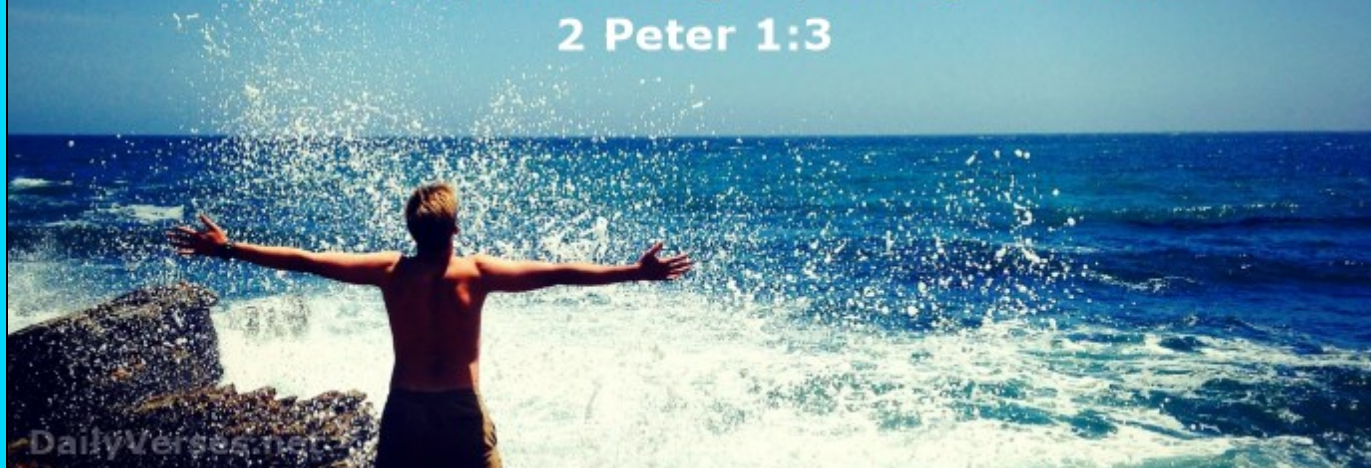


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2 Peter 1:3



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Why God's Promises are Really Great

By: James McDonald

His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence, by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire. -2 Peter 1:3-4

When the apostle Peter mentions how God "has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness," he can't help but look forward to the way God will follow through on His "precious and very great promises." The word great means more than size. It's also a measure of quality, and this dual understanding applies to what God promises to do for us.

Why are God's promises great? First, because they come from a great God. His promises are huge because of who said them. Would you believe your four-year-old if he said in his best grown-up voice, "I promise I'll make enough

Upcoming Events

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- BGMC March Madness**
- March 29th 8 AM**
- Generation Youth Beach Trip**
- April 1st Both AM Services**
- NLCFP Easter Bake Sale**
- April 1st**
- No Evening Services**
- April 3rd 7 PM**
- Womens Coffee and Chocolate**
- April 6th through the 8th**
- Royal Ranger Pow Wow**
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- Mens Breakfast**

Prayer Meeting



Mondays, 7-8 PM

money to put food on the table next month"? A promise's reliability is tied to the one who is making the commitment-and to their ability to fulfill it.

Psalm 145:3 says, "Great is the Lord . . . and his greatness is unsearchable." We might as well admit we don't have a clue how great God is because no one can discover the limits of His greatness. There are none. But His promises allow us to explore and experience a measure of how great He really is.

A second note of greatness in God's promises comes from the way they address great issues. Don't search the Bible for divine assertions about superficial things. God doesn't do that. The promises He makes are about big things: fear, unknowns that would paralyze us regarding our future, our family, and our finances. If your god can't promise you anything bigger than an occasional good parking place or the last piece of pizza in the box, your god is way too small!

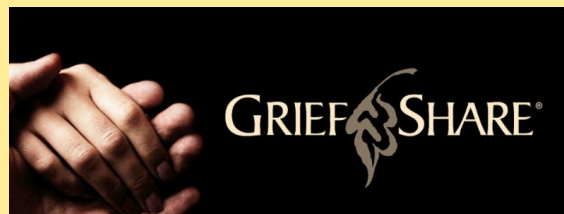
God's promises are also great because they respond to our deepest doubts: Am I going to make it? What's going to happen up ahead? Who will care for those I love when I'm gone? God makes promises about this kind of uncertainty so we won't have to wonder and worry.

As David declared, "I would have despaired if I had not believed that I would see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living" (Psalm 27:13 NASB). His encouragement can be yours: I'm not going to have to wait until heaven-I'm going to see God's goodness right here on this earth while I'm still alive.

God told Jeremiah "I am the Lord . . . Is anything too hard for me?" (Jeremiah 32:27). Sometimes we look at our needs or our overwhelming circumstances and we feel

Please join us on Mondays for a Prayer Meeting. The prayer time will be held in the conference room from 7-8 pm. This Prayer Meeting will take place every Monday night. Come on out and pray for our Church, Community and our Nation.

