

**INTRO**

- Share a time when you experienced a broken promise, or someone made good on a promise.

**When God Speaks** revisits key passages from Jeremiah, revealing their continued relevance today. We'll explore how God's Word challenges, refines, and ultimately offers hope for us, inviting us to live faithfully amid cultural pressures.

**READ**

Jeremiah 31:31-34

**REFLECT**

In life, we often encounter agreements, relationships, or promises that don't turn out as expected. But in Jeremiah 31, God makes a promise that stands apart—a covenant that He guarantees.

*Qu: What stood out to you from this passage? What makes this covenant different from previous ones?*

**Covenant** serves as God's primary means of relating to us. It encompasses both law and love as binding elements, much like a marriage. The new covenant mentioned in v. 31 is similar to the old covenants in that God desires to partner with us toward His purposes. However, it is unique in at least three ways. It focuses more on:

- Internal transformation
- A deeper personal relationship with God
- Total forgiveness

*Qu: What does the new covenant tell us about God and how He wants to relate to His people?*

Jesus' death and resurrection is the foundation of the new covenant, with his blood paying the price affording us total forgiveness and access to God. The sending of the Holy Spirit marks and

seals the new covenant, internally transforming us so that we can truly love and obey God. The gospel means an entirely new way of relating to God! (See Lk 22:20, Heb 9:15)

*Qu: How does the good news of God's grace in the new covenant contrast with the promises and paths of other "gospels"? What gospel do you find yourself living by?*

*Qu: "I will remember their sins no more". Are you holding onto any guilt or shame that Jesus has already forgiven? What would it look like to truly live in total forgiveness and freedom?*

The new covenant is not just a doctrine to understand—it's a reality to live in and out of.

Share one step you want to take this week to live in the reality of God's grace offered to you in the new covenant.

**PRAY**

- Thank God for fulfilling His promise and making a way for us to know Him personally.
- Ask for hearts that are transformed, not just externally obedient.
- Pray that anyone struggling with guilt or shame would fully embrace the freedom of forgiveness.
- Pray that each person would experience a real, personal connection with God this week.