

Pastoral Notes

'Trust Me.' Proverbs 3:1-514:5-9.

God's plan is for us to **trust completely in Him for all of our needs**. Trust is very important, it's a precious and active substance which allows us as individuals the aptitude to form trustworthy relationships which we depend on for love, advice and support. Last Sunday our Minister Bill McCoy encouraged us to **trust God passionately with all our hearts** and reminded us of it's importance in our relationship with Christ. No ifs, ands or buts about it, central and key to our relationship with our Savior, **Jesus Christ**, who is **unequivocally pure and trustworthy**, is trust.

Proverbs 3:5 advises us to trust in God and not lean to our own understanding. To **trust in the Lord** goes far beyond believing in whom he is and what he says; when we trust we have confidence in something, we have an assurance which **will lead us to answer the call-to-action, that of our faith**. In God's great plan for us, he presents circumstances that stretch and test the genuineness of our faith to truly trust Him.

When we really think about it, **the anatomy of faith is trust**. Totally surrendering your will without exception, your ideas, your desires and your future in God's hand is at the cornerstone of our faith. He promised never to leave or forsake us. Trust and promises go together. We can only learn how to trust when we know who can fulfill the promises that they make. We may desire to trust others because their

promises sound so good, but there is no guarantee that they can fulfill their promises. Psalm 118:8 tells us that **"it is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in man."** Only God can fulfill all of His promises. Do you trust Him? Do you believe the promises of His word?

The other powerful message Minister McCoy reminded of is God's deep love for each of us. Jesus is our future and **our lives matter to him**. Jeremiah 29:11 - For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. If we don't believe God loves us fully, does not have our best interest at heart and wants the very best for us – well, trusting Him is going to be extremely difficult. **Resist the doubts of the enemy and embrace the fact that yes, Jesus loves us!** How much? John 3:16 - "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. Now that's **love you can trust!** This demonstration of the ultimate sacrifice should boost our confidence and let our spirits be saturated in blessed assurance of the Lord.

We demonstrate our trust by acknowledging God in everything we do (Proverbs 3:6), while we are trying to figure things out, God has already worked things out! Lean not to our own understanding. As the song lyrics go: **Let us have a little talk with Jesus and tell Him all about our troubles – we can trust that he will hear our**

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Pastor Robbie