



The Promise of Love

The Highest Love

New Testament = _____

Old Testament = _____

- _____ or _____ love.
- _____ or _____ (Psalm 23:6, 51:1-2)

Scripture: 2 Samuel 9

Background

- God had rejected _____ and anointed _____ as king of Israel.
- David served as a musician in Saul's _____.
- Through his service, he became close friends with Saul's son, _____.
- Saul set out to _____ David.
- Jonathan asked David to swear an _____ to him.

“Show me unfailing kindness (_____) like that of the LORD as long as I live, so that I may not be killed, and do not ever cut off your kindness from my family—not even when the LORD has cut off every one of David's enemies from the face of the earth.” (1 Samuel 20:14)

“Is there anyone still left of the house of Saul to whom I can show kindness (_____) for Jonathan's sake?” (2 Samuel 9:1)

Ziba found _____.

David:

- Restored to him the _____ that belonged to Saul.
- Gave him the right to _____ at the king's _____.
- Provided him with a contingent of _____.

David kept the _____ he made to Jonathan.

Making and keeping promises is _____ in our world.

When we make promises, we intentionally limit our _____ for the sake of others.

Why Making and Keeping Promises is Loving

1. It brings _____ to a world that is constantly _____.

- Promises _____ us to the people we love.

2. It creates the environment to _____ in _____.

Examples:

- _____
- _____
 - For a church to be a place of _____, it must be a place of _____.

3. We are like our _____.

Over and over in Scripture, we see a God who continually _____ himself to sinful humanity.

- Exodus 34:6-7
- Jonah 4:2
- Matthew 28:20