

# GOD'S PROMISE...MY COMPROMISES

GENESIS 20-GENESIS 21

PARTICIPANT NOTES

*Compromise: accept standards that are lower than what **God desires for us***

1. God's **PROMISES** not my **COMPROMISES**

*1 Corinthians 10:13 No trial has overtaken you that is not faced by others. And God is faithful: He will not let you be tried beyond what you are able to bear, but with the trial will also provide a way out so that you may be able to endure it.*

## **Pattern of Compromise:**

**SITUATION** → **FEAR/DISCOMFORT** → **UNBELIEF/LACK OF FAITH** →  
**COMPROMISE**

2. God is **FAITHFUL** even in our **FAITHLESSNESS AND FAILURE.**

3. God's Promise is **A PLAN OF RESTORATION.**

**God is with you:** "It is the Lord your God who goes with you. He will not leave you or forsake you." (Deuteronomy 31:6)

**God will meet all your needs:** "My God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 4:19)

**With God, you don't have to be afraid:** "Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand." (Isaiah 41:10)

**God has plans for you:** 'For I know the plans I have for you', declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Jeremiah 29:11

**God will accomplish His will:** The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me. Psalm 138:8

### **Discussion Questions:**

*What big ideas/understandings will you take with you after reading Genesis 20 & 21 and listening to today's message? What reflections do you have? What connections did you make?*

*What promises does God want to remind you of? What promises of God do you stand on in difficult times? In good times? How can you use God's word to prepare you to stand in His truth and not compromise during the trials your life?*

*Discuss the flaw in the doctrine that Christians can be above temptation and failure in their lives. How does a belief in this create challenges in our own lives and the lives of our fellow Christians? What does God say about our temptation/failure and His promises to us? What should be our response/thoughts in trials of temptation and failure?*

*Discuss: God does not place us in situations where we must sin, WE CHOOSE TO SIN. It is not the TRIAL but the CHOICE that is our downfall. What does this mean to you?*

Genesis 20 shows us how Abraham's failures brought God to Gerar and King Abimelech. How can the realness of our testimony be a powerful catalyst to bring people to Christ?