



TRUSTING GOD

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Difficult seasons in our lives can cause fear, anxiety, depression and loneliness. They can also make us wonder if God is really trustworthy. Caleb encourages us to trust God in three important ways as we navigate the challenges of life during COVID.

BIG QUESTION: Will you take your next step in trusting God?

1. TRUST IN GOD'S PACE:

Read John 11: 1-44. When Jesus arrived in Bethany, Martha ran to him and said, *"Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died."* (v.21) How do you think she felt when Jesus did not arrive until after their brother was dead? How would YOU have felt?

Even though her brother died, Martha could still say to Jesus, *"I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who was to come into the world."* (v.27) How do we reconcile believing and trusting when circumstances do not work out as we hoped they would?

Have you ever seen God's love for you revealed through difficult circumstances in your life? How did that influence your ability to trust Him?

2. TRUST GOD'S PLAN:

Read Isaiah 55:8-9, then Matthew 26:36-39.

Jesus prayed his will, then surrendered his will. How do you think our ability to surrender our will is related to trusting in God's "higher (better) ways?"

3. TRUST GOD'S POWER:

Read 2 Corinthians 12:7-9. Paul gladly embraces his own weakness so that God's power would be revealed. How might God be revealed in your current challenges?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. What is your next step in trusting God?
2. Share a time when God moved, and you had to trust him.
3. What area of your life do you need to say, "Not my will but your will be done?"

COMMIT TO MEMORY – *"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding; In all your ways, submit to him, and he will make your paths straight."*
Proverbs 3:5-6