

“Making Promises?”

I. The Weakness of Our Promises.

1. Peter was sincere when he made his promise. **Matthew 26:33-35**
2. The law of sin inside of us causes us to do what we don't want to do. **Romans 7:18-24**

“Your promises and resolutions are like ropes of sand. You cannot control your thoughts, your impulses, your affections. The knowledge of your broken promises and forfeited pledges weakens your confidence in your own sincerity, and causes you to feel that God cannot accept you; but you need not despair. What you need to understand is the true force of the will....You cannot change your heart, you cannot of yourself give to God its affections; but you can choose to serve Him. You can give Him your will.” *Steps to Christ, page 47*

II. Our Choice + the Power of God's Promises

1. Before anything can happen, we need heart surgery. **Ezekiel 36:26 & 27**
2. The life changing power of the New Covenant Promise. **Hebrews 8:6-10**
3. The communion “wine” is the blood of the New Testament or Covenant. **Matthew 26:27 & 28**
4. God has promised to keep us from falling and to present us faultless before His throne. **Jude 24**
5. A=Ask, B=Believe, and C=Claim the promise.
6. This New Year let us concentrate on the precious promises of God so that we can be changed into His divine nature. **2 Peter 1:4**