The Promise Keeping God. April 30, 2023 Our God is a promise keeping God. We believe this rationally, "Jesus Is Better" but do we believe it the way God's people in His word believe it? It was their bedrock when times were hard. It was their "Better Is One Day" unshakable truth when life was confusing. It is an essential part "His Name Is of stepping out in faith. God keeps His promises! Wonderful" 203 Scripture(s): Romans 11:25-32 * Pastoral Prayer & Time in Remember this - We step out in faith when we truly believe God the Word * keeps His _____. "The Way of the Cross" 151 I. The first profound truth about God's promise keeping is God's promises are fulfilled in ways beyond our imaginations. We must look at our life through the lens of God's promises rather than our Romans 8:5-8 5 For those who are according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who are according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit. 6 For the mind set on the flesh is death, but the mind set on the Spirit is life and peace, 7 because the mind set on the flesh is hostile toward God; for it does not subject itself to the law of God, for it is not even able to do so, 8 and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. II. The second profound truth about God's promise keeping is God's clear promises are ______ not wishes. God's promises are not based upon our success or failure. They are promises! 2 Corinthians 7:1, 5 1 Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all defilement of flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God... 5 For even when we came into Macedonia our flesh had no rest, but we were afflicted on every side: conflicts without, fears within. III. The third profound truth about God's promise keeping is God is supremely more than we understand. We need an endurance as we trust God that leans His trustworthy and grace-filled character. Matthew 7:3-4 3 Why do you look at the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? 4 Or how can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,'

and behold, the log is in your own eye?

Matthew 6:9-15 9 "Pray, then, in this way: 'Our Father who is in heaven, Hallowed be Your name... 12 'And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors... 14 For if you forgive others for their transgressions, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. 15 But if you do not forgive others, then your Father will not forgive your transgressions.

Matthew 18:21-22 21 Then Peter came and said to Him, "Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me and I forgive him? Up to seven times?" 22 Jesus *said to him, "I do not say to you, up to seven times, but up to seventy times seven.

Our challenge: Respond to God's invitation to live in by truly trusting the character of God.

- 1. Do you know this God you claim to ______? Ask one of His clear followers if you don't.
- 2. What invitation have you said yes to recently? Has it been a long time?
- 3. Do you live your life in the cynicism of the flesh or the profound of the Spirit?