

What is a 'Faith Promise Offering'?

As the name implies, a **'Faith Promise Offering'** is not an immediate cash offering. **It is a PROMISE offering.** It is the promise of an amount of money which by faith you are going to trust God to enable you to give regularly toward the support of the Mission ministry of the church.

A 'Faith Promise Offering' is an offering that God will give through you that He would not normally give to you unless He could trust you to pass it on.

Is a Faith Promise a Pledge?

A Faith Promise is not a pledge. A pledge is horizontal, take for example your tithing to the Church that you pay by direct debit. A Faith Promise, however, is vertical and is always made to God. A Faith Promise is between you and God. No-one will ever ask you for it. No-one will ever call upon you or check up on you whether you are giving what you have promised to give. A Faith Promise is between you and God.

What is the Biblical Basis of a Faith Promise Offering?

2 Corinthians 8 and 9 deals with the **'Faith Promise'** concept of giving. In 2 Corinthians chapter 8 verse 3, the Macedonians *"gave as much as they were able AND EVEN BEYOND THEIR ABILITY"*. *"As much as they were able"* relates specifically to their general giving from known sources of income. **"Beyond their ability"** relates specifically to their **Faith Promise giving** as they looked beyond their known sources of income - to the Lord for His special enabling.

What is the Relationship between a Faith Promise Offering and the Giving of Tithes and Offerings?

Tithes and offerings are dependent upon salary and income. Our tithes and offerings are to be given in proportion to our means. These are cash offerings in which "we set aside a definite sum of money in proportion to our income. (1 Corinthians 16:2)

A Faith Promise Offering however, is an offering that is based upon faith. It is not dependent upon salary or income or money in the bank nor is it dependent upon available resources. It is entirely dependent on Faith. It addresses the questions: *How much faith do I have in the faithfulness of God? How much can I trust God to give through me?*

The motivating power for a Faith Promise Offering is the faithfulness of God and not so much to do with duty or need or commitment or even sacrifice. Before you complete the Faith Covenant form ask yourself: How much faith do I have in the faithfulness of God? How much do I believe that God will work through me for His glory? Then be bold and trust in His faithfulness. Jesus said *"have faith in God"* *"hold on to the faithfulness of God"*. We should EXPECT great things from God and ATTEMPT great things for God.

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For Your Record

I, _____, recognising the sovereignty of the Triune God in the world and in my life, would like to declare my willingness to serve Him wherever He might send me, at home or abroad. I therefore covenant with Him:

• To reaffirm my faith in Jesus Christ	• To recognise God's plan for the world
• To recognise the need to share the Gospel	• My total commitment to the Great Commission

In addition, before God and with His enabling, I solemnly pledge to: (Please tick)

- learn more about missions and pray for them
- read at least two books on world missions in the coming year
- join a short term mission in the coming year; I am interested in the following STM:
 - Weekend STM e.g. Toulouse STM Summer STM e.g. Romania STM
 - Others (please specify) _____
- Pray regularly for mission organisations that we are committed to support, our missionaries and their sending agencies; and learn more about their work in the mission field
- Prepare myself for full time missionary service
- Support financially the Mission Fund (total budget **£132,060**) in the coming year, over and above my tithing to the general fund, with the amount of:
 - £10 per month £50 per month £100 per month
 - £150 per month £200 per month Other amount _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Full Name: _____

Sunday Service

Location: Colindale Croydon Hammersmith Hounslow Soho

Language: Cantonese English Mandarin

Email: _____ Mobile Number: _____

* We may contact you for missionary news and mission information

Please tick the following

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