

TRUST – Who, What, When, Where, How

What is it?

Trust is different than **faith**

- **Faith** is defined by Webster as: “**unquestioning belief** that does **not require proof or evidence**”
 - Faith is defined by God as: “*the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen*” (Hebrews 11:1)
- **Trust** is defined by Webster as: “a firm belief or confidence in the **honesty, integrity, reliability, justice**, etc. of another person or thing; **confident expectation**”
 - The Apostle Paul shows us his **confident expectation** of God working things out in his life in many verses like the following verses:
 - “*But I trust in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you shortly.*” (Philippians 2:19)
 - “*But, meanwhile, also prepare a guest room for me, for I trust that through your prayers I shall be granted to you.*” (Philemon 1:22)

Faith is what saves us; **trust** is what **blesses** us by allowing God to **take control** of **everything** in our lives

- “*And we know that **all things** work together for **good** to those who **love God**, to those who are the called according to His purpose.*” (Romans 8:28)

You can have **faith without trust**, but you **cannot have trust without faith**

Who should we trust?

1. God?

- *O my God, I trust in You; let me not be ashamed; let not my enemies triumph over me.* (Psalm 25:2)
- *But as for me, I trust in You, O LORD; I say, “You are my God.”* (Psalm 31:14)
- *Trust in the LORD, and do good; dwell in the land, and feed on His faithfulness.* (Psalm 37:3)

2. Other gods/idols?

- *They shall be **turned back**, they shall be greatly ashamed, who **trust in carved images**, who say to the molded images, ‘**You are our gods.**’* (Isaiah 42:17)
- *When you cry out, **let your collection of idols deliver you**. but the wind will carry them all away, a breath will take them. **But he who puts his trust in Me shall possess the land, and shall inherit My holy mountain.*** (Isaiah 57:13)

3. People?

- *It is **better to trust in the LORD** than to put confidence in **man**. It is better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in **princes**.* (Psalm 118:8-9)
- *Everyone take heed to his neighbor, and **do not trust any brother**; for every brother will utterly supplant, and every neighbor will walk with slanderers.* (Jeremiah 9:4)
- ***Do not trust in a friend**; do not put your confidence in a **companion**; guard the doors of your mouth from her who lies in your bosom.* (Micah 7:5)

4. The Things of the World?

- *Some trust in **chariots**, and some in **horses**; but we will remember the name of the LORD our God.* (Psalm 20:7)

- *For I will not trust in my **bow**, nor shall my **sword** save me. **But You have saved** us from our enemies, and have put to shame those who hated us. In God we boast all day long, and praise Your name forever. (Psalm 44:6-8)*
- *Who walk to go down to Egypt, and **have not asked My advice**, to strengthen themselves in the strength of Pharaoh, and to **trust in the shadow of Egypt!** Therefore the strength of Pharaoh shall be your **shame**, and trust in the shadow of Egypt shall be your **humiliation**...¹² Therefore thus says the Holy One of Israel: “Because you despise this word, and trust in **oppression** and **perversity**, and **rely on them**, therefore this iniquity shall be to you like a breach ready to fall, a bulge in a high wall, whose breaking comes suddenly, in an instant. And He shall break it like the breaking of the potter’s vessel, which is broken in pieces; He shall not spare. So there shall not be found among its fragments a shard to take fire from the hearth, or to take water from the cistern.” (Isaiah 30:2-3,12)*
- *Woe to those who go down to Egypt for help, And rely on horses, who trust in chariots because they are many, and in horsemen because they are very strong, but who do not look to the Holy One of Israel, nor seek the Lord! (Isaiah 31:1)*

5. Ourselves?

- *Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and **lean not on your own understanding**. (Proverbs 3:5)*
- *Yes, we had the sentence of death in ourselves, that we **should not trust in ourselves** but in God who raises the dead, who delivered us from so great a death, and does deliver us; in whom we trust that He will still deliver us. (2Corinthians 1:9)*

6. Knowledge?

- *O Timothy! Guard what was committed to your trust, **avoiding** the profane and idle babblings and contradictions of **what is falsely called knowledge** (1Timothy 6:20)*

7. Money?

- *And the disciples were astonished at His words. But Jesus answered again and said to them, “**Children, how hard it is for those who trust in riches to enter the kingdom of God!** (Mark 10:24)*
- *Therefore if you have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust **the true riches?** (Luke 16:11)*
- *Command those who are **rich** in this present age not to be haughty, **nor to trust in uncertain riches** but in the living **God**, who **gives us richly** all things to enjoy. (1Timothy 6:17)*

Why trust God?

