



"Trust The Lord"
(Proverbs 3:5-7)
Trust God Series Pt. 1

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- Bible Study Lesson Text: Proverbs 3:5-7 ESV - Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. [6] In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths. [7] Be not wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD, and turn away from evil.
- When we look at this word "Trust" there are many things that will come to one's mind or even thought process, because when you trust you are causing yourself to show allegiance and dependance on what you are trusting.
- When I trust in you, than I am showing you a level of respect and not just that but I am making a decision to be open to you, and I am giving myself to you in a way of trust.
- Trust is not something that should be taken lightly, but when we use the word and the action trust do we really understand what that means?

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- When trust is going forward, trust means that there is something about your character, your heart, your spirit, and your soul that has made me believe in you!
- If I am trusting in you I believe in you, I don't just believe in you in good times but I also believe in you in bad times and because I believe in you than I am expecting you to not make me regret it.
- When you decide to trust, that is also leaving yourself open and vulnerable as well, because when you have that kind of action, that walk, and that heart because I am making myself have confidence in what I am trusting in!
- Yet.... you shouldn't trust easily without some knowledge and without some experience. Sometimes we trust too easily, without knowing what we are involving ourselves in because real trust should have real feelings!
- Are you trusting with the belief of where you are going?

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- This text is a great reminder, that when we trust in the Lord there is a reason that we are trusting in the Lord because we have seen the work, we know who the Lord is, and we know what God means to us and that should make us have trust.
- Real trust doesn't have restrictions, and you have to look at your life and ask that question: (Am I Restricting Myself From God?)
- When I trust the Lord, there should be nothing in my life that I am restricting from the Lord, and there should be nothing in my life that the Lord can't touch!
- You should never have off-limit spots with the Lord, but everything that the Lord has given us, and how the Lord has blessed us we should never be off limits with God!
- God should never have to force us to be honest with Him!

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- When you are trusting in the Lord, and when you follow the Lord you also begin to see that you don't have all the answers, and that we have to be careful how we operate because when we trust in the Lord, and live for the Lord our actions should back up what we do!
- How are you going to trust in the Lord, but the way you live doesn't line up with the Lord is speaking, and how can one trust in the Lord when they don't want the Lord to be the complete leader.
- Nobody is perfect and spotless, but all of us have some kind of flaw or weakness and don't let what others don't see make you live and believe that it is not there!
- You should never act like your life is all together, and that you don't need any advice, wisdom, or to learn something new! The Lord uses many to convey messages, and get us to understand we don't have all the answers!

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- None of us have all of the answers, and none of us can or should have a spirit that flows with arrogance because anybody will sound or act arrogant when they only drink from their water fountain!
- You have to trust in the Lord, with everything because who told you that you had all the answers, and more than that when you trust in the Lord you also realize that my ways and my life needs direction!
- I need direction from the Lord, because I see and understand when I don't have His direction there are always good chances I can feel entrapped, I feel lost, and I can feel boxed in with nowhere to go!
- When you are facing burdens, when you are faced with trials, and when you are faced with different ups and downs who do you turn to then?
- Don't let your obstacles take away your faith in God!

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- This word "Trust" in the Hebrew means - To be confident and have confidence in.
- This word "all" in the Hebrew means - Everything.
- This word "ways" in the Hebrew means - Journey.
- This word "fear" in the Hebrew means - Reverence and respect.
- So you have to ask yourself, and be real with yourself do you have enough confidence in God, to trust God with everything on your journey because you respect Him?
- Do you respect the Lord, do you value the Lord, and do you believe enough in the Lord that it makes you say and it makes you know that you can depend on Him without wavering.
- That is what we all have to see, do I have enough trust in the Lord, and do I believe in God enough to trust in the Lord.
- If I don't have belief in God than I will never fully trust in God!

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- Is that your story, is that your understanding, and is this your life right now that do you have enough confidence in the Lord to where you can trust in God when you are happy, sad, positive, or dealing with different moments of frustration.
- Do you trust in the Lord when you don't always see the road ahead, and when you sometimes have to take a backseat and let the Lord work, but can you take a backseat and let the Lord drive?
- Do we allow the drive to drive, do we allow the Lord to have complete ownership, and do we allow the Lord to make the moves for us.
- When you trust in the Lord with all of you, it is also a reality as well that understand that I can't make it without God, and God knows more than I do so why shouldn't I trust in Him?

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- God has no problem being God, but do we have a problem with letting God be good because we think that we have more answers than God!
- No matter how much we learn and acquire in life, it will never be able to compare to the length of things God knows, and God knows how to take us higher, God knows how to bless us, and God knows how we can improve and get better!
- God knows how to make us better in a marriage, at a job, how we communicate, and certainly God knows how to take care of His Church as well, because God never needed us to do His work, but He is kind to us to allow us to have time slot on His calendar!
- The Lord has done that for us, but we have to trust in the Lord and not just say it but actually do it, because how can I trust God but don't like what God does?
- If the Lord is doing it, than we have to get out of the way because we aren't God, and our knowledge and moves, can't compare to what God does for us!

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- Jeremiah 17:5-8 ESV - Thus says the LORD: "Cursed is the man who trusts in man and makes flesh his strength, whose heart turns away from the LORD. [6] He is like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see any good come. He shall dwell in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land. [7] "Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD, whose trust is the LORD. [8] He is like a tree planted by water, that sends out its roots by the stream, and does not fear when heat comes, for its leaves remain green, and is not anxious in the year of drought, for it does not cease to bear fruit."
- Psalms 71:1-5 ESV - In you, O LORD, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame! [2] In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me; incline your ear to me, and save me! [3] Be to me a rock of refuge, to which I may continually come; you have given the command to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress. [4] Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked, from the grasp of the unjust and cruel man. [5] For you, O Lord, are my hope, my trust, O LORD, from my youth.

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- Psalm 46:1 ESV - God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.
- Matthew 14:26-31 ESV - But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, "It is a ghost!" and they cried out in fear. [27] But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid." [28] And Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." [29] He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus. [30] But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me." [31] Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?"
- Job 13:15 ESV - Though he slay me, I will hope in him; yet I will argue my ways to his face.

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- When we follow the Lord, and when we trust in the Lord we also have to understand that in trusting the Lord, the Lord never is clueless or the Lord never panics or sweats, but God knows exactly what to do, and God has never steered you wrong.
- Are you ready to trust in the Lord, and be fully dependent on God because when we trust in the Lord, sometimes God takes things away from us, to humble us so that we can trust in Him and not ourselves.
- Even though it is difficult sometimes not to question God, not to fall out with God, and not to even get angry with God when God does somethings that you don't always see or agree with!
- The best way sometimes your faith grows, is when you question and even have doubts in God! I believe that even though I know God is there, it doesn't mean I don't have some doubts in God when I see what God is doing and what He is not doing!
- I can't grow with the Lord, If I have never had a battle with the Lord.

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- The Late Great Theologian Paul Tillich said it this way: "Doubt is not the opposite of faith; it is one element of faith."
- Late Author & Civil Rights Activist Lillian Smith spoke it this way: "Faith and doubt both are needed - not as antagonists, but working side by side to take us around the unknown curve."
- The Late Great Theologian J. C. Ryle said it this way: "Doubting does not prove that a man has no faith, but only that his faith is small. And even when our faith is small, the Lord is ready to help us."
- No matter where I am in my life, it is good to know that the Lord is still there even when sometimes my faith in God, is still sometimes also living with some personal doubts!
- I don't always know what God is doing, but it is good to know that the Lord is doing something for me.

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- Sometimes the Lord does things, that I don't always get or understand because I am not on His level, and the Lord has told me not to depend or lean on my understanding because it can mess me up!
- That's why we need the word and we need to trust the Lord, because we have to understand how much we need the Lord because if we allow one bad day to make us stop trusting in the Lord, than we never really had faith and trust in the Lord.
- The Lord knows how our minds can get messed up, and knows how our spirits can be contaminated because if we are not careful than we will let the devil mess up our minds to leave the Lord!
- Don't leave the Lord or forget the Lord, when times get like that because the Lord has what you need, but God has a reason for why He does what He does!

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- Don't walk away from the Lord just because the Lord didn't do what you wanted Him to do, because when you trust in the Lord you have to trust His plans, when you haven't had a chance to see the plans!
- Trusting in God is not fighting God, but trusting in God is following Him because He has a reputation that doesn't need explaining, because when you stay in the word you see that God has never failed yet!
- Some stuff will fail you in life, and some people have failed you in life but the Lord won't fail you! Things can fail you, but the Lord won't fail you and because the Lord won't fail you you can always go to the Lord.
- You can never get better than the Lord, and the Lord has not stopped being good, and that is a great encouragement to know we can rise above any waters of doubt and misfortune because God is with us and alive!

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- Acts 9:36-41 ESV - Now there was in Joppa a disciple named Tabitha, which, translated, means Dorcas. She was full of good works and acts of charity. [37] In those days she became ill and died, and when they had washed her, they laid her in an upper room. [38] Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, hearing that Peter was there, sent two men to him, urging him, "Please come to us without delay." [39] So Peter rose and went with them. And when he arrived, they took him to the upper room. All the widows stood beside him weeping and showing tunics and other garments that Dorcas made while she was with them. [40] But Peter put them all outside, and knelt down and prayed; and turning to the body he said, "Tabitha, arise." And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter she sat up. [41] And he gave her his hand and raised her up. Then, calling the saints and widows, he presented her alive.
- John 9:1,6-7 ESV - As he passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. [6] Having said these things, he spit on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then he anointed the man's eyes with the mud [7] and said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing.

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- 2 Chronicles 15:1-4 ESV - The Spirit of God came upon Azariah the son of Oded. [2] and he went out to meet Asa and said to him, "Hear me, Asa, and all Judah and Benjamin: The LORD is with you while you are with him. If you seek him, he will be found by you, but if you forsake him, he will forsake you. [3] For a long time Israel was without the true God, and without a teaching priest and without law, [4] but when in their distress they turned to the LORD, the God of Israel, and sought him, he was found by them.
- Lamentations 3:24-26 ESV - "The LORD is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him." [25] The LORD is good to those who wait for him, to the soul who seeks him. [26] It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD.

Questions To Ponder:

1. Can You Trust God & Doubt God?
2. Does Your Faith In God Have Limits?
3. Are You A Spoiled Christian, That Only Trusts God When You Get Your Way?
4. Do You Have To Be The Smartest In The Room?
5. Can You Admit When Somebody Else Is Right, & You're Wrong?
6. What Does God Mean To You In Bad Times?
7. Are You Fully Committed To The Lord?

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- Bible Study Lesson Text: 1 Samuel 17:45-51 ESV - Then David said to the Philistine, "You come to me with a sword and with a spear and with a javelin, but I come to you in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. [46] This day the LORD will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you down and cut off your head. And I will give the dead bodies of the host of the Philistines this day to the birds of the air and to the wild beasts of the earth, that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel, [47] and that all this assembly may know that the LORD saves not with sword and spear. For the battle is the LORD's, and he will give you into our hand." [48] When the Philistine arose and came and drew near to meet David, David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet the Philistine. [49] And David put his hand in his bag and took out a stone and slung it and struck the Philistine on his forehead. The stone sank into his forehead, and he fell on his face to the ground. [50] So David prevailed over the Philistine with a sling and with a stone, and struck the Philistine and killed him. There was no sword in the hand of David. [51] Then David ran and stood over the Philistine and took his sword and drew it out of its sheath and killed him and cut off his head with it. When the Philistines saw that their champion was dead, they fled.
- As one lives in life, and as one walks with the Lord a person must decide if they are going to continue to live afraid and scared, or are they going to step up.
- When you follow the Lord, you must reject fear and accept bravery!

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- When you are in this life, you have to decide what type of life are you going to live and have. You can't have faith in God, but you always run away when times get hard or when there is something that is coming that you have to step up and stand out.
- You have to be real, you have to decide what will I do with myself, and what will I do with my life, because I should be able to stand up for myself, especially when I know that the Lord is with me.
- The thing to always remember is that the Lord is with us, and when the Lord is with us, what is that to fear, what is there to worry about, and why should I allow a mortal man take more control of my life than the Supreme Ruler!
- Do you trust in the Lord, when there are times you have to face a Giant in your life, because a Giant will show up but are you going to show up to face the Giant or will you let the Giant make you run away.

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- Goliath was reported to be 11 feet 4 inches tall, and he had heavy armor, some of his armor weighed at least 150 pounds, some of his armor for his legs was at least 30 pounds, his spear was 26 feet long, and the weight of his helmet was heavy, and strong.
- Goliath was the one that taunted Saul and his men, because he laughed at them and taunted them and then Saul and his men ran away afraid. Goliath was known to be a champion, and Goliath was from Gath, which was said to be where the Anakins or Giants were driven and left during the time of Joshua.
- Joshua 11:22 ESV - There was none of the Anakim left in the land of the people of Israel. Only in Gaza, in Gath, and in Ashdod did some remain.
- Joshua 13:1-3 ESV - Now Joshua was old and advanced in years, and the LORD said to him, "You are old and advanced in years, and there remains yet very much land to possess. [2] This is the land that yet remains: all the regions of the Philistines, and all those of the Geshurites [3] (from the Shihor, which is east of Egypt, northward to the boundary of Ekron, it is counted as Canaanite; there are five rulers of the Philistines, those of Gaza, Ashdod, Ashkelon, Gath, and Ekron), and those of the Avvim.
- Goliath was ready for anybody, and here comes David but David had what nobody else had and that was faith, belief, and confidence.

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- Do you have confidence in yourself? See when you have confidence in yourself, that will make you believe in yourself, and it will make you not be afraid of the challenges that lie ahead, but it will also make you stop sitting down when it is time to stand up.
- David knew who was with him, and because David knew who was with Him than it made him able to stand up to Goliath. No matter the size difference, and no matter what the Giant looks like or the challenge you have that is not the time for you to stop trusting in God.
- You can't walk with the Lord and be afraid to trust God.
- Whose voice are you listening to when a challenge comes, you have to make sure that you are listening to the right voice so that you are not losing or missing out on your blessing!
- Sometimes God picks you, because you have what nobody else has! If you don't do it.... It might not get down, and you have the charge.

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- David is the one that shows up, David knows that God is using David to defeat this Philistine, and it is something special about the text because God always uses somebody that is willing to show up for the fight.
- You can't be a soldier for God and not be ready for war. You can't be a soldier of God and allow people to talk you out of showing up for the fight, because Saul tried to discourage David but David didn't listen to him, and still went to fight this Giant.
- The confidence David displays in these verses, is something that all of us should have as we live as Christians..... "I HAVE VICTORY!!!!"
- You should always speak life on your life..... don't talk down on yourself, but you should always talk upbeat, talk firm, and talk with a sense of pride that you know God will give you victory!
- If you don't believe you'll have victory... you'll never defeat your Giant!

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- How can I not believe in the Lord, because before Giants appeared the Lord has been there, and even though a Giant is coming towards you the Giant doesn't have what you have.... (GOD)
- Giants fall, when they have more belief and in arrogance in themselves and when they think they won't be defeated! Some people think they won't be defeated but that's because they haven't met the right opponent, but when you meet your match or somebody that is above you that is when you fall down!
- One should never think that they won't be defeated, but one should be humble about who they are because the Lord can make all of us eat the dust, and fall to the ground, and one should realize that nothing and nobody is invincible from taking a lost!
- Here is David that is now speaking this victory over the situation, and over his life, because you do have to watch how you talk to yourself.

