

## *Mt. Lebanon Church/ Big Isaac Community Church*

Teaching Ministry

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Please look up and read all verses in their entirety. I have only written partial verses.

Make your own notes, write down other scriptures that you run across while studying, write down questions that you may have or comments as well. Allow the Holy Spirit to reveal to you what he would have you to see through the study of God's word.

Trust in The Lord

As believers, do we have trust issues? I speak to the believer, because trust originates in an ongoing relationship with God that grows from our salvation. So, what does it mean to trust in someone or something? Do we expect or assume the worst, do we constantly over analyze situations or circumstances, any or all of this is very exhausting to our daily life. We need confidence, and we need the assurance that our motives are good, and honest, and reliable, for this helps us to move forward in a healthy relationship. So, how do we learn to trust? Trust requires an act of surrender, which means giving up the need to control every outcome that causes us to rely upon our own self-righteousness. Trust involves a conviction that allows us to experience something before all the facts are known. Therefore, true convictions mean accepting our limitations, and choosing to act upon promises that are given, and being confident of a positive outcome. Now, genuine trust can only come from relying upon the wisdom of God, his power, and his promises, understanding that he is in control of every outcome. Therefore, trusting in God is an active decision that we all must make. A daily decision to put God in control. It requires a relationship built upon prayer, and the study of his word, consistently and continually aligning our will with his will.

**Psalm 37: 5,....**commit thy way unto the Lord, trust also in him, and he shall bring it to pass....

The only way to remove burdens in our life is to place them in God's hands and confidently believing that he will manage the outcome. Trusting that his way is the best way means patiently waiting, even when our circumstances look confusing or even seem uncertain. God sustains the righteous to trust in him, which involves our commitment to allow him to do a work within us, a work that is fruitful, a work that will never end.

So, if you will turn with me to Proverbs 3: 5 – 6, Lord willing over the next couple weeks we are going to learn what it means to trust in the Lord, to lean upon the Lord, to acknowledge the Lord in our life, and to allow the Lord to direct us in all of our ways.

**Proverbs 3: 5,....**trust in the Lord with all thine heart....

So, as believers, we must surrender entirely unto God instead of relying upon our limited, worldly wisdom. This kind of trust requires complete, undivided faith, placing our confidence in his promises, and not in the temporary securities of the world. By doing so, we will eliminate the burden of trying to figure everything out on our own. So, trusting is what we do because of our given faith, for trust is believing in the promises of God word in every circumstance, circumstances that we prove, by living out those promises day by day. Trusting means making the choice to follow God.

**Deuteronomy 30: 14 – 16,....**the word is very nigh unto thee, in thy mouth, and in thy heart, that thou mayest do it....see, I have set before thee this day, life, and good, and death, and evil....in that I command thee this day to love the Lord thy God, to walk in his ways, and to keep his commandments....and his judgments....

Gods' truth is not hidden, and his will is accessible. He does not require us to go to worldly extremes to earn his mercy or his grace, it is always free and readily available. Trust and obedience come from conviction, not from complying with rules, regulations, or tradition. Trusting God with all our heart shows our desire to speak the truth of his word and to share it with others. All of humanity has been given the free will to choose between a life in the world without Christ and a life of purpose with Christ. Now, God does not force obedience, he simply presents it unto us, and it is up to us to choose to accept his will for our life. Every day presents opportunities for us to choose life or to choose death, and it is Gods desire that we choose life.

**Deuteronomy 30: 19,....**I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death,, blessing and cursing, therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live....

So, how do we choose life, we choose life by trusting in God, by loving him, by listening to him, and by clinging unto him. The spiritual choices and decisions that we make will set the standards and examples in our life. Now, it is our decision to trust in the Lord, which secures us through life's challenges, ensuring that our actions match our faith, so that what we do is the true measure of what we believe, and this signifies our spiritual growth. Therefore, we must make the effort to live by faith, for faith without work is an incomplete faith.

**Isaiah 12: 2,....**behold, God is my salvation, I will trust, and not be afraid , for the Lord Jehovah is my strength and my song, he also is become my salvation....

Trust is an act of total surrender, so when we say that we will trust and not be afraid, we are acknowledging that, yes, we are often time consumed with worldly fear, and we confirm that our worldly fear is an emotional reaction to the trials and challenges in our life. But because of our faith that we have in God, we are anchored in the security of our salvation. So, what does this mean to me as a believer, it means that I can faithfully say that I have trusted in him, and I am not afraid, for nothing can separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus. For we know that our salvation is secure and has become the foundation on which our confidence and our obedience in God rest. So, here is what trust does for us in our life in Christ.

**Romans 8: 38 – 39,....**for I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord....

As believers, we have an unbreakable connection to God, and ( write this down ) absolutely nothing can cause him to love us less. We know this, so why do we need to be reminded of this. Because when we are so focused on the circumstances in our life our faith is going to waver, so God needs to shift our focus back to his unwavering nature. This provides unto us a spiritual encouragement, assuring us that we can do all things through Christ who strengthens us. Now we have the power to face whatever may come our way, when we are rooted and grounded in God's grace.

**Jeremiah 17: 7,....**blessed is the man that trusteth in the Lord, and whose hope the Lord is....

Now, blessed hope is not about acquiring material wealth or living a problem free life, but it is a state of contentment, security, and spiritual favor in God. So, instead of trying to control or fix every situation by our own power, we must choose to believe, and to become obedient to Gods promises, surrendering unto his wisdom, his knowledge, and his understanding. These are the true benefits of trusting in the lord with all our heart. So, believing in him and having faith in the things revealed unto by his Holy Spirit through his written word, allows us to have a certainty of the existence of things that we cannot see, for trusting in God and abiding in his grace through faith gives unto us the hope that unlocks our understanding of his unconditional love for all of mankind, if we will only trust in him with our whole heart.

Let us Pray

If anyone has any questions, comments or would just like to discuss any of the scriptures, feel free to call, text or email me. Keep praying for each other and all the God lays upon your heart. Hope to see everyone soon. God Bless.

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