

“Trust God” Series
Week One: Trust Now or Bust Later

Today we begin a short three-week series on trusting God. Do you trust God for big things like forgiveness, salvation, and eternal life but find yourself not trusting Him for daily situations like finances, relationships and stress? Don't beat yourself up too badly; the scriptures are cram packed with stories of folks with ruthless trust in God in harsh circumstances who covered at lesser trials.

What would I love to see us learn during this series? Simply put, I want us to trust God more and more. God takes great pleasure in our trust of Him, more pleasure than the beauty of a million orchids in bloom or thousands of butterflies in flight. Trust is our gift back to God, and He finds it so fascinating that Jesus died for love of it.

Do you want to trust God more? Let's begin our quest with a story!.

- **Trust has everything to do with character and history**
 - You cannot trust what you do not know...do you know God?
 - What are you convinced about regarding God's character?
(All of the bolded points below are not in the bulletin outline; I hope you can find some cool pics to accent these points)
 - **Eternal – (Psalm 90: 2; Revelation 1: 8)**
 - **Everywhere (omnipresent) – Jeremiah 23: 23, 24**
 - **All Knowing – Hebrews 4: 13**
 - **Good – Psalms 100: 5**
 - **Loving – Romans 5: 8**
 - **Patient – I Timothy 1: 15-17**
 - **Judge – John 3: 36**
 - **Fair – Isaiah 45: 19**
 - **Touchable – John 1: 14**
 - The history I speak of is the one **you** are living....
- **Trusting God has incredible benefits**
 - It sharpens your vision (2 Kings 6: 8-17)
 - It strengthens your heart (Psalm 13: 5)
 - It improves your memory (Psalm 78: 7)

- It establishes a true foundation (Psalm 20: 7; 146: 3)
- It is a candle in the dark night of the soul (Psalm 56)
- **Trusting God can be increased over time**
 - Jesus understands our tendency to doubt (Mark 9: 24)
 - The key is a ruthless pursuit to know Jesus (Philippians 3: 10)