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- We can hurt ourselves, and even send ourselves into a spirit of lost, a spirit of defeat, or a spirit of depression by how we talk to ourselves, because you have to be the one that speaks the right things to yourself, and what kind of food are you serving yourself.
- David said I am coming in the name of the Lord, see when you have the right leader in your life that will make you pick up the tendencies of the leader that will lead you to standing over your Giant, and not your Giant standing on top of you!
- When the Lord is your leader, you feed yourself the right food which is the word of God, and when you have the word of God in you than whatever storm or whatever tall mountain you have in your life, it won't last because you have the right food in your life.
- You have the right words in your life, because of where it comes from!

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- When it comes from the Lord you can count it, and when you see in this text that the Lord is the leader you know that I have victory.
- This is one of those situations that will change a person's life, because one most really look at the life they have right now and they should look at themselves and desire to want more, desire to be better, and desire to grow and improve in life.
- Do you want to improve, do you want to stop playing everything so safe, and do you want to go to another level in your life, in your thinking, and in your faith?
- You should not always play it safe or just go through the motions, because have you allowed a Giant to build up a wall in your heart and spirit that restricts you from getting better?
- It's one thing to say you want better, but it is another thing to actually do it and take the steps to do it. However.... Don't miss your moment to be better, because you might not get another one.

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- David didn't waste the moment but he made good use of the moment, because one must also get to a thought process that you refuse to miss your moment, you refuse to settle, and you refuse to let life just pass you by when you could do more!
- It is more that you can do than just the norm, because there is more that God has placed in you to do but if you are just going at one pace, and just going at one level than you will never see how far you can actually go but if you are just comfortable with the norm you limit yourself!
- All that God has for us and all you want to do is the norm, all that the Lord has blessed us with and has opened for us and you just want to settle for the norm that is a problem and should bother you!
- Living just the norm should make you question yourself, and look at you realizing have I canceled myself because I'm afraid to step up.

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- Exodus 14:10-15,23 ESV - When Pharaoh drew near, the people of Israel lifted up their eyes, and behold, the Egyptians were marching after them, and they feared greatly. And the people of Israel cried out to the LORD. [11] They said to Moses, "Is it because there are no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us in bringing us out of Egypt? [12] Is not this what we said to you in Egypt: 'Leave us alone that we may serve the Egyptians'? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness." [13] And Moses said to the people, "Fear not, stand firm, and see the salvation of the LORD, which he will work for you today. For the Egyptians whom you see today, you shall never see again. [14] The LORD will fight for you, and you have only to be silent." [15] The LORD said to Moses, "Why do you cry to me? Tell the people of Israel to go forward. [23] The Egyptians pursued and went in after them into the midst of the sea, all Pharaoh's horses, his chariots, and his horsemen.
- Psalm 91:1-4 ESV - He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty. [2] I will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust." [3] For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence. [4] He will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness is a shield and buckler.

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- 2 Chronicles 20:10-12,16-17 ESV - And now behold, the men of Ammon and Moab and Mount Seir, whom you would not let Israel invade when they came from the land of Egypt, and whom they avoided and did not destroy- [11] behold, they reward us by coming to drive us out of your possession, which you have given us to inherit. [12] O our God, will you not execute judgment on them? For we are powerless against this great horde that is coming against us. We do not know what to do, but our eyes are on you." [16] Tomorrow go down against them. Behold, they will come up by the ascent of Ziz. You will find them at the end of the valley, east of the wilderness of Jeruel. [17] You will not need to fight in this battle. Stand firm, hold your position, and see the salvation of the LORD on your behalf. O Judah and Jerusalem.' Do not be afraid and do not be dismayed. Tomorrow go out against them, and the LORD will be with you."
- Exodus 3:7-12 ESV - Then the LORD said, "I have surely seen the affliction of my people who are in Egypt and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters. I know their sufferings. [8] and I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. [9] And now, behold, the cry of the people of Israel has come to me, and I have also seen the oppression with which the Egyptians oppress them. [10] Come, I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring my people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt." [11] But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?" [12] He said, "But I will be with you, and this shall be the sign for you, that I have sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain."

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- Nelson Mandela said it like this: "It always seems impossible until it is done."
- Max Lucado said it this way: "Focus on Giants you stumble. Focus on God your Giants tumble."
- Author Tim Storey says this: "When you are facing giants and all you have is a promise from God, remember that the grasshopper mentality will abort God's comeback. You must slay any sign off a grasshopper mentality of you want to move out of your setback into your comeback."
- What is your Giant? Can you identify the Giant that is in your life, that Giant that is making you ruthless, that Giant that is making you uneasy, that Giant that is stressing you out, that Giant that is causing you to panic, or that Giant that is causing you to be on edge, and that is even causing you to be afraid.
- What is the Giant for you, because all of us have some kind of Giant that is in our life that is taunting us and trying to make us afraid.

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- Giants come in different ways and forms:
 1. Procrastination
 2. Financial
 3. Physical Health
 4. Mental Health
 5. A Difficult Family Member
 6. A Jealous Person
 7. Despondency
 8. Lack of Self-Esteem
 9. Personal Demons
 10. Rage
 11. Unforgiveness/Playing The Victim
 12. Etc

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- All of us have some kind of *Giant* in our lives, but it is time to defeat the *Giant* once and for all because you can never go forward, if you have something blocking your path.
- You should be tired of something blocking your path when it doesn't have to, because the *Giant* will die when you have the right tools because David had that smooth stone and slingshot, and when you have the right tools the *Giant* will fall down and never return.
- The right tools need to be the word of God, the Holy Spirit, Jesus, the Lord, and your presence when all of those tools show up there is no *Giant* that will be able to defeat you, because you made the choice to not allow those *Giants* to have the final say so.
- Faith in God will change your life, because faith is the ingredient that will take you from normal to extraordinary!

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- You can do more with faith than you can without faith!
- There is so much that one can do with faith, because when faith is put into practice you rise above the failures, you rise above the doubts, you rise above the anguish, and you rise above the worries because you know that the Lord hasn't left you or abandoned you!
- Acts 3:2,6-8 ESV - And a man lame from birth was being carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple that is called the Beautiful Gate to ask alms of those entering the temple. [6] But Peter said, "I have no silver and gold, but what I do have I give to you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk!" [7] And he took him by the right hand and raised him up, and immediately his feet and ankles were made strong. [8] And leaping up, he stood and began to walk, and entered the temple with them, walking and leaping and praising God.
- Acts 9:32-35 ESV - Now as Peter went here and there among them all, he came down also to the saints who lived at Lydda. [33] There he found a man named Aeneas, bedridden for eight years, who was paralyzed. [34] And Peter said to him, "Aeneas, Jesus Christ heals you; rise and make your bed." And immediately he rose. [35] And all the residents of Lydda and Sharon saw him, and they turned to the Lord.

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- Mark 5:22-23,38-42 ESV - Then came one of the rulers of the synagogue, Jairus by name, and seeing him, he fell at his feet [23] and implored him earnestly, saying, "My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well and live." [38] They came to the house of the ruler of the synagogue, and Jesus saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. [39] And when he had entered, he said to them, "Why are you making a commotion and weeping? The child is not dead but sleeping." [40] And they laughed at him. But he put them all outside and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him and went in where the child was. [41] Taking her by the hand he said to her, "Talitha cumi," which means, "Little girl, I say to you, arise." [42] And immediately the girl got up and began walking (for she was twelve years of age), and they were immediately overcome with amazement.

Questions To Ponder:

1. Have You Been Guilty Of Playing It Safe?
2. Do You Think That You Can Improve?
3. Do You Want To Improve?
4. Are You Tired Of Your Giant Hurting You?
5. Do You Live By Faith or Unbelief?
6. Is God Your Leader?
7. Are You Ready For Battle, If God is Your Leader?

**"Don't Stop The Work"
(Nehemiah 6:1-4)
Trust God Series Pt. 3**

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- Bible Study Lesson Text: Nehemiah 6:1-4 ESV - Now when Sanballat and Tobiah and Geshem the Arab and the rest of our enemies heard that I had built the wall and that there was no breach left in it (although up to that time I had not set up the doors in the gates), [2] Sanballat and Geshem sent to me, saying, "Come and let us meet together at Hakkephirim in the plain of Ono." But they intended to do me harm. [3] And I sent messengers to them, saying, "I am doing a great work and I cannot come down. Why should the work stop while I leave it and come down to you?" [4] And they sent to me four times in this way, and I answered them in the same manner.
- There is something that is real in a person, because a person has to be real with their beliefs and convictions, to where you don't stop believing even when rocks are thrown in your direction.
- The rocks of opposition will always be thrown, when the ones throwing the rocks are not the ones that are in charge of leading, and not in charge of starting the work.

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- There will always be people throwing rocks when they are not in the seat, because when you are in the seat you see things that others don't see. It is easy for one to judge and criticize when they don't have the assignment, because everybody doesn't get to lead because everybody doesn't have the leadership anointing.
- In order to be the leader you have to be anointed, but more than any anointing you have to be called by the Lord, because when you are called by the Lord, that is when God picks you up, and makes you stand out because He is the one that makes the assignments.
- If you are not assigned by God, don't try to sign up for what you can't handle because the Lord knows who can handle it and who can't handle it, and when the Lord is at work God knows who to call and give the assignment to.
- It is there that you see Nehemiah has the charge, and now that he has the charge he has had to deal with opposition but he didn't stop the assignment, because you can't stop a person that trusts God and not you!

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- Nehemiah 2:13-20 ESV - I went out by night by the Valley Gate to the Dragon Spring and to the Dung Gate, and I inspected the walls of Jerusalem that were broken down and its gates that had been destroyed by fire. [14] Then I went on to the Fountain Gate and to the King's Pool, but there was no room for the animal that was under me to pass. [15] Then I went up in the night by the valley and inspected the wall, and I turned back and entered by the Valley Gate, and so returned. [16] And the officials did not know where I had gone or what I was doing, and I had not yet told the Jews, the priests, the nobles, the officials, and the rest who were to do the work. [17] Then I said to them, "You see the trouble we are in, how Jerusalem lies in ruins with its gates burned. Come, let us build the wall of Jerusalem, that we may no longer suffer derision." [18] And I told them of the hand of my God that had been upon me for good, and also of the words that the king had spoken to me. And they said, "Let us rise up and build." So they strengthened their hands for the good work. [19] But when Sanballat the Horonite and Tobiah the Ammonite servant and Geshem the Arab heard of it, they jeered at us and despised us and said, "What is this thing that you are doing? Are you rebelling against the king?" [20] Then I replied to them, "The God of heaven will make us prosper, and we his servants will arise and build, but you have no portion or right or claim in Jerusalem."
- Nehemiah saw what needed to be done, but in seeing what needed to be done and the improvements that needed to be made that was when the opponents showed up.
- There will always be people who show up to fight progress, especially they would rather see something stay dead instead of giving new life and new energy to it.

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- That's why everybody can't lead, because God knows who has faith and God also knows who doesn't have faith because not everybody is not a progress builder, some people are intentional progress stoppers, but they forget they aren't just dealing with Nehemiah but you're also dealing with God!
- When God is the one doing the leading, and when God is the one that has given the assignment the leader can't stop! A real leader doesn't allow the people to control them, but a real leader focuses on the call of God and the work of God, and puts the rest in the hands of God!
- You have to watch how you treat the Lord, because there are those who can kill the Church when they don't allow the Lord to be the leader of the Church!
- The work of the Lord doesn't stop, because did you notice that Nehemiah was focused on this great work that he didn't spend time going back and forth with those who didn't like what was taken place.

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- Nehemiah 4:1-9 ESV - Now when Sanballat heard that we were building the wall, he was angry and greatly enraged, and he jeered at the Jews. [2] And he said in the presence of his brothers and of the army of Samaria, "What are these feeble Jews doing? Will they restore it for themselves? Will they sacrifice? Will they finish up in a day? Will they revive the stones out of the heaps of rubbish, and burned ones at that?" [3] Tobiah the Ammonite was beside him, and he said, "Yes, what they are building—if a fox goes up on it he will break down their stone wall!" [4] Hear, O our God, for we are despised. Turn back their taunt on their own heads and give them up to be plundered in a land where they are captives. [5] Do not cover their guilt, and let not their sin be blotted out from your sight, for they have provoked you to anger in the presence of the builders. [6] So we built the wall. And all the wall was joined together to half its height, for the people had a mind to work. [7] But when Sanballat and Tobiah and the Arabs and the Ammonites and the Ashdodites heard that the repairing of the walls of Jerusalem was going forward and that the breaches were beginning to be closed, they were very angry. [8] And they all plotted together to come and fight against Jerusalem and to cause confusion in it. [9] And we prayed to our God and set a guard as a protection against them day and night.
- Watch those who always like to meet, and try to gather up a team to oppose the work, because some people act like God doesn't see them!
- Did you forget that the Lord is watching, and when the Lord is watching watch how you try to team up on Nehemiah, because you see that groups that are formed, will also be groups that turn on each other.
- The same way they formed, is the same way they'll end because deceitfulness will never win!

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- 1 Chronicles 8:12 ESV - The sons of Elpaal: Eber, Misham, and Shemed, who built Ono and Lod with its towns.
- They come together to meet against Nehemiah, and then had the nerve to want Nehemiah to show up. They want Nehemiah to come, but Nehemiah said "I'm doing a great work and I cannot come down."
- Nehemiah shows us - "Some people are not worth responding to, or being around especially when you know where they are, and who they are."
- Nehemiah made it very clear, and the text indicates that they tried this 4 times and Nehemiah still let them know that I am doing this great work, and I am not coming down, because this work is too great and more important than you!
- Sanballat, Tobiah, & Geshem and the rest of the enemies, they had bad intentions and they made it known that they did because they tried to get as many as they could, but they are missing the main player (GOD)

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- When you have God and doing what is right, you don't need to worry about who is not rocking with you and who is not flowing with you, because those that think they have the upper hand, ought to be careful especially when you have a group but don't have God!
- You can't make the wrong moves and expect for the Lord to be pleased, and how can one really think that God is going to smile on them when they have been the main instigators trying to cause friction, mess, and dissension.
- Don't think the Lord won't deal with you.... When you come against His Nehemiah! The Lord might not get you right now, but this text is that indication that watch how you treat people, because when you treat people wrong you won't birth success!
- If you start out wrong and messy, you will have to keep being messy because how you start is how you finish! You have to be righteous, and you have to be Godly all of the time, because the Lord is watching you!
- Does God like what He sees when He looks at you?

