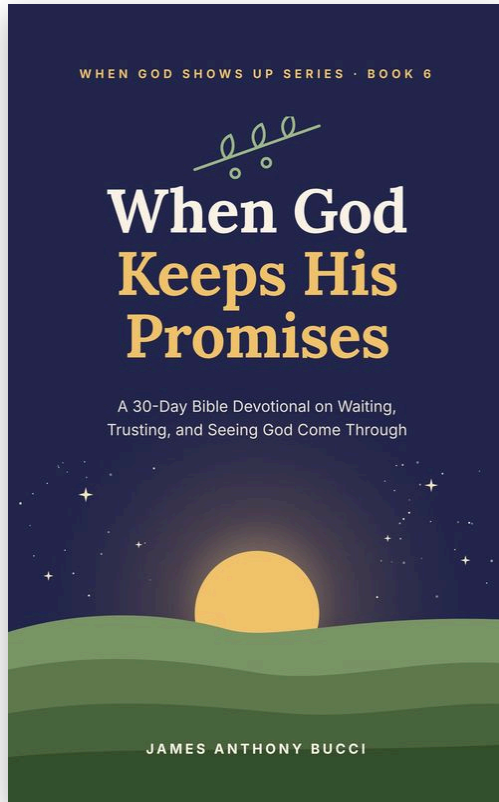


**SMALL-GROUP LEADER GUIDE**

# When God Keeps His Promises

Book 6 of the When God Shows Up series



Six weekly sessions for churches, home groups, and friends  
reading the 30-day devotional together

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# How to use this guide

The book has 30 days. This guide splits them into **six weekly sessions of five days** each. Group members read one day at a time on their own, then meet once a week to talk about what they read.

Each session takes about 45 to 60 minutes and follows the same simple pattern:

- **Open** (5 minutes): one easy question to get everyone talking.
- **Review the week** (5 minutes): name the five stories. Ask someone to retell one in their own words.
- **Read together** (5 minutes): read the key verse aloud, then the full passage if you have time.
- **Talk about it** (25 to 35 minutes): pick the questions that fit your group. You won't get to all of them, and that's fine.
- **Live it and pray** (10 minutes): a simple challenge for the week, then close in prayer.

## TIPS FOR LEADERS

- You don't need to be a Bible teacher. Your job is to ask good questions and let people talk.
- Let silence happen. People often need a few seconds to think.
- Never pressure anyone to share. Some of these questions are personal.
- If someone hasn't done the reading, they're still welcome. The stories are short enough to read together.
- Every story points to a King James passage. Encourage people to read the passage itself, not just the retelling.

The questions in this guide come from the journal prompts in the book, so group members will have already thought about them during the week.

# Week 1

## OPEN

Which story this week surprised you the most, and why?

## REVIEW THE WEEK

**Day 1: Count the Stars** (Genesis 15:1–6)

**Day 2: God Remembered Noah** (Genesis 7:1–8:1)

**Day 3: The Servant at the Well** (Genesis 24:1–27)

**Day 4: Room at Last** (Genesis 26:12–25)

**Day 5: Back to Bethel** (Genesis 35:1–15)

## READ TOGETHER

*“And he brought him forth abroad, and said, Look now toward heaven, and tell the stars, if thou be able to number them: and he said unto him, So shall thy seed be.”*

Genesis 15:5 (KJV)

## TALK ABOUT IT

### Day 1: Count the Stars

1. Is there something you’ve been waiting on God for, for a long time?
2. What helps you remember God’s faithfulness when the promise seems impossible?

### Day 2: God Remembered Noah

1. Have you ever felt shut in, waiting for something to change?
2. What does it mean to you that God “remembered” Noah?

### Day 3: The Servant at the Well

1. Is there something specific you could ask God for today?
2. How have you seen God lead you while you were “on the way”?

#### **Day 4: Room at Last**

1. Have you had something you worked hard for taken or fought over?
2. Is there a situation where you need to “move on and dig again”?

#### **Day 5: Back to Bethel**

1. Where is your “Bethel,” a place or time when you first met God?
2. Looking back, how has God been with you “in the way which you went”?

### **LIVE IT**

Pick one story from this week and tell it to someone in your own words before you meet again.

### **PRAY**

Close by praying together, or let the leader pray this prayer from Day 5:

*Lord, You have answered me in my distress and been with me on every road I've traveled, even the wrong ones. I want to go back to where I first met You. Show me what I need to put away, and receive my thanks. Amen.*

## Week 2

### OPEN

Which person in this week's stories did you relate to most?