1. Because it is Commanded!

- *Offer the **sacrifices of righteousness**, and put your **trust** in the LORD. (Psalm 4:5)*
- ***Commit** your way to the LORD, **trust also in Him**, and He shall bring it to pass. (Psalm 37:5)*

2. Because the God can Work in our Lives

- *The God of my **strength**, in whom I will **trust**; my **shield** and the **horn of my salvation**, my **stronghold** and my **refuge**; my Savior, You **save me from violence**. (2Samuel 22:3)*
- *As for God, His way is **perfect**; the word of the LORD is **proven**; He is a **shield** all who **trust** in Him. (2Samuel 22:31)*
- *Kiss the Son, lest He be angry, and you perish in the way, when His wrath is kindled but a little. **Blessed** are all those who **put their trust in Him**. (Psalm 2:12)*
- *But let all those **rejoice** who put their **trust** in You; Let them ever **shout for joy**, because **You defend them**. (Psalm 5:11)*

- *The LORD is my **rock** and my **fortress** and my **deliverer**; my God, my **strength**, in whom I will **trust**; my **shield** and the horn of my **salvation**, my **stronghold**. (Psalm 18:2)*
- *Oh, how great is Your **goodness**, which You have **laid up** for those who fear You, which You have **prepared** for those who **trust in You** in the presence of the sons of men! (Psalm 31:19)*
- *And the LORD shall **help** them and **deliver** them; He shall **deliver them from the wicked**, and **save** them, because they **trust in Him**. (Psalm 37:40)*
- *Those who trust in the LORD Are **like Mount Zion**, which **cannot be moved**, but **abides forever**. (Psalm 125:1)*
- *For I will surely **deliver** you, and you shall **not fall by the sword**; but your life shall be as a **prize** to you, because you have **put your trust in Me**,” says the LORD.” (Jeremiah 39:18)*
- *The LORD is good, a **stronghold** in the **day of trouble**; and He **knows** those who trust in Him. (Nahum 1:7)*

What happens if we don't trust Him?

- *Let him not trust in **futile things**, deceiving himself, for **futility will be his reward**. (Job 15:31)*

For whose benefit do we trust Him?

- *But it is good for me to draw near to God; I have put my trust in the Lord GOD, **that I may declare all Your works**. (Psalm 73:28) So shall I have an answer for him who reproaches me, for I trust in Your word. (Psalm 119:42)*
- *Thus says the Lord GOD: “**I do not do this for your sake**, O house of Israel, but for **My holy name's sake**, which you have profaned among the nations wherever you went. ²³And **I will sanctify My great name**, which has been profaned among the nations, which you have profaned in their midst; and the nations shall know that I am the LORD,” says the Lord GOD, “**when I am hallowed in you before their eyes**. (Ezekiel 36:22-23)*

When should we trust God?

- *Trust in Him **at all times**, you people; pour out your heart before Him; God is a **refuge** for us. (Psalm 62:8)*
- *Though He **slay** me, yet will I **trust Him**. (Job 13:15)*
- *For to this end we both **labor and suffer reproach**, because we **trust in the living God**, who is the Savior of all men, especially of those who believe. (1Timothy 4:10)*
- ***Whenever I am afraid**, I will trust in You. In God (I will praise His word), in God I have put my trust; I will not fear. What can flesh do to me? (Psalm 56:3)*

Where should we trust God? – Everywhere!!

- *If I ascend into **heaven**, You are there; If I make my bed in **hell**, behold, You are there. If I take the wings of the **morning**, and dwell in the **uttermost parts of the sea**, even there Your hand shall lead me, and Your right hand shall hold me...In God I have put my trust; **I will not be afraid**. What can man do to me? (Psalm 139:8)*
- *Cause me to hear Your lovingkindness in the **morning**, for in You do I trust; cause me to know the way in which I should walk, for I lift up my soul to You. (Psalm 143:8)*

How Should we trust God? – Through Faith!

- ***Every word of God is pure**; He is a shield to those who put their trust in Him. (Proverbs 30:5)*