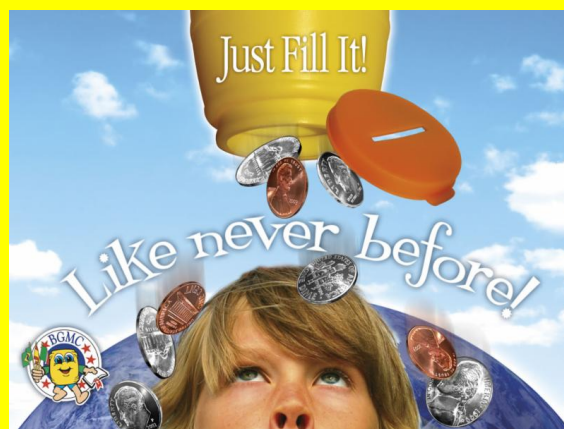
GriefShare



Mondays 6-8 PM

GriefShare is a ministry that walks with people that have lost a loved one, and helps give them the tools for healing. The classes will be on Monday nights from 6-8 pm in the Preschool Room. For more information contact Gordon Moody or Susan Carmack.

BGMC March Missions Madness



The Month of March

All throughout this month we will be having an emphasis on BGMC and Missions in our Kids Ministries. We will be encouraging and giving opportunities for our kids to make Faith Promises this year for

beaten before we start. But God asks, What exactly is it that you think I can't handle? To which we would have to reply, Nothing is too hard for You, Lord.

Does that give you courage and hope? It should. Holding on to God's promises is the closest we get to actually holding on to God. His promises come from a great God, they're about great issues, they respond to our greatest concerns, and God always delivers on them in the greatest ways.

Journal

Based on what you just read, what reasons do you have right now for being able to say, "I'm doing great"?

How have you seen the greatness and goodness of the Lord in the last few days?

Pray

Lord, You are great and Your promises are great. I realize I haven't begun to experience all You have to show me of Your greatness, but I long to have You make me alert to the evidence. I want to look for Your goodness in the land of the living and point it out to others as I let it renew my hope. Thank You for Your great promises, Lord. Because they come from You, they make today worth living. In Jesus' name, amen.

Harvest Giving App

For IOS and Android Phones

We are happy to announce that we have a quick and secure tool that is available to us now for Giving. All you need to do is go to your App store on your phone and type in Harvest Assembly of God Lakeland, and download it for free right to your smart phone.

BGMC. We encourage you to talk to you kids and believe for God-sized ideas to help them fulfill their Faith Promises this year.

Generation Youth Beach Trip



**Thursday, March 29th
at 8 AM**

All of our students are invited to come and hang out at the beach with us over Spring Break. We will be leaving the Church at 8 AM on Thursday and returning at 5 PM that same evening. The cost per student is \$10. For more information please contact Pastor Kaleb.

Royal Rangers Pow Wow



**Friday, April 6th through
Sunday, April 8th**

It is that time of year and our Royal Rangers are gearing up for Pow Wow. Pow Wow will be at Camp Wilderness in Ft. Meade. The boys will leave at 10:00 AM on Friday, April 6th and return around Noon on Sunday, April 8th. The cost is \$70 per person, all monies and forms are due by Wednesday, March 21st. Sponsorship is needed for Pow

New Life Center for Family Preservation 5th Annual Easter Bake Sale



**Sunday, April 1st After Both AM
Services**

On Easter Sunday the NLC Ladies will be having a Bake Sale. They will be taking pre-orders on some of their most popular bake sale items. For more information please contact Carolyn Espina at nlclakeland@gmail.com.

Women Coffee and Chocolate



Tuesday, April 3rd 7 PM

All of our Harvest Ladies are invited to attend this month's Coffee and Chocolate. We encourage you to bring a dessert to share and a friend to share the evening with. For more information contact Judi Cotignola at judicotignola@yahoo.com.

Wow, please place in the offering marked Pow Wow. For more information please see your child's Ranger Commander or Senior Commander, Zadok Mills at rrop314@gmail.com.

Quick Links

[Facebook Page](#)

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Mens Breakfast



Saturday, April 7th 8AM

All of our Harvest Men are invited to attend this months Mens Breakfast. Come on out and enjoy a great time of food, fellowship and time in God's Word. For more information contact Dennis Rosario at hoorahmarine50@yahoo.com.

Service Times

Saturday
7pm Adult Worship
7 pm Embrace Children's Church

Sunday
9 am Early Morning Worship
9 am Christian Education
11 am Mid Morning Worship
11 am Harvest Kids Church
11 am Special Needs Church
6 pm Evening Worship
6 pm Student Ministries

Wednesday
7 pm Adult Worship
7 pm Girls Ministries and Royal Rangers

We look forward to seeing you!

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