

The Thread

WEEK 11- DEVOTION 3

"Moses came and told the people all the words of the Lord and all the rules. And all the people answered with one voice and said, 'All the words that the Lord has spoken we will do.'" - Exodus 24:3

Weddings are great occasions that are filled with food, fun, and fellowship. And yet, amidst all the fanfare, wedding-goers can lose sight of the importance of the marriage promise. Ultimately, a wedding is not about the festivities, but the marriage promise itself.

Read Genesis 24:1-8. Here you'll see God's people making a promise—also called a covenant—with God. This is a defining moment for the people of Israel. They have heard and understood the rules surrounding this promise, and they have committed to obey God and keep their end of the covenant.

Like many of us when we make promises, the people of Israel would fail many times in keeping the promises they made to God. That is why, thousands of years later, God would send His Son, Jesus, to be a sacrifice for the people's failures to follow God. Jesus came as a sacrifice that would forever take away the guilt and penalty for our sins.

When we fail to follow God, like we so often do, we can rest on the fact that our standing before God is based on what Jesus did for us at the cross, rather than our performance for Him. When we commit to following Jesus, we know that God's grace is there for us when we fail. It's the only way we can come into relationship with a perfect God.

Something to think about...

- What are some things that you will not be a part of since you are committed to following God?
- How can you help those around you to see that you have committed yourself to following Jesus?