

Sunday AM Sermon – January 31, 2021

Family Roots: Keeping Vows

1 Samuel 1:10-22



It's a beautiful scene. Young lovers looking into each other's eyes and promising to support and stay together through anything and everything that life can dish out. Why is that vow and all the other vows that go with families so important?



1. Mark the number of times you hear these words:

Promise(s) –

Vow(s) –

Commitment(s) –

2. Define and describe vows and sacred promises.

3. When is a bad time to make a vow?

4. Lesson one: Vows are the _____ of _____ _____ to God and other people

5. What were the circumstances of Hannah's vow?

6. Lesson two: Vows need to be in line with _____ _____

7. What were the circumstances of Jephthah's vow?

8. What are some questions we need to ask when making vows?

9. Lesson three: Vows should be made _____ and _____, not _____

10. What happened with Jephthah's vow?

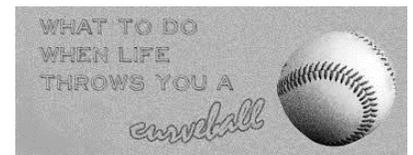
11. Lesson four: God doesn't _____ vows just because they _____ us

12. Why was God ignoring the worship in Israel (Malachi 2:14)?

13. Lesson five: In a world where words don't seem to matter much, be ready to be considered _____ for keeping your vows

14. What is to be our reaction when life throws us a curve ball?

15. What does it mean that God is a Promise Keeper?



Faith Talk, Faith Walk

Spend time with family or friends (maybe over a meal or during a family devotional) discussing the following related to the sermon

Faith Talk: What implied or explicit vows do you recognize within families? Talk about them.

Faith Walk: Be a person of your word, a promise keeper, even when keeping promises is really tough.

If you are here and have been touched or convicted by something said or done today we would love to study the Bible with you and introduce you more fully to our Savior, Jesus Christ. Just call the church office at 795-4377 and we will set something up. God bless you!

Next Sunday AM Sermon – Family Roots: Coping with Crises (Job 1:1-5)

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Discussion Starter Questions
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1. People often make vows without considering their true nature. What is a vow and what makes them so significant?
2. “But you said ...” is often the response we hear when we fail to keep our promises. How does failing to keep promises affect our relationships?
3. What made Hannah’s vow to God so remarkable?
4. Impulsive vows are foolish and dangerous, as Jephthah discovered. How should we go about making necessary vows?
5. How does God treat vows that require something of us or cost us?
6. God is a Promise Maker and a Promise Keeper. In your own words, what does that mean for your life?