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- Nehemiah 6:7-14 ESV - And you have also set up prophets to proclaim concerning you in Jerusalem. 'There is a king in Judah.' And now the king will hear of these reports. So now come and let us take counsel together." [8] Then I sent to him, saying, "No such things as you say have been done, for you are inventing them out of your own mind." [9] For they all wanted to frighten us, thinking, "Their hands will drop from the work, and it will not be done." But now, O God, strengthen my hands. [10] Now when I went into the house of Shemaiah the son of Delaiah, son of Mehetabel, who was confined to his home, he said, "Let us meet together in the house of God, within the temple. Let us close the doors of the temple, for they are coming to kill you. They are coming to kill you by night." [11] But I said, "Should such a man as I run away? And what man such as I could go into the temple and live? I will not go in." [12] And I understood and saw that God had not sent him, but he had pronounced the prophecy against me because Tobiah and Sanballat had hired him. [13] For this purpose he was hired, that I should be afraid and act in this way and sin, and so they could give me a bad name in order to taunt me. [14] Remember Tobiah and Sanballat, O my God, according to these things that they did, and also the prophetess Noadiah and the rest of the prophets who wanted to make me afraid.
- Nehemiah didn't bow down, Nehemiah stayed with the Lord, and Nehemiah didn't go anywhere that he knew wasn't comfortable or wasn't Godly!
- As a leader..... You can't go everywhere, and be around everybody because there are always termites that are trying to eat away at your faith, your life, and your spirit!

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- That is what is for anybody.... Don't you allow yourself to be pulled in to anybody's drama, and don't let anybody force you to do anything that the Lord didn't tell you to do!
- When you feel certain things for people, the Holy Spirit is not wrong for revealing to you why there are those that you don't need to be around because they have other motives!
- You have to not be afraid and you can't back down, you have to be the one that always has the conviction within yourself that you believe God, you believe in yourself, and you believe in the work that you are doing!
- Never allow small minded people bring down your big dreams! Don't allow people to pull and bring you down, who don't have the vision or the fortitude to help you build!
- When you are with Jesus, you have the right foundation but you also understand everybody can't participate in the building project because everybody doesn't have the right spirit!

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- Satanic spirits never work with Godly vision! The wrong spirits will never work, the wrong spirits will never gain the victory, and even when the wrong spirits think they gain momentum the Lord will stop it all in an instance!
- You have to stop following for everything that is thrown in your way, because some stuff is thrown in your way to distract you and there are those who purposely show up to distract you because some people never like growth, especially when God shows them He doesn't need them for it to occur.
- God doesn't need you for His work to go forward, but when you believe in the Lord it also makes you believe in yourself, and you have a spirit of faith and a spirit of courage, to where you also have a defeanace about you that lets you know you can try but you won't stop me!
- You have to tell yourself that nobody will stop me, because they didn't start with me and they didn't create me or give me the vision to complete it!
- Don't respond to what didn't give you life, and what didn't give you the power to keep on believing and moving forward!

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- Genesis 50:15-21 ESV - When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him." [16] So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this command before he died: [17] 'Say to Joseph, "Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you.'" And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. [18] His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants." [19] But Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? [20] As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. [21] So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones." Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.
- Psalms 23:4-6 ESV - Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. [5] You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. [6] Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

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- 1 Samuel 5:1-7 ESV - When the Philistines captured the ark of God, they brought it from Ebenezer to Ashdod. [2] Then the Philistines took the ark of God and brought it into the house of Dagon and set it up beside Dagon. [3] And when the people of Ashdod rose early the next day, behold, Dagon had fallen face downward on the ground before the ark of the LORD. So they took Dagon and put him back in his place. [4] But when they rose early on the next morning, behold, Dagon had fallen face downward on the ground before the ark of the LORD, and the head of Dagon and both his hands were lying cut off on the threshold. Only the trunk of Dagon was left to him. [5] This is why the priests of Dagon and all who enter the house of Dagon do not tread on the threshold of Dagon in Ashdod to this day. [6] The hand of the LORD was heavy against the people of Ashdod, and he terrified and afflicted them with tumors, both Ashdod and its territory. [7] And when the men of Ashdod saw how things were, they said, "The ark of the God of Israel must not remain with us, for his hand is hard against us and against Dagon our god."
- 2 Samuel 8:1-6 ESV - After this David defeated the Philistines and subdued them, and David took Metheg-ammah out of the hand of the Philistines. [2] And he defeated Moab and he measured them with a line, making them lie down on the ground. Two lines he measured to be put to death, and one full line to be spared. And the Moabites became servants to David and brought tribute. [3] David also defeated Hadadezer the son of Rehob, king of Zobah, as he went to restore his power at the river Euphrates. [4] And David took from him 1,700 horsemen, and 20,000 foot soldiers. And David hamstringed all the chariot horses but left enough for 100 chariots. [5] And when the Syrians of Damascus came to help Hadadezer king of Zobah, David struck down 22,000 men of the Syrians. [6] Then David put garrisons in Aram of Damascus, and the Syrians became servants to David and brought tribute. And the LORD gave victory to David wherever he went.

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- Brazilian author and lyricist Paulo Coelho said it this way: "There is only one thing that makes a dream impossible to achieve: the fear of failure.
- Thomas Edison said it like this: "Many of life's failures are people who did not realize how close they were to success when they gave up."
- The Late Great Football Coach Vince Lombardi said it this way: "Winners never quit, and quitters never win."
- NBA Legend Michael Jordan spoke it this way: "
- 1. Obstacles don't have to stop you. If you run into a wall, don't run around and give up. Figure out how to climb it, go through it, or work around it."
- 2. "They told me I couldn't. That's why I did."
- 3. If you quit once it becomes a habit. Never quit!"
- That's why the work can never stop, and the work should never stop because you have to have a strong mindset that refuses to stop!

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- That is the mindset that you have to have, you have to have a mindset that knows that you are victorious, that you have peace, and you have that mindset of knowing that you won't be defeated!
- Nehemiah 6:15-16 ESV - So the wall was finished on the twenty-fifth day of the month Elul, in fifty-two days. [16] And when all our enemies heard of it, all the nations around us were afraid and fell greatly in their own esteem, for they perceived that this work had been accomplished with the help of our God.
- You see it right here..... After all of that, Nehemiah still came out on top! That is where the blessing is, and that is where the assurance is that when you follow God and not man you will come out on top!
- That is the hope, and that is where we find belief that will always remain in our lives because we know that the Lord won't leave us, but will be with us and because He is with us we are able to always stand.
- Your faith and mentality grow in God, when you remain with God!

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- When the Lord is your leader.... Who can make you stop, and who has more power than the Lord? The Lord has it, and the Lord has you but whatever you do don't give up on yourself, and don't give in to what the enemy wants you to do, but you do what God says, and be happy with it!
- Follow the Lord..... when you follow the Lord, you will always go higher in the Lord, and go higher in your walk with the Lord, and you see that you didn't stop but you kept going, knowing that the Lord was and is with you!
- Philippians 1:6 ESV - And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.
- Psalms 138:8 ESV - The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands.
- Psalms 57:2 ESV - I cry out to God Most High, to God who fulfills his purpose for me.

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- Habakkuk 2:1-4 ESV - I will take my stand at my watchpost and station myself on the tower, and look out to see what he will say to me, and what I will answer concerning my complaint. [2] And the LORD answered me: "Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so he may run who reads it. [3] For still the vision awaits its appointed time; it hastens to the end—it will not lie. If it seems slow, wait for it; it will surely come; it will not delay. [4] "Behold, his soul is puffed up; it is not upright within him, but the righteous shall live by his faith.

Questions To Ponder:

1. Are You A Sanballat, Gersham, or Tobiah?
2. How Often Do You Pray For Your Pastor?
3. Do You Want To See The Church Live?
4. Who Has Tried To Stop You?
5. Are You Going To Keep The Faith In Troubling Times?
6. How Much Do You Love What You Are Doing?
7. Do You Want To Be Great?

"It's Resurrection Day"
(1 Kings 17:17-24)
Trust God Series Pt. 4

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"It's Resurrection Day"

- Bible Study Lesson Text: 1 Kings 17:17-24 ESV - After this the son of the woman, the mistress of the house, became ill. And his illness was so severe that there was no breath left in him. [18] And she said to Elijah, "What have you against me, O man of God? You have come to me to bring my sin to remembrance and to cause the death of my son!" [19] And he said to her, "Give me your son." And he took him from her arms and carried him up into the upper chamber where he lodged, and laid him on his own bed. [20] And he cried to the LORD, "O LORD my God, have you brought calamity even upon the widow with whom I sojourn, by killing her son?" [21] Then he stretched himself upon the child three times and cried to the LORD, "O LORD my God, let this child's life come into him again." [22] And the LORD listened to the voice of Elijah. And the life of the child came into him again, and he revived. [23] And Elijah took the child and brought him down from the upper chamber into the house and delivered him to his mother. And Elijah said, "See, your son lives." [24] And the woman said to Elijah, "Now I know that you are a man of God, and that the word of the LORD in your mouth is truth."

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- Have you ever noticed in your walk with the Lord, that you will have seasons in your life that you will have days of crying, days of tension, and days of sorrow? You can walk with the Lord, and love the Lord but that does not mean that you won't face some troubles because trouble is apart of the program!
- It is not that a person asks for trouble, or even signs up for trouble but when we walk with the Lord trouble has no discrimination because trouble is real, trouble is alive, and there are times that trouble will come at you because when you follow the Lord be prepared for trouble to show up.
- There are times that trouble comes right after you do what the Lord tells you to do, and that is when it can be rough and challenging because how can I keep on trusting in the Lord when trusting in the Lord is what brings me trouble!
- Don't ever think that you won't face trouble, and don't ever think that you will avoid trouble because following God is a blessing but it has burdens as well!

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- Your walk and life with the Lord won't have real meaning, if you always get everything easy or without any struggles. Don't think that you won't have struggles, but you also see that when you have struggles with God what do you say to God while you are going through your struggles.
- When you are facing your struggles, and when you are dealing with your struggles and dealing with your pains, how do you talk during those moments because do you talk with faith or do you talk with defeat even when you are facing the times of hard times.
- Sometimes we talk down on ourselves, and we have to watch how we talk to ourselves and how we look at life and even God when times are challenging, because how you respond in tough times will determine if you will survive!
- Words are strong, and we have to be careful how we speak to ourselves and the situation because we all have seasons of pain!
- Pain comes to you, but pain doesn't have to break you if you don't allow it.

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- This woman in this text, has a complaint and even an emotional response to Elijah because after feeding Elijah now her son has died, and now she is upset with the man of God. Yet... even though she was mad at Elijah, she still needed Elijah because Elijah was sent from God.
- God tested this woman more than once, and have you noticed that there are times that the Lord will test you more than once because you see it in this chapter that God used His prophet to show this woman the power of the Lord, but also when you follow the Lord and the man of God you see that there is something that is going to occur.
- Your convictions get tested when something close to you breaks down, when something close to you falls apart, and when something close to you dies that is when you find out what do you really believe?
- Do you really believe the Lord, and do you really believe the word of the Lord?

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- The same way the woman was upset, she also had to realize that she needed Elijah! The Church always needs a Pastor to lead, the Church always needs a leader, and the Church has to realize that things that don't make sense to you, makes sense to the Pastor because the Lord is the one that tells the Pastor to do it.
- The Lord will always use the Pastor, to give to the people what they need but to also show the Church that the Lord needs a servant that will be His representative to the people, to show them the importance of God's word, the importance of following leadership, and the importance of faith!
- The Pastor/Leader has to always believe what they preach about God, especially when tough times show up because they do, but when the Pastor believes in the Lord nothing can stop that Leader.
- When you follow the Lord, you have to follow the Lord believing that someday God will fix every situation!

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- God can't use a Pastor that doesn't want to deal with the issues of the people that Pastor serves, and the people have to trust in the Lord and trust in the leader that the Lord sends because it is a partnership that is building and ensues, and if there is no trust there won't be any healing!
- There has to be that trust, of course that trusts builds but at the same times when you look at the text what the woman didn't do Elijah did do, because you will notice that there are somethings the Lord specifically charges the Pastor to do, and God gives the Pastor a different and deeper anointing that the people that Pastor serves.
- It is also something that one must understand, that as we continue to serve the Lord and serve with each other the Lord always reveals to those that need to see why you need a Pastor!
- The Church needs a Pastor, that will preach, teach, pray, and lead because a Church can't grow and be a strong Church without the right leader!
- Also in your personal walk with god, you need a Pastor because you will see that some stuff I battle and struggle I need that counsel from my Pastor!

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- Then you see something else that is important and meaningful in this passage, that Elijah takes this young boy and not only does he take the young man but Elijah goes in the Spirit of prayer.
- Elijah is praying to the Lord, and the Bible lets us know that Elijah stretched himself over this boy 3 times, and that is when Elijah began to pray to the Lord, and when prayer is operating, when prayer is living, and when prayer is alive it will show us the power of God in our lives.
- The importance of prayer is so real, because when you are dealing with your challenges that are going to come are you going to pray to the Lord, are you going to call out to the Lord, and are you going to be honest to the Lord about what you are going through?
- When was the last time that you were honest with the Lord, or are you still just restricting yourself from God because why lie or even be soft with God, when God knows what you are dealing with at this moment!

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- The Lord knows what you are facing, and the Lord indeed knows what you are up against but don't allow your storms to make you have a defeated spirit or a defeated mentality. You shouldn't have a defeated mentality when you have a living Savior, and because the Lord lives we should have the right outlook!
- What do you do when you are facing troubling times?
- I like that Elijah went straight into a mode of prayer, and Elijah started to talk to the Lord, and because Elijah prayed to the Lord you saw how different the scenario became, and you saw how different the attitude changed because prayer does more than fussing!
- Instead of you fussing, fighting, or complaining start praying, because the best attitude to have sometimes is an attitude of prayer! Instead of you going off, and nothing gets solved pray and give it to God and watch God solve it!
- God lets us have burdens so we wake up and stop thinking we know it all!

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- God does that for us, and it is amazing how the Lord will allow some stuff to get to this place in our lives that we stop trying to do everything in your own hands, but give it to the Lord!
- You can't say I am a child of God, or that the I trust in the Lord but then there are somethings you try to handle yourself! Did you forget that you are not God?
- That is the thing did you forget that you are not God, it isn't your job to always try to fix and correct, because it is right here in this text that you see that Elijah knew he couldn't do it, but he knew who he could turn to and that is exactly what he did.
- Elijah turned to God, and that is what we need to do is turn to God instead of me or you going into a mode of fighting, some stuff is not worth me losing my peace, when I can give it to God and let the Lord work it out!
- Do you fully submit everything to the Lord or just give Him bits and pieces?

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- No matter what situation you are in, don't die until you have talked to the Lord and prayed to the Lord, and the thing about prayer is that prayer has no limits but prayer can go all day long if need to!
- How often are you praying and in a place of solitude to pray and listen to God?
- Prayer is real, prayer is powerful, and prayer is growing closer to God but are we missing out on real intimacy with the Lord because we are so caught up in our daily things, that we neglect spending time with the Lord to grow!
- We can't treat the Lord like we have weekend visitations, but you and the Lord should have daily time that is blocked out just for you two! Prayer is like that, prayer makes you want more of God, and sometimes you need to be on purpose getting closer to the Lord.
- The best response to some stuff I know is to pray and give it to the Lord, because prayer builds my confidence in the Lord and dependability on God!

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- Prayer turns things around, prayer makes you stable, and prayer makes you have the right outlook because when you pray and when you really pray, it is those times that when you pray, prayer will move you to a place of stripping yourself of thinking that you have nowhere to turn!
- Do you know where you can turn? You can always turn to the Lord because the Lord is right there, and the Lord has never left you and the Lord has never forgotten about you, but the Lord is right there with you and because the Lord is right there with you so I know I have the open door right there!
- God is an open door, and when the Lord is the open door we need to always walk through the door of comfort, the door of hope, and the door of coming back to life!
- You might have a dead situation, but the Lord is able to give you life now the way He does it we don't know, but somehow the Lord is able to give life again!

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- Psalm 40:1-4 ESV - I waited patiently for the LORD; he inclined to me and heard my cry. [2] He drew me up from the pit of destruction, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure. [3] He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the LORD. [4] Blessed is the man who makes the LORD his trust, who does not turn to the proud, to those who go astray after a lie!
- 2 Kings 4:30-37 ESV - Then the mother of the child said, "As the LORD lives and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So he arose and followed her. [31] Gehazi went on ahead and laid the staff on the face of the child, but there was no sound or sign of life. Therefore he returned to meet him and told him, "The child has not awakened." [32] When Elisha came into the house, he saw the child lying dead on his bed. [33] So he went in and shut the door behind the two of them and prayed to the LORD. [34] Then he went up and lay on the child, putting his mouth on his mouth, his eyes on his eyes, and his hands on his hands. And as he stretched himself upon him, the flesh of the child became warm. [35] Then he got up again and walked once back and forth in the house, and went up and stretched himself upon him. The child sneezed seven times, and the child opened his eyes. [36] Then he summoned Gehazi and said, "Call this Shunammite." So he called her. And when she came to him, he said, "Pick up your son." [37] She came and fell at his feet, bowing to the ground. Then she picked up her son and went out.

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- Mark 10:46-52 ESV - And they came to Jericho. And as he was leaving Jericho with his disciples and a great crowd, Bartimaeus, a blind beggar, the son of Timaeus, was sitting by the roadside. [47] And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" [48] And many rebuked him, telling him to be silent. But he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" [49] And Jesus stopped and said, "Call him." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart. Get up; he is calling you." [50] And throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. [51] And Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" And the blind man said to him, "Rabbi, let me recover my sight." [52] And Jesus said to him, "Go your way; your faith has made you well." And immediately he recovered his sight and followed him on the way.
- 1 Peter 5:6-7 ESV - Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, [7] casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you.

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- Philippians 4:6-7 ESV - Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. [7] And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.
- The Late Great Preacher & Theologian Charles Spurgeon said it like this: "If you believe in prayer at all, expect God to hear you. If you do not expect, you will not have. God will not hear you unless you believe He will hear you; but if you believe He will, He will be as good as your faith."
- The Late Biblical Scholar & Theologian John Wesley said it this way: "God does nothing but by prayer, and everything with it."
- The Late Great English & Puritan Preacher Thomas Watson spoke it this way: "A godly man is a praying man. As soon as grace is poured in, prayer is poured out. Prayer is the soul's traffic with Heaven; God comes down to us by His Spirit, and we go up to Him by prayer."

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- Then you see that this boy was brought back to life, and then Elijah brought the child back downstairs and then the child's Mother had to acknowledge that Elijah was surely a man of God, and that the word of the Lord that is birthed in Elijah was true.
- That is the truth and the other reality, that when you hear the word of the Lord and when you receive the word of the Lord, the Lord will always reveal to you who a real Pastor and Preacher is! A Pastor that is used by God, and a Pastor that submits to God will be used by God and respected because of the labor!
- Elijah also showed humility, because Elijah spoke with confidence to the Lord but also had the humility of wanting to pray for this child. It is good to know that you can pray to the Lord, and when you pray to the Lord God will change many things!
- God will change so much when we are humble enough to admit we need Him!

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- Do you need the Lord, and do you want the Lord because the Lord is there for you and the Lord has the answers that you need but do want the Lord and are you going to firmly seek the Lord?
- The Lord will make a change, and the Lord will open the doors and avenues, but it is also good when we do face troubles, because that's when we see and feel the power of the Lord in a mighty way!
- There is nothing that God can't do, God can do anything and that is why prayer works, the Lord works, and there is nothing that the Lord can't do because God will never leave you without an option to recover!
- John 5:5-9 ESV - One man was there who had been an invalid for thirty-eight years. [6] When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had already been there a long time, he said to him, "Do you want to be healed?" [7] The sick man answered him, "Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up, and while I am going another steps down before me." [8] Jesus said to him, "Get up, take up your bed, and walk." [9] And at once the man was healed, and he took up his bed and walked. Now that day was the Sabbath.

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- Mark 8:22-26 ESV - And they came to Bethsaida. And some people brought to him a blind man and begged him to touch him. [23] And he took the blind man by the hand and led him out of the village, and when he had spit on his eyes and laid his hands on him, he asked him, "Do you see anything?" [24] And he looked up and said, "I see people, but they look like trees, walking." [25] Then Jesus laid his hands on his eyes again; and he opened his eyes, his sight was restored, and he saw everything clearly. [26] And he sent him to his home, saying, "Do not even enter the village."

Questions To Ponder:

1. Do You Believe The Word Of God?
2. Is Prayer A Priority In Your Life?
3. How Important To You Is Following Pastoral Leadership?
4. What Do You Need The Lord To Resurrect In Your Life?
5. How Important Is Preaching?
6. Are You Believing In God For A Miracle?



“It’s All In God’s Hands
(Luke 23:44-47)
Trust God Series Pt. 4

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- Bible Study Lesson Text: Luke 23:44-47 ESV - It was now about the sixth hour, and there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour, [45] while the sun's light failed. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. [46] Then Jesus, calling out with a loud voice, said, “Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!” And having said this he breathed his last. [47] Now when the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God, saying, “Certainly this man was innocent!”
- There is something that happens, that when we trust in the Lord we have to trust in the Lord in the midst of our pains, our misfortunes, and sometimes we have to deal with giving it to God when it is a painful situation!
- Do you believe the Lord when you are in this case, and when you are in this situation because Jesus is giving a key for us that when it is no longer in our hands or we are capable give it to the Lord!
- Jesus was capable, but He was submissive to His Father!

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- That is what we have to understand, that when we are submitting to the will of God that doesn’t mean that submission is going to be good, or that submission is going to be easy but it will be necessary for you to understand the need of what it is about trusting in the Lord!
- When we trust in God, we have to be ready to release to God because God sometimes puts us in places and spaces, that we have no other option but to release it and put in the hands of God, because God always has something better, but also we realize God never does anything without a purpose!
- Jesus’s purpose was to save us from our sins, because we know what Jesus went through to get to this point, but we see that Jesus is now at the last moment before death and He knows who to turn to.
- It is in the moments of intensity that you see who you can turn to, because you realize and you understand that my pain is not going away until I learn how to deal with it!
- The best way to deal with pain is to give it to the Lord!

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- Pain is real, pain hurts, and pain is a struggle, but look at Jesus as we look at this text there is darkness all around, and the curtain of the temple was torn into two!
- Matthew 27:51 ESV - And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And the earth shook, and the rocks were split.
- The curtain/vail being torn in two, represented a token of mourning for, and testifying abhorrence at the crucifixion of Christ.
- All of these events happening around Jesus, but Jesus gives this last word and it is a powerful that He says “Father Into Your Hands I Commit My Spirit”
- Psalm 31:5 ESV - Into your hand I commit my spirit; you have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.
- Acts 7:59-60 ESV - And as they were stoning Stephen, he called out, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” [60] And falling to his knees he cried out with a loud voice, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

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- Then a centurion watched what was happening around Jesus, and then he admitted that Jesus was the son of God.
- Matthew 27:54 ESV - When the centurion and those who were with him, keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were filled with awe and said, “Truly this was the Son of God!”
- Mark 15:39 ESV - And when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, “Truly this man was the Son of God!”
- Here is it that we see this is all around this situation, and yet through all of this we still see that Jesus is the one that acknowledges the Lord and gives it to God, and that you can’t neglect Jesus!
- Yet..... do you understand the purpose of being really submissive?

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- Can you submit to the will of God when it is not your will?
- When we submit to God, that is also us tossing away our pride and tossing away our ego because I now I understand that in submitting to the will of God I have made a decision, that God whatever you want to do in my life, and whatever you choose to do I am alright with it!
- Have you gotten to that place in your spiritual walk with the Lord, that you are alright with what God does? When the Lord is at work in your life, are you okay with His work when His construction project isn’t the way you thought it be built?
- Is it okay for you when you are not being wounded, but is it okay for you when it is your time to face the tough times! Jesus shows us the meaning of putting it in the hands of the Lord, because the text says He breathed his last, but it was what He placed in God’s hands.
- Jesus put His spirit in the hands of God and left it there!

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- That is a great charge, and that is a great thing about Jesus, but also something about us when we look at our lives, (Whose hands are we putting our spirits in?)
- That’s something that we need to always look at in our lives, how many people are we allowing to have access to our spirits, and are we sharing our spirits with too many people, and that is making us feel empty, or just feel lost?
- You have to put the right hands in your life, and you have to have the right hands in your life and you have to put your spirit and your soul in the right hands!
- Everybody can’t have access to your spirit, everybody can’t get closer to your spirit, and everybody can’t feel your spirit because your spirit can be contaminated!
- Does your spirit attach to God’s spirit?

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- One could not just get to this place, that you can submit to the hands of God and put your spirit in the hands of God, if there was not an attachment, because the more you are attached to the Lord the easier it becomes to let go.
- That doesn't mean that it will always be easy, that doesn't mean it will always feel good, and that doesn't mean it will always be upright but when you are attached to the Lord, you learn how to let go, and you learn how to trust God when it is not easy!
- It is not always easy, but when you let go you are completely and fully saying "God it is all yours." Do you have that type of relationship with the Lord, that it is all yours? Nothing we have belongs to us, and we are not our own we belong to God!
- When I belong to the Lord, I am not going to fight God for what the Lord wants to do!
- You can't force God's hand when God is at work, because the Lord will always put us in a position and a place where we have to trust God when it is not easy or when we don't always know what is the Lord doing or revealing!
- We can't figure God out, because we will never know what God is doing!

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- Jesus also makes it known what commitment is as well, because you see that as well the commitment that Jesus displays in this passage because the Lord has Jesus spirit and heart!
- When you are committed and when you have real commitment, you learn how to take the good and the bad, and when you have real commitment and when you know who you are committed to, you don’t let a bad day take you away!
- Don’t let a bad day take you away from the Lord, don’t let a bad day stop you from trusting in the Lord, don’t let a bad day make you neglect the Lord, and don’t let a bad day stop your life from moving forward!
- Don’t let a bad stop you from moving forward, because you do have to keep on moving forward even when it is trying you, wearing you down, and making you frustrated.
- You can’t stop living, just because life has given you a bad day!

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- You have to keep moving forward, and even though Jesus breathed His last look at what happened Jesus didn't give His problems the last word, but Jesus made it personal and had the last word, when He gave it to the Lord!
- When I am with the Lord, I am not going to allow anything that I don't give my spirit to have the last words over me, but I will allow the Lord to have the final say so, because it might be bad right now, but that doesn't mean that Resurrection Day is not coming.
- There will be a better day coming, but can we handle and wait for the better day while we are still dealing with the hard day? Yes it is hard, and yes it is tumultuous, but it doesn't have to be the end of the story!
- It won't be the end of the story, if you don't allow it to be but you have to keep on pressing on and moving forward even though it gets hard, and even though it gets messy the Lord won't leave you!
- You aren't left alone even though you feel alone, because even though nobody is around you God is still with you!

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- Luke 18:1-7 ESV - And he told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart. [2] He said, “In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor respected man. [3] And there was a widow in that city who kept coming to him and saying, ‘Give me justice against my adversary.’ [4] For a while he refused, but afterward he said to himself, ‘Though I neither fear God nor respect man, [5] yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will give her justice, so that she will not beat me down by her continual coming.” [6] And the Lord said, “Hear what the unrighteous judge says. [7] And will not God give justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long over them?
- Acts 3:6-10 ESV - But Peter said, “I have no silver and gold, but what I do have I give to you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk!” [7] And he took him by the right hand and raised him up, and immediately his feet and ankles were made strong. [8] And leaping up, he stood and began to walk, and entered the temple with them, walking and leaping and praising God. [9] And all the people saw him walking and praising God, [10] and recognized him as the one who sat at the Beautiful Gate of the temple, asking for alms. And they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.

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- John 6:5-12 ESV - Lifting up his eyes, then, and seeing that a large crowd was coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, “Where are we to buy bread, so that these people may eat?” [6] He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he would do. [7] Philip answered him, “Two hundred denarii worth of bread would not be enough for each of them to get a little.” [8] One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, [9] “There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish, but what are they for so many?” [10] Jesus said, “Have the people sit down.” Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, about five thousand in number. [11] Jesus then took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated. So also the fish, as much as they wanted. [12] And when they had eaten their fill, he told his disciples, “Gather up the leftover fragments, that nothing may be lost.”
- Matthew 15:24-28 ESV - He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” [25] But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” [26] And he answered, “It is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs.” [27] She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table.” [28] Then Jesus answered her, “O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire.” And her daughter was healed instantly.

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- There is something else that I love about this text, is that this centurion was praising God because he knew what Jesus was, and even it is amazing how God reveals to us, and how it is that praising the Lord is something powerful and special, when you get a eye-opening experience!
- That is why you should always praise the Lord, and that is why we should never not praise the Lord because praising the Lord will release some burdens, praising God will release some pains, and praising God will make you free.
- Praising God will push you closer to the Lord, praising God will reveal your uncleanness, praising God will reveal your sin, praising God will reveal your unworthiness, and praising God will make you feel better!
- Praising God will make you acknowledge the Lord, and acknowledge that God is in control, God is in charge, and God is not through with showing and revealing to us, the importance of Jesus Christ!

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- When we are praising God, praising God is not about performance, praising God is not about what looks catchy, praising God is not about what looks like something that I can mimic, but a personal revelation, and personal experiences are what make praising God so meaningful!
- Do you have that kind of reality with the Lord, because this centurion who was a Roman soldier officer, and yet God changed his life even though he did his job by putting Jesus on the cross, but God always has the final say so!
- That is what happens when one gets close to the Lord, and that is what happens when the Lord is at work because the Lord will always change a person better than you or I can!
- Once again when you are in the hands of God, God will reveal what to follow, God will reveal what you don’t need to do, and God will reveal the importance of worship and following the Lord fully and completely!
- A Christian follower of Jesus Christ should be afraid of your praise, and should never act like praising God is dictated by a grading system!

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- When we praise the Lord, and when we lift up the name of Jesus there is nothing that will take away the feelings that I have for the Lord, because I know there is and hasn't been anybody like the Lord in my life!
- That is also the key of life and living, because it is all about trusting in the Lord and praising the Lord, and there is nothing that will turn me away from the Lord, because I know that the Lord will fix it, and how the Lord has given me peace, and given me hope, I am able to not lose my faith or drive because I trust in God!
- Pastor Rick Warren said this: “Happy moments, PRAISE GOD Difficult moments, SEEK GOD Quiet moments, WORSHIP GOD Painful moments, TRUST GOD Every moment, THANK GOD.”
- The Late Theologian C. S. Lewis said it this way: “A man can no more diminish God's glory by refusing to worship Him than a lunatic can put out the sun by scribbling the word, 'darkness' on the walls of his cell.”
- The Late Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr spoke it this way: “I may not be the man I want to be; I may not be the man I ought to be; I may not be the man I could be; I may not be the man I truly can be; but praise God, I'm not the man I once was.”

