



# God in COVENANT Relationship

VOCABULARY OF FAITH

**PLEASE HAVE A BIBLE HANDY**

# COVENANT brainstorm

- ▶ WHAT SYNONYMS COME TO MIND?
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- ▶ DESCRIBE SOME AGREEMENTS YOU HAVE ENTERED INTO
  - ▶ GOING STEADY, ENGAGEMENT, MARRIAGE
  - ▶ HOMEOWNER ASSOCIATION AGREEMENT
  - ▶ CAR LOAN, MORTGAGE, CHARGE CARD
  - ▶ WITH GOD?
- ▶ WHAT ARE THE CONDITIONS?
- ▶ ARE THERE ALWAYS CONDITIONS?

# BIBLICAL COVENANTS WITH GOD

- ▶ BREAK OUT TO LOOK AT A FEW OLD TESTAMENT COVENANTS
  - ▶ NOAH, ABRAHAM, MOSES
- ▶ WHAT DO YOU NOTICE ABOUT
  - ▶ THE RELATIONSHIP?
  - ▶ THE INITIATION?
  - ▶ THE CONDITIONAL NATURE?
  - ▶ THE COST/BENEFIT?
  - ▶ WHO PROFITS?
  - ▶ THE SIGN, OR EVIDENCE, OF THE COVENANT?
  - ▶ WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THE RESULT?

# BREAKOUT

- ▶ GROUP ONE: NOAH
  - ▶ Genesis 6:5-22
  - ▶ Genesis 9:8-17
- ▶ GROUP TWO: ABRAM/ABRAHAM
  - ▶ Genesis 12:1-9
  - ▶ Genesis 15:1-6, 9-21
  - ▶ Genesis 17:1-2, 7
- ▶ GROUP THREE: MOSES
  - ▶ Exodus 2:23-25. Exodus 6:2-8. Exodus 19:3-8.

# REVIEW BREAKOUT COVENANTS WITH GOD

- ▶ BREAK OUT TO LOOK AT OUR COVENANT(S) WITH GOD
  - ▶ DO WE INHERIT THE O.T. COVENANTS?
- ▶ WHAT DO YOU NOTICE ABOUT
  - ▶ THE RELATIONSHIP?
  - ▶ THE INITIATION?
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# THE NEW COVENANT

- ▶ JEREMIAH 31: 31-34
- ▶ <sup>31</sup>The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>32</sup>It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. <sup>33</sup>But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. <sup>34</sup>No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the Lord,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

# JESUS is the NEW COVENANT

▶ LUKE 22:20

▶ And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying, “This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood.<sup>[a]</sup>”

# New/Our Covenant

- ▶ THINK ABOUT JESUS' LIFE
  - ▶ What evidence of the New Covenant did he provide in his gospel life?
- ▶ WHAT DO YOU NOTICE ABOUT THOSE, and YOUR COVENANT EXPERIENCE?
  - ▶ THE RELATIONSHIP?
  - ▶ THE INITIATION?
  - ▶ THE CONDITIONAL NATURE?
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# COVENANT

- ▶ THE PRIMARY WAY IN WHICH GOD RELATES TO HUMANITY = COVENANT
- ▶ GOD ESTABLISHES THE RELATIONSHIP, NOT US
- ▶ WE CHOOSE
- ▶ VITAL TO THE RELATIONSHIP – LIVE THE COVENANT, REPEAT THE VOWS
- ▶ SIGNS OF THE COVENANT AND SACRAMENTS