

Sunday Sermon Review: Week of January 3rd, 2021

Sermon Series: Jesus in the 20's

Sermon: Promises of Jesus

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Icebreaker

- If you could go back in time in any era, when would you go back, and why?

I. God Is For You in 2021

Have your group read **Psalm 20:1-5** and **Psalm 37:4**

- The name of the Lord will protect you; what's happened in your life that may challenge this promise of God?
- Are you asking God to speak, but not spending time to hear Him answer?
- Do you see God's favor in your life? In what areas?
- God wants us to delight in Him, over anything else in our lives. What things do you take delight in, over God?

Psalm 20 lists eight promises of God that we can believe in:

- Promise to ANSWER you – which also means HE HEARS YOU
- Promise to PROTECT you – which also means HE CARES for you!
- Promise to HELP you – which tells us that HE WATCHES you!
- Promise to SUPPORT you – which tells us that HEAVEN has your back
- Promise to REMEMBER all you do – which tells us HE PAYS Attention.
- Promise to FAVOR YOU – which is a great way to live this life!
- Promise to GIFT YOU with dreams – which tells us YOUR FUTURE matters

- Promise to FULFILL YOUR desires – which tells us He is FAITHFUL.

II. We Can Trust God in 2021

Read the following passage: **Psalms 20:6-9**

- Do you really have all your trust in God, what are you holding back from God, and why are you afraid of giving him trust in this area?
- What is the difference between putting your trust in something and putting value into something?
 - Do you find yourself putting trust in things we should value instead?

Act On It

Encourage: When God makes a promise, He keeps it! We can trust Him to do everything He says He will do. People will fail you, money will fail you, the government will fail you, but God will NEVER fail!! God is for you, not against you, no matter the circumstances you face.

Ask: Ask God, by His Holy Spirit, to remind you of His promises. Ask Him to reveal the areas of your life that you don't take delight in Him. Ask God to help you lay aside selfishness and pride, take action to delight in Him, and walk in obedience.

Challenge: I want to challenge you as we start this new year:

- Establish a NEW or INCREASED Commitment of Prayer and Bible Study
- Establish a NEW or INCREASED Commitment of Serving Others
–Dream Team, missions, etc.

- Establish a NEW or INCREASED Commitment to DOING LIFE with others in a SMALL GROUP
- Establish a NEW or INCREASED Commitment to Giving generously – Tithes and Offerings.

Prayer Request and Prayer

Heavenly Father, we thank you for not only being a promise maker, but a promise keeper. Take our eyes off of the frail, feeble things of this world. Shift our focus back on you, and your unfailing word. Renew our hearts, so that we delight in you, above anything else in this world. Help us to shine the light of Christ in a world desperate for hope. In Jesus name, we pray, amen!