

Never Stop Believing

God's commands cannot be grasped apart from His gracious promises. When we fail to appropriate the greater grace of God to fulfill His will, we open the door to tolerating unbelief, which is unacceptable to God.

When we choose to believe them, God's promises compel us to respond toward the Lord's commands in love and faithful obedience. His promises have the ability to enable us to "press on." Jim Cymbala wrote: "It is not in the nature of the 'Thou shalt's' and 'Thou shalt not's' to draw help from God. It is the ministry of His gracious promises to do that."

Placing our faith in circumstances rather than in God's promises puts us at risk of rebellion, for if we don't believe Him, we won't obey Him.

READ: Num. 14:1-38; Josh. 23:1-16; Rom. 1:16-17; Rom. 4:13-25; Heb. 3:12-19; Heb. 11:1-12.

HEART ISSUE: Faith in the promises of God brings about an attitude of heart that willingly obeys Him. Disobedience isn't just about breaking God's commands. It also means forfeiting His promises.

PRAYER FOCUS: Father, thank You for revealing to us the place of Your promises. Help our unbelief, Lord. Forgive us and correct our faulty thinking and wrong attitudes toward You. Reveal Yourself to each one. Make known to us the truth of Your Word and the abundant life You've promised to those who love You. Amen.

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