

# God Always Remembers, and Keeps, His Promises (1/1/23)

**Main Verses:** Exodus 32:13-14

**Key Verse:** Exodus 32:13

**'Takeaway':** The fact that God will always remember his promises means we will always receive his grace when we belong to Jesus.



**Getting Started:** Have you ever tried to “help” (or grown impatient with) your parents when they’ve promised you something?

**READ:** Exodus 32:13-14 (or have older kids help read).

Some **QUESTIONS** to consider:

Toddler/PreK:

- Moses is asking God to remember his people and his promise to them. Why is Moses doing this?
- Does God remember (and keep) his promises?
- What is God’s promise to us when we belong to Jesus?

Elementary:

- What do you know about the Golden Calf? Who told Moses about it? What was Moses’ initial reaction to it? (vs 9-14) Why did the people of Israel make it?
- What was God’s response to the people’s idolatry?
- Moses reminds God about his promises—did God forget?
- What does God promise to us when we belong to Jesus?

Here are some **IMPORTANT IDEAS** we discover in these verses :

Toddler/PreK:

- God tells Moses about the people making the Golden Calf which gives Moses the opportunity to pray for them.
- Moses reminds God of His promises when he asks God to be merciful on His people.
- God didn't need Moses to remind Him of His promises, but instead He gave Moses the opportunity to remember and use God's promises in his prayers for the people.
- God promises that those who belong to Jesus will be with him forever.
- God always remembers, and keeps, his promises.

Elementary:

- God tells Moses about the Golden Calf, which gives Moses the opportunity to pray for the people.
- God didn't need Moses to remind Him of His promises, but instead gave Moses the opportunity to remember and use those promises in his prayers for the people.
- Moses' reminding God of His own words in his plea for mercy shows the victory the LORD had won in Moses' heart.
- God always remembers, and keeps, his promises. **ALWAYS.**
- When we belong to Jesus, by **believing** him about the depths of our sin and the vastness of his grace, and by **surrendering** to him as King of our lives, we will be with God forever.
- When we belong to Jesus, God provides the grace we need to love and follow him every moment of every day.

An **ENCOURAGEMENT** in light of God's word:

(Toddler/PreK) Talk to God. Thank him for his Word which helps us learn more about him. Thank him for being a great God who **always** keeps his promises. Thank God that thru faith in Jesus we can know God, experience his grace, and live with him forever.

(Elementary) Talk to God. Thank him for his Word. Ask God to show you any idols (Golden Calves) you may have in your life that keep you from following him with your whole heart. Thank God for keeping his promises, & for making a way for us to know him through faith in Jesus. Think about your relationship to God, & what you believe about Jesus. **Admit** you are guilty of living a me-centered life instead of a God-centered one. **Believe** that Jesus is your **only** hope for forgiveness, freedom, & forever with God. With your whole heart and being, **commit** yourself to following Jesus’ loving leadership. If you pray this, or have questions about what it means, talk to a trusted adult in your life about it.