

Reflections

Gen 28:15 Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have spoken to you.

2Thes 3:3 But the Lord is faithful, who shall establish you and keep you from evil.

1Chr 28:20 Be strong and of good courage and do it: fear not, nor be dismayed: for the Lord God, even my God, will be with you; he will not fail you, nor forsake you

1John 5:14 "Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us."

Jeremiah 29:11 For I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.

"Thou shalt be secure, because there is hope" (Job 11:18).

"When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned" (Isaiah 43:2, 3).

"And the LORD shall guide thee continually" (Isaiah 58:11)

PROMISE: a verb, a vow, a pledge, an assurance that something will be done or not done, a promise, something you can believe in, something you can hold on to, a guarantee, an agreement.

Please allow me to divert this week from the "100 Ways to Simplify Your Life" book by Joyce Meyer.

This week the word PROMISE has been on my mind, a lot. Promise is a word that I have issues with. I am a person that when I make a promise, you can take it to the bank. You can believe whatever the promise is about. However, what about the opposite of promise? A lie, to deny, unaffirm, hopelessness, a threat. What a disappointment, frustration, a defeat. A broken promise is hard to swallow, it was something you were counting on, you depended on, you believed in, only to have the carpet pulled out from under your feet.

Saturday evening I attended the Proclamation Gospel Choir concert, here at Kankakee First Nazarene. I was so impressed, the message those young people were singing and testifying about. The PROMISES of God, like those examples at the beginning of this letter. Promises that we can rely on, the truth, no lies, it's truth we can hang on to, and take to the bank. God's vow, His pledge, His guarantee.

Man may disappoint us, frustrate us or make us feel defeated and lied to, BUT take this to the bank....God Never Will!

"Standing on the Promises of Christ My King,
Thro eternal ages let His praises ring
Glory in the Highest, I will shout and sing,
Standing on the Promises of God"
Standing on the Promises that cannot fail,
When the howling storms of doubt and fear
assail,
By the Living Word of God, I shall prevail,
Standing on the Promises of God."

Cheap Tip: How many times have you hung your dress pants, only to have them slip out of the hanger and land on the floor. Wrap a rubber band numerous times around the corners of the hanger. The band will help grab the material and secure it against the hanger.

Speaking of hangers.....Thursday Nov 17 we will meet in the front parking lot of the church to car-pool to the Dressbarn in Orlando for an evening of private shopping. You are under NO OBLIGATION to buy anything. You can try on new fashions and ask your girlfriends if it makes your booty look big, and you'll get an honest answer!!! We'll stop for a snack on the way home.

Let us remember our sisters in Christ that are going thru difficult walks in their lives:

Marsha Dubbert in preparing to send her husband Gary off to heaven

Helen Jarnagin with the end-of-life care of husband John

Dena Reddick as a nurse/wife with a husband preparing for Chemo therapy

Christmas Tea

Christmas Tea Tickets are now on sale at the Welcome Counter at the church. A \$5.00 ticket will provide you with a light meal, music, caroling, entertainment and meet new women. A special time to invite your female friends. Our tea will be December 1 at 7:00 pm in the Family Life Center.

4 Ingredient Recipe

Party Mints

1 (8oz) softened cream cheese	2 (16oz powdered sugar)
1 tsp of peppermint flavoring	Food coloring

Cream together cream cheese and powdered sugar. Add flavoring and coloring.

Form this stiff mixture into small balls and place on wax paper. Flatten each ball with the bottom of a glass. Dust with sugar as desired.

Don't forget, Our recipes are designed specifically to fit into a typical 3 x 5 inch recipe box. Simply print on card stock and cut out.