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- Psalm 66:1-4 ESV - Shout for joy to God, all the earth; [2] sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise! [3] Say to God, “How awesome are your deeds! So great is your power that your enemies come cringing to you. [4] All the earth worships you and sings praises to you; they sing praises to your name.” Selah
- Psalm 98:1-5 ESV - Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things! His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him. [2] The LORD has made known his salvation; he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations. [3] He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. [4] Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises! [5] Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody!

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- Psalm 92:1-4 ESV - It is good to give thanks to the LORD, to sing praises to your name, O Most High; [2] to declare your steadfast love in the morning, and your faithfulness by night, [3] to the music of the lute and the harp, to the melody of the lyre. [4] For you, O LORD, have made me glad by your work; at the works of your hands I sing for joy.

Questions To Ponder:

1. Is Your Trust In God Alive?
2. How Much Do You Praise God?
3. What Does Praising God Mean To You?
4. Can You Submit To God When It Is Not Easy?
5. Who Needs To Be Released From Your Life?
6. Is The Lord The Complete Leader Of Your Life?
7. Do You Want To See The Glory Of God Come Down?



"Help Is On The Way" (Mark 8:22-26) Trust God Series Pt. 5

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- Bible Study Lesson Text: Mark 8:22-26 ESV - And they came to Bethsaida. And some people brought to him a blind man and begged him to touch him. [23] And he took the blind man by the hand and led him out of the village, and when he had spit on his eyes and laid his hands on him, he asked him, "Do you see anything?" [24] And he looked up and said, "I see people, but they look like trees, walking." [25] Then Jesus laid his hands on his eyes again; and he opened his eyes, his sight was restored, and he saw everything clearly. [26] And he sent him to his home, saying, "Do not even enter the village."
- There will be times in our lives, that we face some hurdles but you know even though you face hurdles in your life it doesn't mean that you will always be in that situation!
- This text is a great reminder - "Jesus will change your life, when you do what He says at the right time."
- There is always a time to improve, and when you have the opportunity to improve that is when you can't allow that opportunity to pass you by!
- Don't miss the door when the door is open!



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- This text is a reality for every believer of Jesus Christ, that when you follow Jesus and when you do what the Lord tells you to do that is when your day of restoration comes, your day of a new beginning comes, and your day of a new start comes.
- When you follow the Lord, and when you allow the Lord to be in your life you see that Jesus will always give you the door for a new beginning, because what you were and where you are, doesn't have to always be the same way it has been once Jesus takes control!
- Jesus will take control when you bring Him your problems, because when you bring Him problems, and when He takes control over your problems, you will see that your problem is about to fade away because a new start is here!
- If you want your problem to leave... Where are you going with your problem?
- The right location, will take the problem away because when you look at the text and when you see the text, your problem has to change because when you get to Jesus be ready for a change in your life, and be ready for a change in how you live!



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- Life should never be the same once Jesus has gotten involved!
- "Do You Involve Jesus In All Of Your Problems?"
- When you look at the text, and when you watch the text the best thing that happened to this blind man before he got to Jesus was that he had some people that cared enough about his condition, that once they cared about his condition they refused to leave him like that because they brought him to Jesus!
- You have to look at your life, and you have to ask that same question when you think about who is in your life "Who Are Your Some People?"
- Who are the people in your life that you rely on when you are faced with burdens, who are the people in your life that know Jesus, and who are the people in your life that want to see you healed?
- You need people in your life, that want to see you progress and not struggle!



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- Some people in your life never want to see you have success, there are some people in your life that they want to see you struggle, because if you get healed and when you get healed, than all of a sudden what you once were, you no longer are, because of the changes that have come to you!
- Some people are not good for me or you, because they don't want to carry you to healing but they would rather keep you down in despair because some people don't like it when they aren't over you!
- You need People like this in your life:
 1. Godly People (Proverbs 27:17 ESV - Iron sharpens iron, and one man sharpens another.)
 2. Praying People (Psalm 91:15 ESV - When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will rescue him and honor him.)
 3. Determined People (Proverbs 24:14 ESV - Know that wisdom is such to your soul; if you find it, there will be a future, and your hope will not be cut off.)
 4. Progressive People (Ecclesiastes 4:9-10 ESV - Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil. [10] For if they fall, one will lift up his fellow. But woe to him who is alone when he falls and has not another to lift him up!)
 5. Unashamed People (Romans 1:16 ESV - For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.)



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- Then.... Once these people give this man to Jesus, it was then that you see in this text, that now Jesus is leading him and once he is led to the village it was Jesus that spit on his eyes, and touch him and asked him do you see anything?
- This word "begged" in the Greek means - To call to one's side.
- This word "hand" in the Greek means - Symbolizing the power and activity of the Lord.
- The name "Bethsaida" in the Greek means - House of fish.
- Here we see that once Jesus has His hands on you, a miracle is about to happen because Jesus won't take you somewhere that He can't heal you!
- Jesus won't ever let you remain in the same condition, once you follow Him and once you give Him control get ready to see what the Lord is about to do!
- When you are in the hands of Jesus, your expectations should increase because of whose hands you are. Being in the hands of Jesus, and walking with Jesus should make you ready for the new start!



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- Sometimes in order for us to get our blessings... We have to some days deal with the messiness of being blessed, because some blessings are coming with some spit attached to it!
- It is amazing how the way Jesus blesses the man... Comes from some spittle, something that looks and feels disgusting and deplorable was the main thing Jesus used, and that is something Jesus will never bless you from the status quo but sometimes Jesus gets messy in order for us to see!
- When you want your healing, you don't care about how it comes as long as it comes that is enough for you! You can't pick and choose how Jesus blesses you, but if Jesus decides to get dirty to bless me I'm good with that!
- Your desire for healing..... Is displayed by your submission to how God does it!
- The man gets healed, and recognizes what's around him, but Jesus touches the man's eyes twice! Jesus gives the man more than one touch, and Jesus will always give you more than one touch to make sure you are fully healed!



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- Jesus didn't just leave at one point, because the man says I see people but they are walking around looking like trees! How did this man know what trees looked like, if the man was blind?
- The text never lets us know if the man was born blind, but the text does indicate the man knew what trees looked like, and then Jesus touched him one more time and he saw clearly!
- The thing for us is - Are you satisfied with a blurry blessing, or do you want a complete restored blessing?
- Some people like just a blurry blessing, because they want just enough but they don't want more than that even though they have more potential than that, they are satisfied with just seeing but not being fully restored!
- Some people want to be fully restored, because they want all the Lord has for them, and when they get all the Lord has for them they reach goals and heights they have never seen before!



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- As you walk with the Lord, don't just rely on the blurry blessing and as you walk with the Lord stop playing it safe, but take a risk, take a leap, and break out of that cycle and bubble of just being satisfied when you can be legendary!
- That is what the Lord is telling us even as the Church, that we don't need to be a blurry Church where we are just satisfied with where we are when we can be a fully restored Church and have more!
- As the Church God can and will restore us, but we can't just be satisfied with where we are, when we can achieve more, acquire more, and reach more because we can't want the Lord to bless us, but we just want a double blessing when we can have a home run blessing!
- That's what the Lord is telling us, and that should be our desire because in any person's life you should have that feeling that I have been through enough dealing with this affliction not to be fully restored!



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- It is also comes with the territory that one has in their lives, haven't you been through enough and then once the Lord gives you the option to be fully resorted, and gives you the option to improve, and overcome that don't return back to where you were.
- That's how you know what a person is all about, some people are about advancements, improvements, and evolution because when you have that motivation you aren't just content with just a little bit when God has more for you!
- Then when God has restored you, there will always be some people who don't believe because some scholars have said that the reason Jesus said - "Do not even enter the village" was because of unbelievers and doubters in the crowd!
- There are those who will never believe what Jesus has done for you, and there are those that always have doubts but don't let unbelief cancel your faith!
- When you have seen the Lord work, there will never be unbelief because you always give credit where credit is due!
- Give God the credit, and don't take it back for what God has done for you!



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- John 9:1-3,6-7,10-11,25 ESV - As he passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. [2] And his disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" [3] Jesus answered, "It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him. [6] Having said these things, he spit on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then he anointed the man's eyes with the mud [7] and said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing. [10] So they said to him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" [11] He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud and anointed my eyes and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' So I went and washed and received my sight." [25] He answered, "Whether he is a sinner I do not know. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see."
- Mark 1:40-42 ESV - And a leper came to him, imploring him, and kneeling said to him, "If you will, you can make me clean." [41] Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand and touched him and said to him, "I will; be clean." [42] And immediately the leprosy left him, and he was made clean.



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- Luke 18:35-42 ESV - As he drew near to Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging. [36] And hearing a crowd going by, he inquired what this meant. [37] They told him, "Jesus of Nazareth is passing by." [38] And he cried out, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" [39] And those who were in front rebuked him, telling him to be silent. But he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" [40] And Jesus stopped and commanded him to be brought to him. And when he came near, he asked him, [41] "What do you want me to do for you?" He said, "Lord, let me recover my sight." [42] And Jesus said to him, "Recover your sight; your faith has made you well."
- Matthew 15:32-37 ESV - Then Jesus called his disciples to him and said, "I have compassion on the crowd because they have been with me now three days and have nothing to eat. And I am unwilling to send them away hungry, lest they faint on the way." [33] And the disciples said to him, "Where are we to get enough bread in such a desolate place to feed so great a crowd?" [34] And Jesus said to them, "How many loaves do you have?" They said, "Seven, and a few small fish." [35] And directing the crowd to sit down on the ground, [36] he took the seven loaves and the fish, and having given thanks he broke them and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. [37] And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up seven baskets full of the broken pieces left over.
- Luke 13:10-13 ESV - Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. [11] And behold, there was a woman who had had a disabling spirit for eighteen years. She was bent over and could not fully straighten herself. [12] When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said to her, "Woman, you are freed from your disability." [13] And he laid his hands on her, and immediately she was made straight, and she glorified God.



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- NBA Superstar Steph Curry said it this way: "It doesn't matter where you come from, what you have or don't have, what you lack, or what you have too much of. But all you need to have is faith in God, an undying passion for what you do and what you choose to do in this life, and a relentless drive and the will to do whatever it takes to be successful in whatever you put your mind to."
- Christian Singer Jeremy Camp spoke it this way: I had my battles. I had my times of just being upset and God would show me, 'Hey, I'm right here, I'll walk you through this and it doesn't make sense now but just trust me.' That's where faith come in - trust."
- NFL Hall Of Famer Ray Lewis said it like this: "Man doesn't dictate what you do or how you do it. If you believe in God, believe in God; have your faith in him. That's where my faith lies."
- Author, TV Broadcaster, & Journalist Germany Kent said it this way: "Let your life reflect the faith you have in God. Fear nothing and pray about everything. Be strong, trust God's word, and trust the process."



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- This text is another great reminder that Jesus is on the throne, and that Jesus has your back but also understand that you have to persevere at all times, and you have to decide that what you want is Jesus and your healing!
- It is good to know that Jesus doesn't mind touching us, because a touch from Jesus will change everything, and when you have a touch from Jesus it is not like any other touch.
- A touch from Jesus can erase a debt or a restriction!
- Can the Lord get close to you to touch you?
- We all have those things about us, to where there are things and even sometimes people that we don't want to touch us because of them being dirty, or for them being unclean.
- Does Jesus have enough access to you, that He can touch you without limitations and without restrictions so you can better?



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- Do you want Jesus to touch you?

- A touch from Jesus does great things:

1. Brings Deliverance: Matthew 8:1-3 ESV - When he came down from the mountain, great crowds followed him. [2] And behold, a leper came to him and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, if you will, you can make me clean." [3] And Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him, saying, "I will; be clean." And immediately his leprosy was cleansed.
2. Brings Restoration: Mark 1:29-31 ESV - And immediately he left the synagogue and entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. [30] Now Simon's mother-in-law lay ill with a fever, and immediately they told him about her. [31] And he came and took her by the hand and lifted her up, and the fever left her, and she began to serve them.
3. Brings Healing: Mark 7:32-35 ESV - And they brought to him a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment, and they begged him to lay his hand on him. [33] And taking him aside from the crowd privately, he put his fingers into his ears, and after spitting touched his tongue. [34] And looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." [35] And his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly.
4. Brings New Life: Mark 5:35-36, 41-42 ESV - While he was still speaking, there came from the ruler's house some who said, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the Teacher any further?" [36] But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the ruler of the synagogue, "Do not fear, only believe." [41] Taking her by the hand he said to her, "Talitha cumi," which means, "Little girl, I say to you, arise." [42] And immediately the girl got up and began walking (for she was twelve years of age), and they were immediately overcome with amazement.



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- We have to always remember there's nothing that the Lord can't do, and there is no need to restrict ourselves but when we believe in the Lord, and when we see what the Lord has done, and what the Lord is doing, we are able to have a new life.
- God will always give us a new beginning when we trust Him and follow Him, the new beginning it is yours to hold, to take, and to grasp but it is also on you to stop holding back, stop living beneath your capabilities, and stop allowing fear to control your destiny!
- You have what it takes, but you have to be willing to get to Jesus and bring it all to Jesus, and when you do that watch the way, God allows things to change in your life because you refused to remain the same!
- I refuse to remain the same, when I know that Jesus has more for me, and in knowing that I am getting up and not staying down any longer! Tell yourself, that you refuse to stay down any longer, but you are getting all that God has for you!
- It is a new day.... Take advantage of the new, and stop living in the old!



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- Mark 5:25-29,31,34 ESV - And there was a woman who had had a discharge of blood for twelve years, [26] and who had suffered much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was no better but rather grew worse. [27] She had heard the reports about Jesus and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his garment. [28] For she said, "If I touch even his garments, I will be made well." [29] And immediately the flow of blood dried up, and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. [31] And his disciples said to him, "You see the crowd pressing around you, and yet you say, 'Who touched me?'" [34] And he said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease."

Questions To Ponder:

1. Do You Want To Be Healed?
2. Do You Want To See The Church Expand?
3. Do You Want To See God Bless The Church With More?
4. Do You Desire For Your Life To Have More Meaning?
5. Do You Believe That God Can Give Restoration?
 6. Do You Believe In Yourself?
 7. Do You Want A Better Finish?

