must be paid every Sunday. We need to carefully examine why we made our Faith Promise and our attitude towards giving it each week. We must maintain the **faith** in Faith Promise for it to be effective.

Judges 16:20 *And she said, The Philistines be upon thee, Samson. And he awoke out of his sleep, and said, I will go out as at other times before, and shake myself. And he wist (knew) not that, _____ from him.*

Samson, after revealing the source of his great strength lost it. When it was gone he was not even aware it was gone until it was too late. Keep your faith alive and growing.

ACTION STEPS:

How can I keep the promise I make to God?

Has Faith Promise become just another bill to me?



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Lesson 27

Saturday

Every family member should recite the MEMORY VERSE for the week: 2 Corinthians 10:15b, 16a

REVIEW QUESTIONS:

Why should we give money through Faith Promise?

Describe the partnership of Faith Promise.

What did Hannah receive from God for giving her son Samuel to God?

The Great Commission tells us to go into all the _____ and _____ the Gospel to every creature.

What is a danger of Faith Promise for people who have given for many years?

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FAITH PROMISE TESTIMONY

My family and I are from Mexico and have been living in the U.S. for some time. We joined a BBFI church and began to hear about Faith Promise Mission Giving. During our Mission Conference, we were challenged to ask God what He would have us give each week by faith. My wife and I prayed about this and as we discussed it, I said I felt God wanted us to give \$20. My wife seemed surprised at the amount and I said I was sure this is what God wanted us to do. I was thinking \$20 a month and she was thinking \$20 a week.

Since she takes care of writing our checks, she began to write a check each week for \$20. We never missed a thing and I never caught on. The next year I told her I felt God wanted us to increase our giving to \$30. I told her I thought God wanted us to do \$30 a month. She said with great surprise, "\$30 a month? We have been giving \$20 a week?" I said, "What, \$20 a week? I meant \$20 a month last year." Then we began to laugh and think back on how God had supplied and blessed us. We are giving \$30 a week this year. We are excited that through our giving, missionaries are taking the Gospel around the world and especially back to my people in Mexico.

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