### REVIEW THE WEEK

**Day 6: Carry My Bones** (Genesis 50:22–26; Exodus 13:19; Joshua 24:32)

**Day 7: The Selfsame Day** (Exodus 12:31–42)

**Day 8: Cloud by Day, Fire by Night** (Exodus 13:17–22)

**Day 9: Look and Live** (Numbers 21:4–9)

**Day 10: From the Top of Pisgah** (Deuteronomy 34:1–12)

### READ TOGETHER

*“And Joseph said unto his brethren, I die: and God will surely visit you, and bring you out of this land unto the land which he sware to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.”*

Genesis 50:24 (KJV)

### TALK ABOUT IT

#### Day 6: Carry My Bones

1. Is there a promise of God you may not see fulfilled in your lifetime?
2. How could your faith today encourage the generations after you?

#### Day 7: The Selfsame Day

1. How long have you been waiting for something from God?
2. How does it encourage you that God kept His promise to “the selfsame day”?

#### Day 8: Cloud by Day, Fire by Night

1. Are you on a “long road” right now? Could God be protecting you on it?
2. How has God guided you in the past?

### **Day 9: Look and Live**

1. Have you been complaining about something God has actually provided?
2. What “bite” in your life needs God’s healing?

### **Day 10: From the Top of Pisgah**

1. Is there something you hoped for that you may not see in this life?
2. How does it comfort you that God gave Moses a view of the promise?

### **LIVE IT**

Choose one journal question you skipped this week and write out your answer.

### **PRAY**

Close by praying together, or let the leader pray this prayer from Day 10:

*Lord, thank You that Your promises are bigger than my lifetime. Even when I don't get everything I hoped for, let me see Your faithfulness. Give me the joy of knowing that You always keep Your word. Amen.*

## Week 3

### OPEN

Was there a verse this week that stuck with you? Read it aloud to the group.

### REVIEW THE WEEK

**Day 11: Give Me This Mountain** (Joshua 14:6–15)

**Day 12: All Came to Pass** (Joshua 21:43–45)

**Day 13: The Fleece** (Judges 6:36–40)

**Day 14: King at Last** (2 Samuel 5:1–12)

**Day 15: A House Forever** (2 Samuel 7:1–17)

### READ TOGETHER

*“Now therefore give me this mountain, whereof the LORD spake in that day; for thou heardest in that day how the Anakims were there, and that the cities were great and fenced: if so be the LORD will be with me, then I shall be able to drive them out, as the LORD said.”*

Joshua 14:12 (KJV)

### TALK ABOUT IT

**Day 11: Give Me This Mountain**

1. Have other people's choices ever delayed something God had for you?
2. Is there a “mountain” God has promised that you've been afraid to claim?

**Day 12: All Came to Pass**

1. Looking back, what promises of God have you seen come to pass in your life?
2. What part of your “story” feels like the middle right now?

### **Day 13: The Fleece**

1. Is there something God has already made clear that you're still hesitating to act on?
2. How does God's patience with Gideon encourage you?

### **Day 14: King at Last**

1. Have you ever been tempted to take a shortcut toward something God promised?
2. What has God built in you during a long season of waiting?

### **Day 15: A House Forever**

1. Have you ever wanted to "do something great for God"? How did it turn out?
2. How has God "built a house" for you in ways you didn't plan?

## **LIVE IT**

Write this week's key verse on a card and keep it where you'll see it every day.

## **PRAY**

Close by praying together, or let the leader pray this prayer from Day 15:

*Lord, who am I, that You have brought me this far? Thank You that You are the one who builds. Help me serve You out of gratitude, not to earn Your favor. And thank You for Jesus, the King whose throne is forever. Amen.*

## Week 4

### OPEN

Where have you seen God at work in your own life since we last met?

### REVIEW THE WEEK

**Day 16: Not One Word Hath Failed** (1 Kings 8:54–61)

**Day 17: Josiah by Name** (1 Kings 13:1–5; 2 Kings 23:15–16)

**Day 18: The Double Portion** (2 Kings 2:1–15)

**Day 19: The Land Given Back** (2 Kings 8:1–6)

**Day 20: A Letter to the Exiles** (Jeremiah 29:1–14)

### READ TOGETHER

*“Blessed be the LORD, that hath given rest unto his people Israel, according to all that he promised: there hath not failed one word of all his good promise, which he promised by the hand of Moses his servant.”*

1 Kings 8:56 (KJV)

### TALK ABOUT IT

**Day 16: Not One Word Hath Failed**

1. How have you seen God’s faithfulness to the generations before you?
2. What would you write if you made your own list of God’s kept promises?