"TRUSTING GOD IN A STRANGE
LAND" (PSALMS 137:1-4)
TRUST GOD SERIES PT. 6

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"Trusting God In A Strange Land"

- Bible Study Lesson Text: Psalm 137:1-4 ESV - By the waters of Babylon, there we sat down and wept, when we remembered Zion. [2] On the willows there we hung up our lyres. [3] For there our captors required of us songs, and our tormentors, mirth, saying, "Sing us one of the songs of Zion!" [4] How shall we sing the LORD's song in a foreign land?
- There is something that we look at in life, because we all will face some times that something will hit us to where we all will get tested in our lives, but that is when you see how to respond!
- Just because you follow the Lord doesn't mean that you won't be tested! We all get tested in our lives, and tests come to us because none of us can avoid a test or trial because none of us can escape the hits that life brings, but that doesn't mean that we should be silent!
- How often do we miss out on growth in God, because we don't always like the things that we deal with and we don't like what we face!
- Nobody can write or script out our lives, but even though we can't script our lives we can at least have the right response to tough times!

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- It is easy to praise the Lord when you are in a known land, but it is something different when the land is strange but even though the land is strange that doesn't mean the Lord is strange!
- Just because we have hard times doesn't mean we should give up, too often we allow hard times to make us give up! If you can give up so easily, that just might mean that you don't believe fully what you have professed! You should not be so easily swayed by problems, that you allow your problems to stop the praise in your life!
- How do we lose our praise for God just because we are in an unknown or even captive situation? If you can lose your praise that quickly, how real is your faith in the Lord when times get hard, because nobody should be able to snatch your praise away from the Lord!
- The praise you have for the Lord should never be praise that can only be expressed, when you like the land you are not really praising the Lord!

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- You can't just praise the Lord when life is good, because what would life be like if you always got what you wanted but you never went through a difficult period!
- Sometimes people are good for being on fire for God when God is doing what you want, but if your fire leaves the first time of oppression than we start to see and realize that sometimes we lose us because we have not a strong foundation!
- You have to have a strong Biblical foundation, because when you have a strong foundation you can keep singing even when times are not always pleasant! Just because I'm in a storm doesn't mean I stop singing, sometimes your best songs are produced in your toughest trials!
- You haven't really sang to the Lord until you've had to sing to the Lord with the pressure on, because it is when the pressure comes that you see what you are really made of!
- You haven't really grown until you've had to live with the pressure, because if you can't handle the pressure then your praise is not really strong!

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- This 137th Psalm according to some scholars has been said to have been written by: "David". It is also said to have been a Psalms about the Jewish children being captive in Babylon, and the bad treatment that they received while being held captive. This Psalms is a song of exile and a cry of worship, and now it is said by another scholar that the children of Israel have been in this particular Psalms struggling whether or not to sing.
- Then also in the history of the text, we see that King Nebuchadnezzar destroyed Jerusalem from 587-586 BC, and took the majority of Judah into exile in 2 Kings 25.
- 2 Kings 25:1 ESV - And in the ninth year of his reign, in the tenth month, on the tenth day of the month, Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came with all his army against Jerusalem and laid siege to it. And they built siegeworks all around it.
- Jeremiah 51:13 ESV - O you who dwell by many waters, rich in treasures, your end has come; the thread of your life is cut.
- Amos 8:3 ESV - The songs of the temple shall become wailings in that day," declares the Lord GOD. "So many dead bodies!" "They are thrown everywhere!" "Silence!"
- Ezekiel 1:1 ESV - In the thirtieth year, in the fourth month, on the fifth day of the month, as I was among the exiles by the Chebar canal, the heavens were opened, and I saw visions of God.

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- This word "sing" means - To sing, and we also know singing is an expression of worship.
- This word "song" means - A musical and religious song.
- This word "foreign" means - Strange.
- This word "land" means - Territory, country, and a pit of land.
- You have to look at this in text, that when you are praising the Lord and when you are singing to the Lord, you have to make sure that you know the Lord when you get hurt and wounded!
- It is real as we live for the Lord, we should never stop our worship to the Lord because just because you face the burdens and mountains of life doesn't mean you can't reach the top!
- We will never reach the top if we don't like getting bruised! How often do we get bruised in life and we get back up, or do we stay down because it is easy to talk big until you have to live what you have said!

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- Many people are easy to talk big when you are not facing problems, but if you can talk big when you aren't facing problems remember that same talk when you do face problems!
- Problems are real and so should your confidence in God be, how confident are you in the Lord when you face problems because is in the text, the confidence in the Lord has been dissipated because even though they faced a enemy that didn't the praise should have stopped!
- Nobody is more powerful than the Lord, and nobody is more important than the Lord and because I know that why should I allow my praise to the Lord get taken away just because I am facing an enemy!
- Just because you have an enemy or a burden doesn't mean you don't have the Lord, when you have the Lord there is nobody that can stop my praise because praising God is more meaningful than an enemy!

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- When was the last time you had authentic worship? As you look at the text, if we are going to worship the Lord why do we make worship based on how we feel and not how we feel?
- Sometimes we worship based on how we feel, instead of how we feel about the Lord because what I feel about the Lord that should make my worship be constant and persistent!
- Our worship to the Lord has to be real when we have real feelings about the Lord, and you know that you can't pick and choose when you decide to worship but your worship to the Lord doesn't always get to choose where but it does choose its actions!
- Praise is an action, praise is an expression, and praise is an feeling that you can't just turn on and off! Praising God should always be a constant feeling, a constant joy, and a constant reality!
- Praising God is a living expression not a dead expression!

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- In order to have real praise to the Lord, the praise that you give to the Lord it has to be real! If the Lord can't get real praise out of you, then you won't ever have a real testimony!
- Sometimes a life can be a tragic result, because you can't stop living just because hit a rough spot! Why would you stop living just because you hit a rough spot, you don't always get to control how life hits you but you can control how you bounce back from it!
- It is not anybody else's responsibility for how you bounce back, but it is your responsibility for how you bounce back. We sometimes want to wait on others to give us the okay to get back up, but there comes a time that we all have to stop waiting on people to get us up!
- That is not what I should do or you should do, is that you got to get back up and you have to decide that tribulations won't stop my mouth because I don't belong to tribulations but I belong to God!
- Don't get mad at tribulations, because we need those tribulations to make us stronger and make us believe what we say and what we think!

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- Be careful of the group that you get involved with! According to scholars the reason for the weeping was because of, Zion now was; the city, temple, and altar, lying in heaps of rubbish; no worship and service performed; no sacrifices offered, nor songs sung; nor any that came to her solemn feasts, and they mourned their fate, sorrows, grief, and sins!
- Yet.... this is the thing about the crowds, that even though we faced these problems and even gotten in these problems that doesn't mean we should stop praising the Lord!
- Sometimes the people you run with are the reasons why you don't praise! You ought to stop being around people who are always sad and nothing makes them happy, if there are people in your life who are always sad then you need to leave some people alone who always have a negative spirit!
- You should have people in your life who have joy, and who have the right response to tough situations because the right response is about praising the Lord in all situations because that's how you make it!
- You make it with your praise, and I need people in my life that we all gather together to praise and not pout but we praise!

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- Psalm 34:1-3 ESV - I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth. [2] My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad. [3] Oh, magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together!
- Psalm 89:1-5 ESV - I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD, forever; with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all generations. [2] For I said, "Steadfast love will be built up forever; in the heavens you will establish your faithfulness." [3] You have said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one; I have sworn to David my servant: [4] 'I will establish your offspring forever, and build your throne for all generations.'" Selah [5] Let the heavens praise your wonders, O LORD, your faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones!
- Psalm 103:1 ESV - Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

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- Psalm 99:1-5 ESV - The LORD reigns; let the peoples tremble! He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake! [2] The LORD is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples. [3] Let them praise your great and awesome name! Holy is he! [4] The King in his might loves justice. You have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob. [5] Exalt the LORD our God; worship at his footstool! Holy is he!
- Psalm 107:1-3 ESV - Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever! [2] Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, whom he has redeemed from trouble [3] and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.
- Psalm 111:1 ESV - Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.
- Psalm 33:1-3 ESV - Shout for joy in the LORD, O you righteous! Praise befits the upright. [2] Give thanks to the LORD with the lyre; make melody to him with the harp of ten strings! [3] Sing to him a new song; play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.

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- Life is too short to let my praise be depleted, and more importantly my praise to the Lord is valuable, it is precious, and it means so much to me that nothing is going to stop my praise!
- The praise that I have for the Lord is strong and it is fueled by my determination to not let go of God! I can't let go of God, and I refuse to let my praise just pass by because my worship to the Lord means so much to me, that one setback is not going to be my final chapter and conclusion!
- Singing is an expression, singing is powerful, singing is showing enthusiasm, and singing is showing happiness! Singing is real, singing is ministry, and singing is helpful!
- Singing can calm your nerves, and singing can make you stronger because we love to sing about love, school, worship, patriotism, life, improvements, and children songs!
- We all have those songs, that give us these different expressions and feelings because of the powers of the song, the lyrics, and the person!

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- You can't sing if you don't know what you are singing about! When you sing make sure you know the purpose of singing, and when you sing to the Lord there is a purpose because your view of God increases by the music you make to God!
- If the Lord can't move you, then you really don't have a real strong relationship with the Lord! If nobody else can move me surely the Lord should be able to, and because the Lord can move me my worship I'm going to another level and won't let the Lord get pieces of me but He will get the whole me!
- The Lord will get all of me, and my praise is going to be real and nothing is going to stop my praise! Who I am is defined by who the Lord means to me, and knowing who the Lord means to me is why I won't put my praise on the shelf!!!
- Don't ever put your praise on the shelf, but your praise should walk with you every day and not stopping!
- If you can't praise God every day, don't ask God to bless you every day!

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- Pastor Rick Warren says this: "The ultimate test of faith is not how loudly you praise God in happy times but how deeply you trust him in dark times."
- Theologian A. W. Tozer said this: "Perhaps it takes a purer faith to praise God for unrealized blessings than for those we once enjoyed or those we enjoy now."
- Theologian D. L. Moody said this: "If a man just stops to think what he has to praise God for, he will find there is enough to keep him singing praises for a week."
- Psalm 86:12-13 ESV - I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart, and I will glorify your name forever. [13] For great is your steadfast love toward me; you have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol.
- Psalm 66:17-20 ESV - I cried to him with my mouth, and high praise was on my tongue. [18] If I had cherished iniquity in my heart, the Lord would not have listened. [19] But truly God has listened; he has attended to the voice of my prayer. [20] Blessed be God, because he has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast love from me!

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- Psalm 41:11-12 ESV - By this I know that you delight in me: my enemy will not shout in triumph over me. [12] But you have upheld me because of my integrity, and set me in your presence forever.
- Psalm 145:2-3 ESV - Every day I will bless you and praise your name forever and ever. [3] Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable.
- Psalm 146:1-4 ESV - Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul! [2] I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being. [3] Put not your trust in princes, in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation. [4] When his breath departs, he returns to the earth; on that very day his plans perish.
- Psalm 150:6 ESV - Let everything that has breath praise the LORD! Praise the LORD!

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- Questions To Ponder

1. How Often Do We Miss God Because Of Fear?
2. Why Do We Land In The Strange Land?
3. How Do You Respond To Tough Times?
4. Can You Praise God Through The Storm?
5. Will God Be Please With Your Fatih?
6. Is Praising God A Top Priority In Your Life?
7. Can You Make Your Own Music?

"No Fear Over Here"
(Isaiah 12:1-4)
Trusting God Series Pt. 7



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“No Fear Over Here”

- Bible Study Lesson Text: Isaiah 12:1-4 ESV - You will say in that day: "I will give thanks to you, O LORD, for though you were angry with me, your anger turned away, that you might comfort me. [2] "Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid; for the LORD GOD is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation." [3] With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. [4] And you will say in that day: "Give thanks to the LORD, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the peoples, proclaim that his name is exalted.
- What does trust look like to you? Many times a person expresses that they trust in someone or something, but does a person know why and what they are trusting in?
- Real trust is expressing loyalty, love, & faith in someone because of what you believe, what you feel, and what you express!
- Trust is not something to take lightly, but is trust is something that is serious!

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- Too often sometimes, people take things like trust for granted because we can't trust in everything or everybody because we see in our lives, that we make mistakes when we trust people too early when we really don't know who they are, and what they are about!
- Watch who and in what you trust, just because a person presents themselves as harmless are the main ones that will do you harm! Nobody reveals themselves early, but when you see their fruit you realize how demonic some people are!
- We can't make it without the Lord, because if we try to make it without God then when we get hurt it will bring us down and bring us low because none of us can get through this life without the right partner!
- The best partner you can have is the Lord, and you'll see in life that when you do have the Lord you don't allow yourself to be pulled down the wrong path because of where your trust is!

“No Fear Over Here”

- Where is your trust? This text indicates where our trust should be in, because when my trust is in the right person than I can be confident and assured that nothing will keep me down or afraid!
- Why should I be afraid when God is my Father, my protector, my guide, my shield, & my deliverer! How often do we allow ourselves to be controlled by fear, especially when we get in situations that prove to be more than we can handle!
- That's something that we have to be honest about... some stuff you and I just can't handle by ourselves!!! Just because you have a strong emotional side, doesn't mean that your strength won't get tested, bruised, or shattered based on life's circumstances!
- It's sometimes good for us, when our egos and feelings get hurt so we know who to trust in and to stop thinking that we are so strong that stuff doesn't bother us or we don't need the Lord!

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- All of us need the Lord! We all need something because we can't do anything in this life without something! We need clothes, we need shoes, we need gasoline, we need air conditioning, we need roads, we need medicine, we need electricity, and we need water!
- Now if we need these things.... Don't you think that we need the Lord, and the Lord is more valuable and important because when my resources run out I don't need to let my trust in the main source run out! If I have trust in God, even when other things fade, I know that the Lord is working for me and on my behalf!
- We need to always trust in the Lord, and this trust in the Lord is also a song of thankfulness, redemption, and real worship in the Lord! Can you trust God and worship God at the same time?
- It's easy to say on the ground level, until God sends you on a journey or until you place yourself in some stuff to where you have to deal with the goodness of the Lord which can turn into chastisement!
- Don't just trust Him when you're obedient, than get mad when you're disobedient and He's got to discipline you! The Lord has no problem disciplining us, just like when He blessed us!

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- This 12th chapter of Isaiah contains a song of praise and thanksgiving for redemption and salvation by Christ, and follows after Isaiah 11 which was a fulfilling prophecy!
- Now as we look at the text, but as we look at ourselves and our lives we must get to the place where we thank God that even though we make Him angry, we make God upset, and we make God frown the Lord still loves us enough to show us that I'll wipe the slate clean!
- You can make some people mad and they'll never forget it or forgive you, and you know we all have to be cautious of hypocritical behavior because never forget the same way you did somebody else, and if you know what it feels on the other end why give it to somebody else!
- We sometimes forget about the other end.... that I need to look at myself, and realize that I haven't and still don't always do the right things to God, to myself, and to people so I shouldn't develop amnesia!
- One won't grow in Christ until they grow up!

“No Fear Over Here”

- We grow through living what you confess, living what we pray, living what we sing, and living what we preach! Now as you look at this text, and you see the worship to God comes especially once the deliverance comes from God!
- This word “salvation” in the Greek means deliverance!
- Look at the deliverance that takes place, and now once you get delivered from the Lord you see this open stream of water that come, when you are close to the Lord, and when you are following the Lord you will always see that you can’t drink water from every fountain!
- Just because the water is there doesn’t mean you should drink it, especially when you know where it’s coming from! When you know who a person is, that should make you decide whether or not you want what they offer!
- If you know a person is bad, but you keep going to them then it shows that your okay with being around them and playing a fiddle to their dysfunction and bad character!

