

Google God – part four
“Do We Really Trust Him”
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Intro:

Matt 28:19 “Go and make disciples of all nations...”

ECC Process of Discipleship: Making an IMPACT...To Love...To Grow...To Serve

We have 3 priorities – To love...which is expressed in our Sunday morning celebration. To grow...which is expressed in our Connection Groups. To serve...which is expressed in our daily lives in the places we live, work and play; as well as through the local church. The vision of E.C.C. is to gather together weekly for corporate worship, loving God and each other; then to come together in small Connection Groups for discipleship and fellowship, and are regularly involved in reaching out to others with the love, acceptance, and forgiveness of Jesus Christ through community outreach. To Love...To Grow...To Serve!

Sermon Series Title: Google God
“There are Some Questions in Life that Only God can Answer”

Have you ever surfed the internet for an answer to your questions? Most all of us have. What about those questions that we have that only God can answer; those really tough questions in life that if man were to answer them we may or may not get the real truth? During this series, we're going to Google God by looking at those tough questions in life and find out what God has to say about them!

TODAY: In the process of asking God the tough questions of life, I have found that in order to truly receive the answers from God, I have to be able to put my total trust in Him. If I'm asking Him the tough questions, then I must trust the fact that He is God and He knows what He's doing.

This morning we're going to look at what it means to truly trust God in the midst of our desire to get the answers of life that we truly need. The fact is, if we want to make an IMPACT, which we do, then we must be able to completely trust the Lord throughout every question of life.

I present to you 3 Questions concerning the area of trusting God...

Question #1: Why Should I Trust God?

You have the option... you can put your trust in man or God...

Ps. 118:8 “It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in man.”

Ps. 146:3 “Do not put your trust in princes, in mortal men, who cannot save.”

Quote from Ginny Campfield, “Don’t walk in my footsteps; I might have stepped in something.”

One of the most difficult things to do in this present dispensation is to relinquish our control to someone else and depend totally on that person to lead and guide us. The Word of God lets us know that we need to learn to wait on Him and to trust Him. But at times it isn’t the most desirable thing to do, because waiting involves trusting. So here are four reasons why you should trust him.

A: He’s Conscious- This means He’s aware.

The word of God say’s in...

Matt 6:8

“Our Heavenly Father knows what things we have need of even before we ask Him.”

Isn’t it good to know that we have a God that is omniscient or all knowing? That’s the first reason why you should trust Him, because He already knows everything about you.

B: He’s Concerned

1 Peter 5:7 says...

“Cast, which means to throw, your cares, anxieties and worries on Him because He cares about you.”

Yes He cares about you! Whatever concerns you concerns Him. So whenever you’re faced with problems, situations and obstacles that seem insurmountable just throw them on Him, He can handle them.

C: He’s Consistent

This means He’s faithful and you can also count on Him and trust Him to do exactly what He say’s He will do every single time, even if others let you down and or found to be unreliable God will never let you down, you can always rely on Him.

1 Cor 1:9 says that...

“God is faithful. So even we are unfaithful to God, God remains faithful to us.”

D: He’s Capable

Eph 3:20 say’s that...

“God is able to do exceeding, abundantly above all that we could ask or think according to the power that He works in us.”

This would suggest to us that nothing is too hard for God. Even if He chooses not to grant our request, He’s still capable of supplying our every need. (Refer to Dan 3:17,18)

Question #2: What is it that I can Trust about God?

In answering this question, I'd like us to look at the one dollar bill in US currency. Though the value of the dollar is going down and there are other currencies around the world that are greater value, there is still something to be said about this bill. It seems that the more \$1 bills one has, the more they rely on horses and chariots. This \$1 bill does remind us of 4 ways of how we are to trust in God:

- Trust in His Name
- Trust in His Word
- Trust in His Promise
- Trust in His Power

1. TRUST IN HIS NAME

- The back of \$1 bill reads "In God We Trust". Our founding Fathers understood its meaning. Today there are many dark forces trying to remove that statement from more than just currency; they want it removed from our hearts and minds.
- Authentic Christians trust in the Name; by faith they know "Name-brand" quality. Unbelievers buy the cheap imitations.
- In the Philippines a man approached me and asked, "Sir, you want to buy a Rolex watch?" I asked how much. He said, "\$10 American." These imitation Rolex's did not have the reliability, accuracy, or durability of the real thing.
- The Word, Jesus Christ, God, became flesh and dwelled among us (John 1:14). In Him was the light that shines in the darkness (v 5). Those who believe in His name are given the right to become children of God. (v 12).
- So what will you choose? Horses and chariots or the Name.

2. TRUST IN HIS WORD

- The "One Dollar" printed on a \$1 bill are words that define the worth of the money. They not only inform you of the value, anyone who is handed the bill knows what it is worth by these words.
- In God, whose Word we praise, is the God we trust; we need not fear mortal man (Psalm 56:4). Unlike us, God never breaks, modifies, or distorts His Word.
- Jesus told us that God's Word is the truth that sanctifies us (John 17:17). The Lord is faithful to keep His covenant even to a thousand generations (Deut. 7:9). Not one word has failed of all the good promises He has given us (1King 8:56)
- So what will you choose? Horses and chariots or the Word.

3. TRUST IN HIS PROMISE

- “Federal Reserve Note” is printed on the back of a \$1 bill. It is a promise of payment, signed by both the Secretary of the Treasury and the Treasurer of the US. Payment is promised for “all debts, public and private.” The promise is reinforced by the Seal of the US printed on the back of the bill.
- When Peter was concluding his Pentecost sermon he told the people to repent, be baptized for the forgiveness of sins, and they would receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. This promise was for them, their kids, folks in far away places – for everyone whom the Lord will call (Acts 2:38-39).
- Until the Son of God came to earth, we had been separated from God by our sins. We were without hope, without God (Eph. 2:12-13). Christ came to fulfill God’s promise: our redemption.
- The Lord is not slow to keep His promise, He does not want any to perish, but everyone to come to repentance (2 Peter 3:9)
- His promise must have seemed slow or vaporizing to His disciples the day He told them the Son of Man would be killed, then raised on the third day (Matt 17:23). They grieved. How their hearts must have crashed when Jesus then hung on the cross and said “It is finished” (John 19:30). The three days later He approached a woman in the garden and said, “Woman why are you crying? Who is it you are looking look for?” The promise had been fulfilled, not by some fancy cardiac resuscitation, but by the supernatural power of God.
- So what will you choose? Horses and chariots or the Promise?

4. TRUST IN HIS POWER

- “The United States of America” is prominently printed on the front of the \$1 bill. You may travel around the US, but you never really see The USA. The power of the USA is not in the farmlands of VA, the Black Hills of ND, or the sandy beaches of CA. Rather, the power of The USA is found in its citizens. As our forefathers put it, they are “endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.”
- The Lord is able to do immeasurably more than we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work in us (Eph 3:20).
- His power at work in us allows us to have life, and to have it to the full (John 10:10)

- Liberty comes only through Christ who has set us free (Gal. 5:1)
- God gives happiness to those who use His power to please Him (cf. Eccl. 2:26)
- A line in the song “Unseen Hand” goes like this, “There is an unseen hand for me, that guides in ways I cannot see. And some sweet day I’ll take my stand, still holding to the unseen hand.” God’s power is like an unseen hand, we cannot exactly see the divine power, but we can experience its effect in our lives.
- Allow me to share this illustration: A man went fishing on the Susquehanna River in the spring time. The water was raging, so rather than rowing, he tied his boat to a tree and let the rope out so the boat could get offshore. The line untied from the tree and the boat was swept away, only to be dashed to pieces on a rock. