



**It Boils Down to a
Matter of Trust!
John 14:1-6**

There Are Times In Our Lives When We Have Trust Issues

Christians Are Not Immune To Life's Difficulties

- **We lose important family members to death too soon**
- **We have to face medical diagnoses that we didn't expect**
- **Our mothers may have miscarriages rather than normal deliveries (even after joyful baby showers)**
- **Our children may end up in prison, making bad choices**
- **Our marriages may end in divorce**

So We Wonder: Where is God? How Do I Trust God In This? What Is God Doing In My Life? How Do I Live a Life Of Trust?



Peter Had Trust Issues Too!

- We can identify with Peter. Many of his mistakes are well documented in scripture
- In John 13, Jesus had just made a profound statement challenging the disciples to love one another, verses 34-35
- But in the very next verse Peter seems more focused on what he wanted to know about God than what Jesus wanted him to do for God,
- In verse 36, Peter asked Him, *“Lord where are you going?”*
- Jesus answered, *“Where I am going you cannot follow now, but you will follow later.”*
- In verse 37, *“Lord, why can’t I follow you now? I will lay down my life for you.”*(sounds impulsive, like us)

We Feel Like Peter Sometimes!

- Peter thought of himself more highly than he ought

But Who Hasn't Been There!

- At some point in our lives we believed we were strong, brave, and wise enough to manage our challenges
- Only to be trapped by the weight of our own sin when challenged
- Peter overestimated his trustworthiness



Then Jesus “Shakes Up” Peter’s Self Confidence!

- **Verse 38, “*Will you really lay down your life for me? Very truly I tell you, before the Rooster crows, you will disown me three times.*”**
- **Peter honestly believed that he would fight to his death if anyone tried to take Jesus**
- **But we know, “the rest of the story.” Jesus was right!**
- **When the time came for Peter to stand up for Jesus, Peter fell down! Peter not only didn’t fight for him, but denied that he even knew him!**
- **Matthew says that when the Rooster crowed, Peter then remembered the Lord’s prediction and went out and wept!**

What Should Peter Have Done?

- He should have simply trusted in Jesus, and not his strength
- Peter thought that he, at the time, would have laid down his life for Jesus if the need arose, but Jesus knew better
- So when Jesus said to Peter, *“Where I am going you cannot follow me now, but you will follow me later,”* He was cryptically saying that Peter’s faith wasn’t strong enough to follow Jesus to his death at that moment, but he would do so later. *“Peter, you’re not as strong as you think you are.”*

“But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not; and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren.” Luke 22:32

- Jesus knew that He had to take Peter’s sin of “self-trust,” on Himself and die, not just for Peter, but for all of us

Now Opening Chapter 14

- You've got a Peter, whose confidence had been shaken, gathered with the rest of the fearful disciples, and Jesus says:
"Let not your heart be troubled; ye believe in God believe also in me."
- Jesus is telling us what he is telling Peter
- Even when we don't understand what's going on in our lives
- Even when our lives are turned upside-down by somebody
- Even when we get a surprising diagnosis from the doctors
- Don't rely on an exaggerated opinion of your faith

If You Believe in God, Believe in Me!

I've Got You!

Observations

“For we have not an high priest that cannot be touched with the feelings of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.

Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.” Hebrews 4:15-16

- ***Jesus says, “Yes I was on the Mountain of Transfiguration in full display of my glory.”*** Matt. 17
- ***“But I was also in the Garden of Gethsemane, alone and in anguish, talking to My Father about My Issues!”*** Matt. 26:39

Observations

Jesus says, *“I know what feeling abandoned is like!”*

“My God, My God, why hast thou forsaken me!”

Question: Was He really abandoned? → No, But He was feeling some kinda way at the time.

For Jesus to overcome His issues, it all boiled down to a matter of Trusting His Faith

Hebrews 11:6, *But without faith ... for he that cometh must:*

- 1) Believe that God is
- 2) Believe that He rewards those who diligently seek Him
- 3) Jesus was rewarded for His Trusting Faith, Philippians 2:5-9

We Also Create Our Own Trust Issues When We Try To Love Two! (it ain't easy to do)

***“No man can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.”
Matt. 6:24***

**We Have Trouble With Trusting God When We've Been Double-Minded, and We Know He Knows That!
James 1:8**

But Here Is A Big Problem:



***He Knew Everything About
You Before You Figured
That Out!***

***What God Needs From You
Is a New You!***

“Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us. Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; ... endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.” Hebrews 12:1-2

The Plan of Salvation

Hear the Gospel

Acts 15:7

Believe the Gospel

Acts 15:7

Repent of Sins

Acts 17:30

Confess Christ

Acts 8:37

Be Baptized

Acts 8:38