**Day 17: Josiah by Name**

1. How does it change your outlook to know God isn’t guessing about the future?
2. Is there something you’ve stopped believing because so much time has passed?

### **Day 18: The Double Portion**

1. Is there somewhere you're tempted to "stay behind" instead of pressing on?
2. Who has been an Elijah in your life, someone whose faith you want to carry on?

### **Day 19: The Land Given Back**

1. Have you ever given something up to obey God?
2. Have you seen God arrange "perfect timing" in your life?

### **Day 20: A Letter to the Exiles**

1. Are you in a season that feels like "exile"?
2. What would it look like to "build and plant" where you are right now?

## **LIVE IT**

Pray for one person in the group by name every day this week.

## **PRAY**

Close by praying together, or let the leader pray this prayer from Day 20:

*Lord, thank You that Your thoughts toward me are peace, not evil. When my season is longer than I hoped, help me live faithfully where I am. Help me seek You with all my heart, knowing that I will find You. Amen.*

## Week 5

### OPEN

Which of this week's stories would you most want to tell a friend who doesn't read the Bible?

### REVIEW THE WEEK

**Day 21: The Day of Small Things** (Zechariah 4:1-10; Ezra 6:14-16)

**Day 22: Out of Bethlehem** (Micah 5:2; Luke 2:1-7)

**Day 23: Simeon's Long Wait** (Luke 2:25-35)

**Day 24: Anna** (Luke 2:36-38)

**Day 25: Thy Son Liveth** (John 4:46-54)

### READ TOGETHER

*"The hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundation of this house; his hands shall also finish it; and thou shalt know that the LORD of hosts hath sent me unto you."*

Zechariah 4:9 (KJV)

### TALK ABOUT IT

**Day 21: The Day of Small Things**

1. Is there something God started in your life that has stalled?
2. Have you been discouraged because something looks small?

**Day 22: Out of Bethlehem**

1. Has your life ever been disrupted by circumstances beyond your control?
2. How might God be working through those circumstances?

**Day 23: Simeon's Long Wait**

1. What have you been waiting for, like Simeon?
2. Have you ever missed God's answer because it didn't look the way you expected?

### **Day 24: Anna**

1. Has your life taken a turn you didn't choose?
2. What would faithfulness look like in your ordinary days right now?

### **Day 25: Thy Son Liveth**

1. Is there a promise of God you are "walking home with" right now?
2. What makes it hard to believe without seeing?

## **LIVE IT**

Read one of this week's passages in full from your own Bible, slowly, out loud.

## **PRAY**

Close by praying together, or let the leader pray this prayer from Day 25:

*Lord, I want to see before I believe. Teach me to take You at Your word and walk home in faith. Thank You that Your promises begin working the moment You speak them. Amen.*

## Week 6

### OPEN

Looking back over all 30 days, what is one thing God has been showing you?

### REVIEW THE WEEK

**Day 26: Thy King Cometh** (Zechariah 9:9; Matthew 21:1–11)

**Day 27: I Will Not Leave You Comfortless** (John 14:1–3, 15–18, 25–27)

**Day 28: As He Said** (Luke 24:1–12)

**Day 29: This Same Jesus** (Acts 1:1–11)

**Day 30: Surely I Come Quickly** (Revelation 22:12–21)

### READ TOGETHER

*“Tell ye the daughter of Sion, Behold, thy King cometh unto thee, meek, and sitting upon an ass, and a colt the foal of an ass.”*

Matthew 21:5 (KJV)

### TALK ABOUT IT

**Day 26: Thy King Cometh**

1. How have you expected God to act in a certain way?
2. What does it mean to you that Jesus came as a humble King?

**Day 27: I Will Not Leave You Comfortless**

1. When have you felt “comfortless” or alone?
2. How have you experienced the presence of the Holy Spirit?

**Day 28: As He Said**

1. What has God already told you that you might have forgotten?
2. Where might you be “seeking the living among the dead”?

**Day 29: This Same Jesus**

1. How does Jesus’ promise to return affect the way you live today?
2. Have you been “standing and gazing” when God wants you to act?

### **Day 30: Surely I Come Quickly**

1. Looking back over these 30 days, which story encouraged you the most?
2. Which of God's promises do you most need to hold on to right now?

### **LIVE IT**

Write a short note to God thanking Him for one thing He did during these 30 days.

### **PRAY**

Close by praying together, or let the leader pray this prayer from Day 30:

*Lord Jesus, You are the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. Thank You for keeping every promise You've ever made. I believe You are coming again. Until that day, keep me faithful. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus.*

## After the six weeks

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