

Just Trust Me – Trusting God

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Believe verses trusting – we often use these words interchangeably – but there can be a difference – we can believe in something w/o trusting it – **but we can't trust in what we don't believe in.**

Reasons we don't trust God

Don't believe he is good.

Fear – we won't like his plan for our life – we know better.

Don't believe he really cares – that we really matter to him.

We can't see him.

Allows bad things to happen to good people.

Unanswered Prayer – won't keep his promise.

He doesn't understand – can't relate.

God never says – JUST TRUST ME. In fact, he never says or ask or begs us to trust him! He just demonstrates that we can.

5 Essentials of Trust

Understanding: Does God understand me, can he relate?

Psalm 139:1-5 and 13-18

Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. Hebrews 4:14 NIV

For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin. Hebrews 4:15 NIV

Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need. Hebrews 4:16 NIV



Motive: Why does God do what he does?

God is love. 1 John 4:16

This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. 1 John 4:9 NIV

This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. 1 John 4:10 NIV

Ability: Can he do what he promises?

Is there anything too hard for the LORD? Genesis 18:14 NIV

“Ah, Sovereign LORD, you have made the heavens and the earth by your great power and outstretched arm. Nothing is too hard for you.” Jeremiah 32:17 NIV

Character: What does God’s character reveal about himself?

3 components to God’s character...

Loving – Holy - Just

I will proclaim the name of the LORD. Oh, praise the greatness of our God!

He is the Rock, his works are perfect, and all his ways are just. A faithful God who does no wrong, upright, and just is he. Deuteronomy 32:3-4 NIV

Track Record: What does his track record prove?

For no matter how many promises God has made, they are “Yes” in Christ. And so, through him the “Amen” is spoken by us to the glory of God. 2 Corinthians 1:20 NIV

When we say AMEN we are not signing off at the end of a prayer.

It’s a statement of trust – SO LET IT BE!

Experience Today’s Message

Is trusting God easy or hard for you? Why?

Using the 5 essentials of trust do you find God easier to trust?

With what do you need to start trusting God more?