

# Going Deeper

Your weekly guide to understanding God with others

## You Promised - Part 2

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### Introduction

The first initiative is always with God. He saves us from the grip of sin and promises He will keep us firm to the end. We know He is faithful, even when we fall short and are influenced by experiences, people and circumstances. How can we be faithful to the end, where we can confidently say (with Paul) that we have “fought the good fight, finished the race, and remained faithful”?

**Read:** John 10:28-29, 1 Corinthians 1:8-9, Philippians 1:6

1. First initiative is always with God, and our part is to respond. Can you remember your first experience in responding to God? How was it?
2. Based on the three main readings above, what are the promises that God has for us? Is it possible for these truths to cause some hearts to struggle? Why?
3. Read Hebrews 3:12-13. In what ways have you seen someone turn away from the living God? How can we encourage each other to stay faithful to God?
4. Who do you allow to speak into your life? Whose life do you speak into?
5. Pastor Dale teaches that patient endurance is fostered by being honest with God about our doubts, fears and failures. Do you find it easy or hard to be honest in front of God? How can we make being honest with God into a spiritual habit or a lifestyle?
6. Is there anything else we could be doing as a group in order to keep one another accountable and on track spiritually?

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**Respond**

Most of us already have too many things on our plate each week, such as work commitments, relationships, Life Group, other social groups (friends, sports, church, etc), to name a few. However, in your engagement with the promises of God, it is important to make space for God's timing and His agenda. What is one thing you can carve out this week so you can prioritise God?