

I have outlined a few things which are promises: Marriage, Children, Life purpose, calling, work, ministry. All these are God-ordained promises to us. God has sanctioned and blessed for us to have all these things in life, as He is the provider of these promises.

However, sometimes, we see a 'reality' that is not consistent with a godly promise. What is perfect, purposeful and edifying results, in cold-wars, arguments, rebellion, hurtfulness, disillusionment and fear.

Perhaps 'why' isn't the right question to ask, but 'how'. Will we live our lives in light of what has been promised?

At times, we feel that we have given all we have to give. All our will-power, all our tactfulness. And still things are not in our favour.

Our first comfort should be, God knows our hearts. "But I, the LORD, search all hearts and examine secret motives. I give all people their due rewards, according to what their actions deserve." Jeremiah 17:10

### 1. Trust God

It may be obvious to some. But it will no longer be obvious to me any longer. The fact is, our faith in God, needs a constant stock take. Checking, and releasing our trust to God. It should be the first sigh, that from us, when struggles come our way. A surrender of trust to God alone.

### 2. Agree with your accuser!

When we are flustered, or when things are not correct. When we seem to be under 'attack'. We should look inward, before we judge outwardly. The best way to do this, is allow God to be our judge. We sing many songs that speak of deferring God's judgement. Where on the other hand it is David who readily asked God for His perfect judgement. Jesus not only defends us from the attacks of the devil, but He is also the perfect judge over our lives. This cannot come by glossing over our flaws, but identifying the areas in our lives that need work. That requires getting real.

### 3. Removing insecurities

It is a walk, a race of endurance. It's not easy and never a quick fix. But God promises us joy and comfort as we journey. Be willing to change -

- Read your bible - Be transformed in our minds, soften our hearts
- Watch our attitudes - be wary of the dismissive attitudes, the things we quickly gloss over. They are usually the start of a huge blind spot in our life.
- Being our best selves doesn't come from just positive thinking, or filling our lives with meaningful distractions like good food and travel. Start with soul searching - the spirit of man is the lamp of the LORD, searching all his innermost parts. Prov 20:27

There is surrender, in surrendering. There are many things, we need to let go of, before we can truly 'let go and let God'. So, "And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified." (Romans 8:30) This is the promise. God knowing full well, of everything, has called you and led you into all this so far. He also promised, and already has justified you - made you right - that we can receive all the blessings, and be judged by Him, through the sacrifice of Jesus. His promise is also to glorify you, bringing every good promise to its fulfilled purpose.

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