

We've Got It In Writing

Your promises have been thoroughly tested, and your servant loves them.

Psalm 119:40

I was recently part of a shrewd business negotiation. The clients were liable for a certain amount of money, but we agreed that if they paid a certain amount, we would let them off the hook for the rest. I was impressed when they insisted that they “get it in writing” before any more money changed hands. It reminded me of all the Dave Ramsey I have listened to. Dave always insists that people get things in writing because writing serves as proof. It is a record of what has been said, done, or agreed to. It prevents parties from going back on their word. When people are willing to put something into writing, it demonstrates their commitment to follow through on their word.

It is of no coincidence that God has given us His word “in writing.” God started making promises at the very beginning (Genesis 3:15) and made sure His promises were preserved. Throughout history, God made sure that His participation in the world and His promises to it were written down and preserved for people to read. God has no problem putting it “in writing” because He never changes and is incapable of *not* keeping His word. God’s promises are so sure that we can stake our very lives upon them. Peter declares God’s promises to be “very great and precious” (1 Peter 1:4). May God’s promises be great and precious to you today. Delight in the fact that His promises to you are forever recorded in writing.

As a Parish Education board, our aim through Ambassador Publications is to serve congregations and individuals by providing biblical Lutheran resources and to encourage faithful teaching of the Word of God. We are working on multiple projects, each designed to take what God has put in writing and get it into the hands, minds, and hearts of people. Please pray for us “that the word of the Lord may speed ahead and be honored” (2 Thessalonians 3:1).

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