



Scripture: Numbers 23:19, Hebrews 10:23, John 14:2–3

Hey friends, I'm glad you're here! Seriously. Whether you came in fired up to worship or dragged yourself in with barely enough energy to stay awake, I believe God has something for you tonight.

Let me take you back for a second. Think about being a little kid. Do you remember making pinky promises? You know what I'm talking about, right? Two people hook their pinkies together, lock eyes, and say: "Pinky promise." And somehow, that made it official. Like, break this promise and our friendship might be over forever. It was the most sacred deal a seven-year-old can make.

For some reason, pinky promises always felt like a bigger deal than just saying, "I promise." They had this extra weight to them. It was like we believed breaking one would *literally* ruin our honor.

Let me ask you this, have you ever broken a promise? Maybe you forgot. Maybe some circumstances changed. Maybe you never intended to keep it in the first place. But what happens when we don't keep our promises? [\[Take a minute to listen to responses and hear what students say.\]](#)

Broken promises lead to broken trust.

Now, let's flip the script. If something as small as a pinky promise feels that serious to us, how much more should we value the promises of the God who created everything? Tonight, we are going to talk about something that can feel hard to do: trust. More specifically, we're asking this: can we trust the promises of God?

We're going to look at what God has promised, how He followed through, and why that matters for your life right now. Because if God really does keep every promise He makes, it changes everything.

Let's pray together before we dive in.

[Feel free to pray these words or your own] “God, would You help us see You clearly? Some of us have been hurt by broken promises. Some of us are struggling to trust. Speak to our hearts through Your Word. Show us who You are. We’re listening. In Jesus’ Name, amen.”

Alright, grab your Bibles and turn to **Numbers 23:19 (NIV)**. This verse is going to be our anchor tonight. It’s one sentence that says so much about who God is.

*“God is not human, that He should lie,
not a human being, that He should change His mind.
Does He speak and then not act?
Does He promise and not fulfill?”*

And here’s what makes this verse even more powerful: it wasn’t spoken in a calm, peaceful moment of worship. It came from a wild situation where someone was literally trying to get God to go back on His word.

A king named Balak hired a man named Balaam to curse the people of Israel. But every time Balaam opened his mouth, God gave him blessings to speak instead. Balaam couldn’t change the message, because God wasn’t going to change His mind. Even through the voice of someone who didn’t follow Him, God made it clear: *“I don’t lie. I don’t flip-flop. I do what I say I’m going to do.”* That’s the kind of faithfulness we’re anchoring to tonight.

Let’s sit with this for a second.

“God is not human...” That alone is huge. We mess up. We forget things. We change our minds. We say stuff we don’t mean. We flake. Sometimes we don’t even realize how often we let people down. But God is not like us.

He doesn’t lie. When He speaks, He acts. When He makes a promise, He keeps it.

Let me ask you something: who is harder to trust, someone who always shows up, or someone who constantly flakes? [Take some responses from students.]

Exactly. It's hard to trust someone who's all over the place. But the more someone proves they're dependable, the more our trust grows. Now think about this: God has a perfect track record.

Did you know there are over 300 prophecies in the Old Testament about the coming of Jesus, and every single one was fulfilled?

Here are only a few examples. Jesus was...

- Born in Bethlehem (Micah 5:2 → Matthew 2:1)
- Betrayed for 30 pieces of silver (Zechariah 11:12–13 → Matthew 26:14–16)
- Crucified with criminals (Isaiah 53:12 → Mark 15:27–28)
- Raised from the dead (Psalm 16:10 → Acts 2:31)

These weren't vague guesses. They were specific details written hundreds of years before Jesus was born, but that is not all.

- God promised Abraham: "I will make you into a great nation." (Genesis 12:2–3). Even though Abraham had no kids at the time. The promise came true.
- He promised the Israelites they'd return from exile (Jeremiah 29:10). They did.
- He promised to pour out His Spirit (Joel 2:28–29). And boom—Pentecost (Acts 2).

This is crazy. All these things came to be. Now you might be thinking, well, those are just coincidences. They could have just happened! That would be ridiculously unlikely. How many of you have heard of probability? There is a professor named Peter Stoner who once calculated the chances of just eight of those Messianic prophecies coming true in one person. The answer was 1 in 100,000,000,000,000,000. That's 1 in 100 quadrillion.

To help us picture that, he said imagine covering the whole state of Texas in silver dollars, knee-deep. Then mark one coin with a red X, blindfold someone, and let them wander around the state. The chance of them picking the marked coin on the first try? That's the chance of one person randomly fulfilling just eight prophecies. And Jesus fulfilled over 300.

This further proves that when God makes a promise, He keeps it. Always. His promises aren't wishful thinking. They're facts waiting to happen.

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