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VHG DISCUSSION: THE JOURNEY – PART 3

GOD & PROMISE

Summary:
God & Promise reminds us that with God *"the end is always better than the beginning"* [Ecc. 7:8]. It is to be noted that God's promises are connected to His covenants [Heb. 6:13-15]. In fact, from Adam to Jesus, God's promises are found in His covenants. The Lord is covenantal in His dealings with humanity, and because He never breaks covenant, we can be assured that His promises are "yea and amen*"* [2 Cor. 1:19-20]. Promise is what the journey points to, and to be clear, promise is where abundant living begins. The journey from Egypt through the wilderness was never optimal living; instead, water from rocks, manna from above, and quail from the sky were daily provisions on the way to abundant life! Our enemy isn't after daily provisions; he is after the promise. Seeking to counter God in a dark way, the devil fights the end from the beginning with the goal that believers never arrive at destiny, in the now and in the hereafter. Through belief in the unshakeable promises of God, and following the leader as he follows the cloud, Israel would secure the promise [2 Chron. 20:20]. As they believed God and followed Moses as he followed the cloud [Num. 9:23], we too must emulate this principle. Let's discuss how we can move beyond talking about God's promises to accessing His promises.

Discussion Questions:

- According to Scripture, God works His promises through His covenants, ensuring that what He has promised He will surely bring to pass [Heb. 6:16-18]. Throughout biblical history, God has always taken His promises [or vision] and deposited them in chosen individuals who are, in fact, gifts to humanity. Discuss some practical ways in which we can receive the deposit that is within our leader as a means of sharing in the promise that God has given. What role does honour for the leader play in following him as he follows the Lord?

- **The Heart Conclusion** – It is the heart of our Senior Pastor that all of God's people would receive the spirit of their leader in a similar manner as the spirit of

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Moses was placed upon the seventy elders of Israel, ensuring a collective sharing in the vision and promises of God [Num. 11:17].

- According to Scripture, patience, which can be described as faithfulness over an extended period of time, reveals three things: what is in God [Hab. 2:3]; what is in me, [Deut. 8:2]; and what is in others, [2 Tim. 4:10-11]. Share with others what patience has taught you about yourself, what it may have shown you about others, and, above all, what it has taught you about God. Would you say that waiting on God has made you a better person or has it made you bitter at times? If so, how can we avoid becoming bitter while we wait on God?

- **The Heart Conclusion** – It is the heart of our Senior Pastor that all of God's people become better people because of the journey, no matter how challenging the path. May the road and the lessons we learn along the way shape and fashion us into the perfect image of Jesus Christ.

Call To Action: Calling The House Of Rhema Into The Promises Of God, [Josh. 21:45].

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