

The Power to Change the World Part 3

The Power of a Faith Promise

Matthew 5:14-16 (NIV)

14 "You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. 15 Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. 16 In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.

Romans 10:13-15 (NLT)

13 For "Anyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. 14 But how can they call on him to save them unless they believe in him? And how can they believe in him if they have never heard about him? And how can they hear about him unless someone tells them? 15 And how will anyone go and tell them without being sent?"

- Someone must believe in Jesus Christ in order to be saved.
- Someone must hear the Good News in order to believe.
- Someone must go and tell them the Good News in order for them to hear.
- Someone must send those who will go and share the Good News.

What is a Faith Promise?

1. A Faith Promise is exercising your faith to send people who will go to tell others the Gospel and do the works of the Gospel.

Matthew 9:37-38 (NIV)

37 Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few.

38 Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."

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Hebrews 11:6 (NIV)

6 And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.

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2 Corinthians 9:10-11 (NIV)

10 Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. 11 You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion...

2. A Faith Promise is making a promise to God and the people you are sending to support them with prayer and a monthly offering.

2 Corinthians 9:5 (NLT)

5 So I thought I should send these brothers ahead of me to make sure the gift you promised is ready. But I want it to be a willing gift, not one given under pressure.

3. A Faith Promise is presenting yourself to God as a living sacrifice.

Romans 12:1-2 (NIV)

1 Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God--this is your spiritual act of worship. 2 Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is--his good, pleasing and perfect will.

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“Lord I’m trusting you to enable me to give this much each month for the coming year.”

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What happens when we exercise the power of making a Faith Promise?

1. More workers can be sent into the harvest field.
2. It increases our faith in other areas as we see God's provision in the area of finances.
3. It helps us to develop a Christian worldview.

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- To be more focused and intentional in praying for the lost.
- To be more focused and intentional about praying for missions and missionaries.
- To be more focused and intentional about how we use are finances and other resources.
- To be more focused and intentional about our personal witness.

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2 Peter 3:9-10 (NIV)

9 The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

10 But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything in it will be laid bare.