The Promises of God: Embracing God's Ways and Thoughts

The Navigator Movement

- Rooted in the Word of God
- Motivated by the promises of God
 - The promises of Isaiah 40-66 are foundational for our Navigator movement
 - Foundational for my own life

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Rooted in the Scriptures, the purposes, and the promises of God

"They are marked by a deep engagement with and obedience to the Scriptures as the Word of God. They believe the promises of God. Both personally and in committed communities, they seek to know and pursue the purposes of God."

Invitation and Promise (Isaiah 55:1-3)

- God's invitation (verses 1-3)
 - God's provision (verse 1)
 - God's audience (verse 1)
 - God's questions (verse 2)
- God's promises (verses 2-3 and 4-5)

God's promises (Isaiah 55:1-3)

- Your soul will delight in the richest of fare
- That your soul may live
- I will make an everlasting covenant with you

Invitation and Promise (Isaiah 55:3b-5)

- God's promise explained (verses 3-4)
 - David...a witness to the peoples
- God's promises applied (verse 5)
 - Surely <u>you</u> will summon nations
- Above human ability or effort (verse 5)
 - Because of the Lord your God
 - For He has endowed you with splendor

Invitation and Promise (Isaiah 55:3b-5)

The current of God's great purposes:

- The promises to Abraham
- The promises to David
- The promises fulfilled through Jesus
- The promises applied to us

Repentance and Revelation (Isaiah 55:6-11)

- Repentance (turning from our ways, our thoughts)
 - Seek...call...forsake...turn.... (verses 6-7)
- Revelation (God's thoughts, God's ways, God's Word)
 - So are My ways higher than your ways...My thoughts than your thoughts (verses 8-9)
 - As the rain...come down from heaven...so is My Word.... (verses 10-11)

The Critical Importance of a Deep Commitment to God's Word (Isa 55:12)

We cannot think rightly about God's purposes without God's Word. It:

- Goes out from my mouth (it is "God- breathed" or "inspired")
- Will not return...empty
- Will accomplish what I desire
- [Will] achieve the purpose for which I sent it

Faith and Transformation Isaiah 55:12-13

The **results** of coming and listening to **God's Word**, of allowing **His thoughts** and **His ways** to control our lives:

- You will go out in joy and be led forth in peace
- The mountains and hills will be cheering
- There will be real transformation of the desert around us
- It will be for the LORD's renown: an eternal impact