“No Fear Over Here”

- There is the truth in the way we do things and deal with things, because we need to watch who we follow, what we do, and what traits we pick up! It's always something, that we have to realize that to have real spiritual growth and transformation we need to be filled with the Holy Spirit!
- What we are filled with will come out, and when I'm filled with the Holy Spirit it comes out in my praise because real worship isn't expressed on qualifications, but it's expressed through experience and relationship!
- What is your relationship with God? How frequent do you communicate with God, because you can't just talk to God on a temporal basis or just when you feel like it, because how do you expect to grow with the Lord if you never talk to the Lord!
- The reason sometimes our praise is low, our spirits are low, and we can be low is because we don't talk to the Lord enough! When I have full confidence and communication with Lord, I'm able stand, I'm able to praise, I'm able to worship, and I'm able to not allow anything to get in the way of my praise!

“No Fear Over Here”

- Praise is real, praise has positive energy, and praise has the power to change you and to grow you but you can't be strong in your praise to God, if you aren't giving the Lord your best effort!
- Are you giving the Lord best effort, and do you care enough about your relationship to God in order for you to give the Lord your best effort? You should desire to make your best effort, and give your best effort to the Lord because why should you give the Lord empty praise!
- The Lord should get your thanksgiving, the Lord should get your attention, the Lord should get your heart, and have you given the Lord all of your heart! Have you given the Lord your whole heart, because when you trust the Lord I'm giving it all to you!
- You should give it all to the Lord, and when you do give it all to the Lord your attitude changes, your life changes, your spirit changes, and your walk changes when you trust and have the Lord first in your life!

“No Fear Over Here”

- As we walk with the Lord understand that trusting in God is not always going to be easy because when you have real trust, you have to make sure you stay with it, when you don't always like the season you are in!
- Some seasons of life are going to be spectacular, some seasons in your life are going to be coasting seasons, and some seasons in your life are going to be miserable but in all seasons remember that you have an all season God! No matter what season you are in, you still have God and because you still have God praise will continue!
- If you trust the Lord and believe in the Lord, you've got to realize and understand that you have to trust the Lord in all seasons because there will never be a time that you don't need the Lord, and you also have to realize that if you are going to live with God, live with the Lord consistently!
- You will also realize that trust and praise go together, because it's a relationship and partnership that goes together! It won't work if it isn't active!!
- If you love the Lord, love Him everyday not just when you want it to!

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- Psalm 52:5-9 ESV - But God will break you down forever; he will snatch and tear you from your tent; he will uproot you from the land of the living. Selah [6] The righteous shall see and fear, and shall laugh at him, saying, [7] "See the man who would not make God his refuge, but trusted in the abundance of his riches and sought refuge in his own destruction!" [8] But I am like a green olive tree in the house of God. I trust in the steadfast love of God forever and ever. [9] I will thank you forever, because you have done it. I will wait for your name, for it is good, in the presence of the godly.
- Psalm 89:1-2,5 ESV - I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD, forever; with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all generations. [2] For I said, "Steadfast love will be built up forever; in the heavens you will establish your faithfulness." [5] Let the heavens praise your wonders, O LORD, your faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones!
- Psalm 100:1 ESV - Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!

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- Jeremiah 17:7-10 ESV - "Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD, whose trust is the LORD. [8] He is like a tree planted by water, that sends out its roots by the stream, and does not fear when heat comes, for its leaves remain green, and is not anxious in the year of drought, for it does not cease to bear fruit." [9] The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately sick; who can understand it? [10] "I the LORD search the heart and test the mind, to give every man according to his ways, according to the fruit of his deeds."
- Psalms 91:9-11 ESV - Because you have made the LORD your dwelling place- the Most High, who is my refuge- [10] no evil shall be allowed to befall you, no plague come near your tent. [11] For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways.
- 1 Chronicles 16:8-11 ESV - Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples! [9] Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works! [10] Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice! [11] Seek the LORD and his strength; seek his presence continually!

“No Fear Over Here”

- Pastor & Author Max Lucado says this: “God never said that the journey would be easy, but He did say that the arrival would be worthwhile.”
- Pastor & Author Tony Evans says this: “God will meet you where you are in order to take you where He wants you to go.”
- The Late Pastor & Author Charles Stanley said this: “Basically, there are two paths you can walk: faith or fear. It’s impossible to simultaneously trust God and not trust God.”
- When we look at trust in the Lord, we have to understand the real meaning of trust and when we know what real trust is we understand that we can always make the climb, and make it through but we have to realize that we won’t ever reach our full potential without some tests!
- How do we grow if we only want comfort? You can’t grow without something rocking and shaking you to get you to a place from easy, to real living! A life that is easy, is a life that won’t ever understand what it means to trust and have faith in God at all times!

“No Fear Over Here”

- That's the key of following the Lord, and when we are trusting in the Lord we have to be able to have an attitude that sings and that recognizes who God is, and what the Lord has done for you! Don't ever forget how the Lord kept you, and don't ever forget what the Lord pulled you through!
- It's about following the Lord, and it's about trusting the Lord but make sure you tell your the Lord thank you when you think about how the Lord has kept you, when you think about how the Lord has delivered you, when you think about how the Lord has seen you through, and when you think about how the Lord has showed you grace and mercy you should praise Him!
- We are the beneficiaries of the grace and mercy of God, and because of that we should always tell the Lord thank you for what He has done for us, and we should never be silent about what the Lord has done for us!
- How often do we talk about good things that happen for us? We talk about them frequently and if we can do that for material or other accomplishments, why can't we do that with the Lord?
- If the Lord has been that good to us why should we stay silent?

“No Fear Over Here”

- Don't ever be silent when talking about the Lord, as much as the Lord has done for us we should never be silent but we should make noise everyday, every minute, and every second of the day because of how good the Lord has been to us!
- The goodness of God will always make you give the Lord praise, and because the Lord is on the throne and because the Lord is always at work, we should never stop giving the Lord His credit, and because we trust in Him we should never stop acknowledging how much God has done for us!
- Psalm 105:1-5 ESV - Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples! [2] Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works! [3] Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice! [4] Seek the LORD and his strength; seek his presence continually! [5] Remember the wondrous works that he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he uttered.
- Psalm 108:1-3 ESV - My heart is steadfast, O God! I will sing and make melody with all my being! [2] Awake, O harp and lyre! I will awake the dawn! [3] I will give thanks to you, O LORD, among the peoples; I will sing praises to you among the nations.

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- Luke 8:22-25 ESV - One day he got into a boat with his disciples, and he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side of the lake." So they set out, [23] and as they sailed he fell asleep. And a windstorm came down on the lake, and they were filling with water and were in danger. [24] And they went and woke him, saying, "Master, Master, we are perishing!" And he awoke and rebuked the wind and the raging waves, and they ceased, and there was a calm. [25] He said to them, "Where is your faith?" And they were afraid, and they marveled, saying to one another, "Who then is this, that he commands even winds and water, and they obey him?"

Questions To Ponder:

1. Do You Make God Angry?
2. Who Do You Need To Stop Trusting?
3. Do We Waste Our Praise?
4. How Much Does God Mean To You?
5. Is God First In Your Life?
6. What Would Life Be Like If God Didn't Test You?
7. Do You Love God?

"Get Up"

Trust God Series Pt. 8

(John 5:5-9)

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Get Up

- Bible Study Lesson Text: John 5:5-9 ESV - One man was there who had been an invalid for thirty-eight years. [6] When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had already been there a long time, he said to him, "Do you want to be healed?" [7] The sick man answered him, "Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up, and while I am going another steps down before me." [8] Jesus said to him, "Get up, take up your bed, and walk." [9] And at once the man was healed, and he took up his bed and walked. Now that day was the Sabbath.
- If you want to be better... What is stopping you? There are times in a life, that people want or talk about how they want to be better, but the thing is that sometimes people allow themselves to be stopped by something, someone, or even themselves!
- What or who is stopping you right now? As you walk with the Lord, and as you continue to follow the Lord are you in a that season of thought and faith that you want better?
- If you want better what steps are you willing to make?

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- As you walk with the Lord, and as you serve the Lord and because you are in your life to serve the Lord, but there should also be something in your life that inspires you and makes you desire to get better, and not stay the same but you should want better for your life!
- You should always want better, and you should always desire better because who told you that you had to just settle for mediocrity, who told you that you had to settle for normal, and who told you that you who had to settle for just the status quo when there is more for you?
- That is when we have to decide exactly what do we want, because we do have the options to get better, and we do have the options to improve but it is also on us to take the option but if we don't we won't get well!
- It is a interesting dynamic, that one can talk or even complain about what they don't have but if you never aspire or rise to get it than it won't come to you!

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- There is a man who has been suffering for 38 years with this condition, and now here is Jesus showing up and not only showing up, but Jesus is the one that is now showing up because there were plenty, that in the previous 4 verses that had been healed of their sickness, blindness, lameness, and even being paralyzed, but now there is one that has now been given a different charge!
- Jesus asked one question: "Do You Want To Be Healed?" That is what Jesus asked, and Jesus saw and knew what this man had been dealing with, but now in this text you see that even though he knew what this man was infirmed with Jesus still posed a serious and responsible question to him.
- Jesus was there, and Jesus has what the man needs, but what the man needs is something that nobody else could give him, and you know sometimes we mess up when we try to go to everybody else but Jesus!
- Sometimes we mess up when we think, that we have to have the same healing like everybody else! There is a reason that God does what He does, because the Lord will always do things in a different way!

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- We serve a different way God, because the Lord just doesn't do things one way because as you look at the text the man has a problem and the problem was his focus was more on getting to the pool instead of focusing on the one that has more power than the pool!
- Isn't that the same way we are, that sometimes we put our focus on the wrong things instead of keeping our focus on Jesus, because the way Jesus blesses you may not be the same way Jesus blesses me, but we miss our blessings because we feel it has to follow a certain format and blueprint!
- That's the reason sometimes the people of God or even the Church can never advance, because we have a one way mentality when we serve a multi-way God, and because the Lord can do things more than one way that is something that we need to embrace, because we can't follow what others are doing but follow what the Lord is doing!
- You miss your better days, when you are so focused on your past days because how can we ever grow in our walk with the Lord, if we are so busy being focused on what was, and not anticipating what is!

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- Jesus gives the man the door, but the man was so focused on a locked door that he almost missed the open door! As you grow with Jesus, you start to realize that I can't hang around everything, and I can't hang around every thought especially if it is not getting me to my healing!
- You have to start to change your mindset and mentality, stop thinking the same way you used to think! The man has a defeated mindset, but Jesus has the victory that he needs it's just not the way the man expected.
- The man is trying to be like everybody else, and you have to stop trying to be like everybody else but you need to be secure in your walk and faith in God, to where you start to believe and say that if God wants to send me and direct me in another way than I will take the way He provides!
- A weak mentality can never live with strong faith! If your mentality is not strong, your faith won't be strong, and you'll still be stuck at the pool!
- Are you stuck at the pool because you won't change the way you think?

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- You have to start changing the way you think, because as you view the text the man is still stuck on the past, and still stuck on who wasn't there to help him, but Jesus is right here offering him a better solution!
- Sometimes we stay stuck on what happened in our past, that we don't allow ourselves to move on or even move forward because we allow ourselves to be stuck on our past! If you keep yourself stuck in the past, you only have yourself to blame especially when you have had the chance to get better!
- Stop allowing yourself to be the victim of your own demise, because you have the chance to get up but what will you do because how can you improve when you don't give yourself a chance to improve?
- The man is said according to scholars, is said to have been "Paralyzed, weak, and impotent" which means without strength or power, and after that much suffering shouldn't you be ready to get healed.
- Some people never want to get healed, because they love misery and they love the attention that misery gives them! So because they love it, then they refuse to get healed because they love to have the attention!

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- "The word Bethesda" in the Greek means - House of mercy
- Did you see something else from the text, that you see as well that Jesus now speaks this power over the man and his doubts, because Jesus tells the man in verse 8 "Get up, take up your bed and walk." Then the Bible says that in verse 9 the man got up and walked after being healed.
- Look at the text, and you see that Jesus has the power to heal you and because Jesus heals you then now there is another healing because now what are you going to do? Are you going to start moving on from the past, moving on from the failures, moving on from the demons, or moving on from the storms!
- You might not be able to change your past, but you don't have to stay stuck in the past especially not when Jesus has given you the power to get up, and the man didn't waste time to walk after healing!
- When you get healed... Don't waste time trying to prove a point just start moving! We all have to start moving, and after we have been healed we have to realize that it is time to start moving!

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- Do you have high expectations for yourself?
- Sometimes we have to look at our lives, and sometimes we have to look at ourselves in the mirror and we have to really be honest with ourselves and begin to look at our lives, and ask this question about what do we really see in us?
- Do you see potential in you, do you see greatness in you, do you see power in you, do you see strong faith in you, do you see a better life in you, do you see yourself improving, and do you see yourself reaching new heights?
- A person who never sees themselves in a bigger light, will always be stuck at the pool because all you see is a dim light! If you have dim light faith you'll be stuck at the pool, but if you have big light faith you'll be ready to get up and move on!
- You got to see it in yourself, and you should want to see it in yourself!
- Stop letting people tell who you are and not God!

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- Sometimes we allow people determine and dictate the person that we are, instead of allowing the Lord to do it and allowing the Lord to build us up and have the right confidence in our lives!
- We have to have the belief in ourselves, and that is something that you need to start changing how you walk, how you think, how you live, and what you do because lack of confidence is what keeps you at the pool!
- The pool of doubt, the pool of apprehension, the pool of skepticism, the pool of hesitation, the pool of problems, and even the pool of reluctance it is there if don't ever decide to make a change, we will be looking at everybody else living healed, while we are leaving and still powerless!
- It is about these expectations, and it is about having this right faith in the Lord and yourself, because we also need to stop trying to be like everybody else, because I don't care how God blesses me I just want the blessing!

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- I want and I desire what the Lord wants for me to have, I want that in my life and if the Lord has to do something different for me to get it than that is fine with me!
- That is what my faith and what my belief is in my life, that the Lord has been that good to me because it is the greatness of God that shows up, that the multitude had the angel but this man had Jesus, because sometimes Jesus breaks rules, customs, and traditions to bless His people!
- John 5:10-15 ESV - So the Jews said to the man who had been healed, "It is the Sabbath, and it is not lawful for you to take up your bed." [11] But he answered them, "The man who healed me, that man said to me, 'Take up your bed, and walk.'" [12] They asked him, "Who is the man who said to you, 'Take up your bed and walk'?" [13] Now the man who had been healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had withdrawn, as there was a crowd in the place. [14] Afterward Jesus found him in the temple and said to him, "See, you are well! Sin no more, that nothing worse may happen to you." [15] The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had healed him.
- Some people get so hung up on traditions, that if it isn't done the traditional way or the way I was taught then it can't be done that way!
- Real healing isn't about tradition, but real healing is about transformation and deliverance.

