



## **FOLLOWING GOD'S LEADING**

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## **NARRATION**

## **GRAPHICS AND CLIPS**

Ellie received a text message that changed her life. Her friend was inviting her to be a volunteer teacher in a place she had never heard of before: Chuuk, a small island in Micronesia.

Images related to the text and animation.

Ellie discovered that the Chuuk Seventh-day Adventist School was in dire need of teachers, with only six teachers for 150 students. After praying for guidance, Ellie filled out an application and boarded a plane to Micronesia, unsure what to expect.

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Upon arrival, Ellie was struck by the contrast between Chuuk's modern appearance and the hold that traditional spiritual beliefs still had over the people. She even heard a story about a possessed boy starring off into space and not acknowledging anyone.

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Despite the challenges, Ellie feels that her work at Chuuk School is making a real difference in the lives of her students and the community. Most students come from non-Adventist families, making the school a mission school.

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Although some days are difficult, Ellie believes that God put her in Chuuk for a reason and gives her the strength she needs to serve Him. She has learned that our own goodness or capability doesn't always measure success in our Christian walk, but by how we

listen to and obey God's voice.

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Through Ellie's experiences, we can see that God is calling each of us to stretch our faith on behalf of His end-time mission, whether that means going where He calls us or returning to Him tithes and "Promise," which is our regular and systematic offering. The "Promise" offering is not motivated by feelings, sympathy for missionaries and ministries, or even because there is a need or a good project. "Promise" offering is a "regular" offering because it is given as frequently as we receive a financial blessing or income from Him. It is given not in expectation of God's blessings but in response to His care, every time He blesses us financially. And the "Promise" offering is systematic because it is given under the proportional system.

It is called "Promise" because we need to prayerfully purpose about the frequency and percentage of the income that will be regularly dedicated to the Lord as an offering for a certain period. Then, we may renew that percentage-based vow when that period is over, proposing the same or a different percentage.

Following Ellie's commitment to God's mission, you may ask God in prayer now which percentage of your income He is inviting you to return to Him regularly and systematically as your "Promise" offering. By returning regularly and systematically your Tithe and "Promise" offering, you partner with Him in preaching His final message to every nation, tribe, people, and tongue, before He comes.

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May we put our desires last, and God first.

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