

“Blessed is she who has believed that the Lord would fulfil his promises to her!” Luke 1:45 (NIV)

Last night at one of my churches we were studying Chapter 1 of the book of Luke and this verse is the one that really spoke to me. I've been personally struggling with some things I believe God has promised to fulfil in my life and are yet to happen. For 7 or 8 years some of these things I have prayed for and yet they still have not come to pass. I struggle many days to keep believing that God is a God who keeps His promises and have found that I have had to choose to keep believing in the goodness of God. This may sound heretical but there are times when our humanity makes us impatient and we feel we can no longer cope with waiting for what God has promised us...especially when we see others around us getting what we have been asking for. In Psalm 119:30 we see that the Psalmist chose to be faithful to God. But God keeps His promises.

This verse shows that God is a God of promises. Both Elizabeth and Mary are having impossible children. God may not have promised you a child. Your promise could just be as seemingly simple as getting a job, opening a business, getting your first sale. It took about 2 years for me to get my first online sale on Fellowship Crafts. I'd had in person sales, but the website launched after the in person business closed due to Covid-19 restrictions. Take heart. I'm still believing after 7 or 8 years that that promise will be fulfilled and after praying for a sale on my website for nearly 2 years, fully believing that Fellowship Crafts had some items on it that others wanted to enhance their faith journey, I had my first online sale. This is a small thing in the grand scheme of things but gives a practical example of why, if we truly believe what we are doing is our calling - or a part of our calling - that when God's time has arrived He will send a sale in your direction, or a job, or whatever it may be.

My plea to you this day, and every day, is to never forget the promises God has already kept and prayers He has already answered. It will help you, and me, to remain faithful when it starts feeling impossible to keep believing.

Pray

Father, you always keep your promises. They may not necessarily be in our timing, but they are always fulfilled in your timing. Please help us in our times of waiting, whether that's hours, days, weeks, months or years, to remember the times you've already been good to us. Please help us to be faithful to you through it all. We know we are weak and ask for your strength in these wilderness times and for forgiveness for falling short and getting angry with you for not bowing to our selfish desires and impatience. Amen.