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- Mark 3:1-6 ESV - Again he entered the synagogue, and a man was there with a withered hand. [2] And they watched Jesus, to see whether he would heal him on the Sabbath, so that they might accuse him. [3] And he said to the man with the withered hand, "Come here." [4] And he said to them, "Is it lawful on the Sabbath to do good or to do harm, to save life or to kill?" But they were silent. [5] And he looked around at them with anger, grieved at their hardness of heart, and said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He stretched it out, and his hand was restored. [6] The Pharisees went out and immediately held counsel with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him.
- Mark 7:31-37 ESV - Then he returned from the region of Tyre and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. [32] And they brought to him a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment, and they begged him to lay his hand on him. [33] And taking him aside from the crowd privately, he put his fingers into his ears, and after spitting touched his tongue. [34] And looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." [35] And his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. [36] And Jesus charged them to tell no one. But the more he charged them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. [37] And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, "He has done all things well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."

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- Mark 5:28-34 ESV - For she said, "If I touch even his garments, I will be made well." [29] And immediately the flow of blood dried up, and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. [30] And Jesus, perceiving in himself that power had gone out from him, immediately turned about in the crowd and said, "Who touched my garments?" [31] And his disciples said to him, "You see the crowd pressing around you, and yet you say, 'Who touched me?'" [32] And he looked around to see who had done it. [33] But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling and fell down before him and told him the whole truth. [34] And he said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease."
- Luke 5:17-24 ESV - On one of those days, as he was teaching, Pharisees and teachers of the law were sitting there, who had come from every village of Galilee and Judea and from Jerusalem. And the power of the Lord was with him to heal. [18] And behold, some men were bringing on a bed a man who was paralyzed, and they were seeking to bring him in and lay him before Jesus. [19] but finding no way to bring him in, because of the crowd, they went up on the roof and let him down with his bed through the tiles into the midst before Jesus. [20] And when he saw their faith, he said, "Man, your sins are forgiven you." [21] And the scribes and the Pharisees began to question, saying, "Who is this who speaks blasphemies? Who can forgive sins but God alone?" [22] When Jesus perceived their thoughts, he answered them, "Why do you question in your hearts? [23] Which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven you,' or to say, 'Rise and walk'? [24] But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins"-he said to the man who was paralyzed-"I say to you, rise, pick up your bed and go home."

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- Michael Jordan said this: "Some people want it to happen, some wish it would happen, and others make it happen."
- The Late Muhammad Ali said it this way: "You don't lose if you get knocked down, you lose if you stay down."
- The Late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. said this once: "Our very survival depends on our ability to stay awake, to adjust to new ideas, to remain vigilant and to face the challenge of change."
- Christian Author Joyce Meyer says this: ""If you are facing a new challenge or being asked to do something that you have never done before don't be afraid to step out. You have more capability than you think you do but you will never see it unless you place a demand on yourself for more."
- President Barack Obama said it like this: "The future rewards those who press on. I don't have time to feel sorry for myself. I don't have time to complain. I'm going to press on."

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- The key to any life is having the right mindset and the right spirit, and now that Jesus has given me the open door I'm not going to allow it to bypass, but I am going to get up, and I am going to get it because I know that the Lord is right there with me, and it is my time!
- When it is your time don't mess your time or moment, because you might not get another chance so take advantage of the opportunity that you have and what the Lord is doing in your life!
- It is your life, and you decide what you will make out of it and you will either look back with smiles or regrets but at the end of the day you have to be secure in yourself, and you have to be the one that stands up and steps up to the plate for a better life!
- You can't waste any time, but every day you live should be a day for you to want to get better and improve but once again what are you going to do?
- The ball is in your court, just make sure that you don't fumble!

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- Ezekiel 37:1-4,7,9-10 ESV - The hand of the LORD was upon me, and he brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones. [2] And he led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. [3] And he said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" And I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." [4] Then he said to me, "Prophecy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. [7] So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. [9] Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath; prophecy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live." [10] So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army.
- Acts 9:32-35 ESV - Now as Peter went here and there among them all, he came down also to the saints who lived at Lydda. [33] There he found a man named Aeneas, bedridden for eight years, who was paralyzed. [34] And Peter said to him, "Aeneas, Jesus Christ heals you; rise and make your bed." And immediately he rose. [35] And all the residents of Lydda and Sharon saw him, and they turned to the Lord.
- John 9:1-2,6-7,10-11 ESV - As he passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. [2] And his disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" [6] Having said these things, he spit on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then he anointed the man's eyes with the mud [7] and said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing. [10] So they said to him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" [11] He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud and anointed my eyes and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash,' So I went and washed and received my sight."

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Questions To Ponder:

1. Why Do You Think The Man Was Focused On The Pool?
2. What Improvements Do You Need To Make In Your Life?
3. Are You Stuck Living In The Past?
4. What Is The Lord Telling You To Get Up From?
5. Do You Want To Be Healed?
6. How Often Do We Miss Deliverance Because Of Our Mentality?

Suggestion:

Read John 5 & Make Notes Of What Helped
& Blessed You!

"Jesus Makes The Difference"

(John 6:9-13)

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Jesus Makes The Difference

- Bible Study Lesson Text: John 6:9-13 ESV - "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish, but what are they for so many?" [10] Jesus said, "Have the people sit down." Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, about five thousand in number. [11] Jesus then took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated. So also the fish, as much as they wanted. [12] And when they had eaten their fill, he told his disciples, "Gather up the leftover fragments, that nothing may be lost." [13] So they gathered them up and filled twelve baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves left by those who had eaten.
- You never know when it is your time, but when it is your time that is when you have to be ready when your name gets called! When your name gets called, that is when it is up to you to stand up and show up!
- There will always be times and moments, that somebody has to realize and understand that when it is time for you then make sure you give yourself to the Lord, and be open to what the Lord is doing!
- The Lord will always make a way for you, when you are ready to be used by Him!

Jesus Makes The Difference

- As we look at our lives, and when we look at this text there is something that we all are reminded of and can look at is that the Lord has not forgotten about you, and that real faith doesn't look at what you lack, but it looks at what you will have and become!
- When you have real faith in the Lord, and when you are walking with the Lord you realize and you understand that you don't have as much power as you think, because what I don't have the Lord does!
- That is a good reminder as we walk with the Lord, that we don't always have the answers but even though we don't have the answers we know that the Lord does, and there are times that our plans aren't always the Lord's plan because the Lord always has another move!
- Have you ever lived like that, the Lord always has another move because when we don't have the move the Lord does, and we see that Jesus can do more with what looks like nothing, the Lord can and will make something!

Jesus Makes The Difference

- As you look at the text, Jesus is on the other side of Galilee and a large crowd is following Him, and sat with his disciples the crowd is sick, and the Passover feast is at hand, and Jesus saw this crowd and mentioned what are we to give these people, and Jesus already knew what he was going to do!
- Philip offered two hundred denarii which wouldn't be enough, but then the lad comes, and now here is Jesus knowing what He will do, because Jesus doesn't need money in order to work a miracle!
- Miracles aren't always financial, there are miracles that the Lord does with just a touch and move of His hand, that is what the Lord does but the thing is don't allow your little to make you think you can't survive off of it, because you can overcome your little when you stay with the Lord.
- It is good to know that even though there wasn't much, but it didn't restrict Jesus and see if the Lord isn't restricted why should you restrict yourself?
- Never had a small mindset just because you have a small plate!

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- Never allow the little make you think that you can't do big things, because that is something that people miscalculate and don't think about just because I might not have the biggest things doesn't mean I can't do great things with the things that I have!
- Two fish and five loaves doesn't look like much, but nothing will look like much if you don't have the right perspective and if you have weak faith! Weak faith will never be able to achieve big dreams, but the more you walk with the Lord the more you should start to dream for bigger, because Jesus doesn't operate in the minor when He is powerful to do the major!
- You have to ask yourself do you want Minor or Major?
- What do you want, and as you look at the text you see that this big crowd is coming and is here, but now that Jesus is at work it will all change, and the reason it will change is because Jesus won't leave us the same!

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- As you look at the text, you see that when the people sat down, it was then that Jesus distributed the food to each one and gave thanks! It is something to understand and know, that as you follow the Lord.... God is so good that the Lord will give everybody a meal!
- The text shows us that, we all get a meal because we trust in the Lord but there is always something else that we need to understand that as we live for the Lord, are you satisfied with the meal that the Lord has given you?
- Sometimes the reason people are not satisfied is that they don't like their meal, but sometimes it is as if that some people don't like and can't handle the meal that they have because it seems as though they have this problem of trying to outdo others!
- When was the last time you told the Lord thank you for what He has given you? When was the last time you thanked God for what He gave you, and are you grateful for what the Lord has given you, or are you displeased?

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- In this text you also see that they had an unlimited supply that is in verse 11, but they wouldn't have gotten there if they didn't sit down in order to get the meal, because you can't get what you don't make some moves to get.
- Everybody played a role, because the lad was there, the crowd was there, the disciples was there, the food, and the baskets because everybody/everything knew how to play the role that they needed to play!
- That is the same thing that would be great for all of us, because everybody needs to your role and operate in your role instead of trying to take over every role, and trying to be something that you are not learn how to operate in your role, and when you operate in your role it makes things better.
- People mess up when they try to be a leader in a field you aren't called to, and people mess up when they try to dominate in a field they aren't anointed to be in! It is important to be in your lane, in order for you to be fully complete and fully satisfied!

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- Watch how you operate and learn your role. The Church will be great when people understand to stay in their role, and don't allow yourself to become something that you aren't or become something that you know isn't pleasing in God's eyes! Stay in your lane!
- Stay in your lane, and when you stay in your lane that is when you operate in your calling but when you get out of your lane, and when you try to do something or even act like something that is not you, make sure that you are always living and operating in a spirit of excellence!
- It is good to know what the Lord does in our lives, and it is good to know that Jesus is in the middle because when you have the right mindset, and when you have the right leader you know that you will have the victory, and you will know that you will be able to have victory!
- Victory comes to us, when we know that we followed the Lord and the Lord showed us the blueprint about giving thanks and the fragments!

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- Are you thankful when you have to live with the meal, because I believe that not only do we have the meal, but I also believe that the Lord is so good that the Lord will give us something else as well that we have to learn how to live with the fragments!
- Jesus said get the fragments that were 12 baskets full, and now with these you see that nothing will be lost especially when the Lord is at work, and when the Lord is doing it we know that nothing will be lost.
- The meaning of the number "12" in the Bible means - God's power and authority, and we see that Jesus had 12 disciples and that there were 12 tribes of Judah, and I love that Jesus shows us this powerful tool that we aren't going to waste anything at all!
- That is how great the Lord is, and that is how special it is to follow the Lord that the Lord will give us powerful, and that the Lord will never leave us out and down in the open!

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- Aren't you glad that the Lord won't waste anything, because you do know that some stuff we do waste but as we walk with the Lord we should be glad that we should not waste anything that the Lord has given us.
- Don't waste your talent, don't waste your gifts, don't waste your time, and don't waste anything that the Lord puts in you because the Lord doesn't have to give us anything but in everything that the Lord gives us, it is on us to not waste our time!
- Whatever is in the hands and eyes of the Lord, we know that the Lord won't waste time and the Lord will take the fragments because it means just as much as the meal, and because of that we should be grateful and thankful for what the Lord has blessed us with!
- It is on us to accept the meal and fragments, but guess what the Lord is working it all out for us, it is just what do and will you do with the fragments?
- You can't grow in life if you don't want to have the right mindset!

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- Psalm 98:1-6 ESV - Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things! His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him. [2] The LORD has made known his salvation; he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations. [3] He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. [4] Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises! [5] Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody! [6] With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD!
- Mark 6:39-44 ESV - Then he commanded them all to sit down in groups on the green grass. [40] So they sat down in groups, by hundreds and by fifties. [41] And taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples to set before the people. And he divided the two fish among them all. [42] And they all ate and were satisfied. [43] And they took up twelve baskets full of broken pieces and of the fish. [44] And those who ate the loaves were five thousand men.

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- Psalm 107:1-3 ESV - Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever! [2] Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, whom he has redeemed from trouble [3] and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.
- Philippians 4:10-13 ESV - I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me. You were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity. [11] Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. [12] I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. [13] I can do all things through him who strengthens me.
- Philippians 4:19-20 ESV - And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. [20] To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.
- Psalm 100:1-2 ESV - Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! [2] Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!

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- The Late Great Pastor & Author Charles Stanley said this: "Fear stifles our thinking and actions. It creates indecisiveness that results in stagnation. I have known talented people who procrastinate indefinitely rather than risk failure. Lost opportunities cause erosion of confidence, and the downward spiral begins."
- The Late American Industrialist Andrew Carnegie said this: "If you want to be happy, set a goal that commands your thoughts, liberates your energy, and inspires your hopes."
- The Late Great Businessman John D. Rockefeller once said this: "Don't be afraid to give up the good to go for the great."
- The Late General George S. Patton spoke this: "The time to take counsel of your fears is before you make an important battle decision. That's the time to listen to every fear you can imagine! When you have collected all the facts and fears and made your decision, turn off all your fears and go ahead!"

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- That's how it works in our lives, and as we follow the Lord and serve the Lord we have the opportunity to do great things, but we can't be limited to what we see when the Lord can make us something spectacular!
- The thing with anybody is..... "Do You Want To Be Spectacular?" Do you have that desire, and do you have that passion to be spectacular because just because you say it doesn't mean that it will work, without some effort because all of us have to put in some effort and if we don't put some effort into life, then we will never get anything out of it!
- We won't ever reach new heights without giving thanks, and then not just giving thanks but that we also have to realize that whatever you have you do great things as long as you believe!
- It's time to believe, and it's time to stop living in the dark or living in the past when the Lord has liberated us from this low level of thinking! We should raise our thinking and faith when God is first and in charge!

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- The Lord will do that, and the Lord will allow us to experience something incredible but we have to raise our expectations and raise our faith and our belief in the Lord and ourselves!
- Whatever you have give it your best effort, and when you give it your best effort that's when you will always see yourself in a new light, a new step, a new hope, and a new beginning all because the Lord has showed me what He can do, and when you see what the Lord can do with a little bit you won't remain the same because of what you have seen and witnessed!
- Acts 3:6-10 ESV - But Peter said, "I have no silver and gold, but what I do have I give to you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk!" [7] And he took him by the right hand and raised him up, and immediately his feet and ankles were made strong. [8] And leaping up, he stood and began to walk, and entered the temple with them, walking and leaping and praising God. [9] And all the people saw him walking and praising God, [10] and recognized him as the one who sat at the Beautiful Gate of the temple, asking for alms. And they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.

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- John 11:38-44 ESV - Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. [39] Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, by this time there will be an odor, for he has been dead four days." [40] Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" [41] So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me. [42] I knew that you always hear me, but I said this on account of the people standing around, that they may believe that you sent me." [43] When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out." [44] The man who had died came out, his hands and feet bound with linen strips, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."
- Acts 20:24 ESV - But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God.

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- Questions To Ponder

1. Do You Believe In The Power Of God?
2. Do You Want To Be Amazed?
3. Should Ministry Be Spectacular or Average?
4. Are You Grateful For Your Meal?
5. Will You Give Jesus Your Little?
6. Will We Ever Reach Our Full Potential?
7. Do You Trust God?