

Trusting God in Times of Adversity



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- We started a Series “Anchored Through Adversity.”
 - Purpose – to teach us how to overcome the tests and trials while remaining anchored in Jesus Christ and His promises.
 - Goal – to strengthen our faith in Jesus Christ so that we don’t lose hope in times of adversity.
- The Lessons Learned:
1. One of the greatest misconceptions about being a Christian is that we are exempt from any type of adversity.
 - What does the word “adversity” mean?
 - A state of hardship, difficulty, affliction, misfortune, or tragedy that one deal with in life.
 - It is true that one of the best tests of a believer’s maturity is trials and tribulations. (James 1:2-4)
 - Tests and trials not only reveal if we truly believe and have faith in God.
 - Tests and trials also help strengthen our faith and develop Christian character in us.
 2. The Joy in Times of Adversity (James 1:2-4, Hebrews 12:1-3)
 - James use the word “count” or another way to put is to consider is a great joy when you experience various trials...
 - Notice James use of words “all joy” not “all happiness”. (vs. 2)
 - The Greek word for “joy” means joyful, cheerful, gladness, or to rejoice.
 - The joy of the Lord is everlasting (without end), when happiness is temporary. Happiness in the world is determined by what is happening.
 - The joy of knowing Jesus Christ, the Rock of our salvation! Only Jesus Christ can fill our lives with joy and certainty regardless of whatever is going right or wrong in our lives. (Psalm 18:2)

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- Trust is the single most important factor in any relationship. If you don't have trust you don't have much of a relationship.
 - Trusting in God is more than the words we say, it's about believing who God is and what God says in His Word.
 - It's important that we understand what it means to truly trust in the Lord God Almighty.
- What does it mean to "trust" God?
 1. The Hebrew meaning for the word "trust" means to lie down on or to put your entire weight on something.
 2. The word "trust" means to believe in the reliability, truth, ability and strength of someone or something.
 - It means to be confident in; to depend on, to hope in, be secure, to rely on or the truth of.
 - It means to believe confidently in the ability, character, integrity and trustworthiness of a person.
 3. Trusting God and His Word means believing in His Name, His reliability, His Word, His ability to keep His promises and His presence and power working on my behalf.
 - The Word of God is clear, that God cannot lie. God is perfect in all His ways. He will always keep His promises. (Numbers 23:19)
- A. There are Five Things that Solomon teaches us about Trusting in God. (Proverbs 3:5)
 - (Proverbs 3:5-6) (NKJV) ⁵ Trust in the Lord with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding;
 1. Trusting God is anchored by our relationship with Him through Jesus Christ.
 2. Trusting God is a settled confidence that a person holds deep within his heart in God's ability to love him, care for him, and direct him.

- 3. Trusting God is our willingness to obey the will of God at all costs. It's walking in obedience to God when it's difficult to do so.**
- 4. Trusting God is more than personal feelings or emotions. It's a choice to put our faith in who God is and what He says about our life and circumstances.**
- 5. Trusting God goes beyond the logical, perceived ideas, or the intellectual thinking of a person. It's not based upon what it looks like or whether it makes sense or not.**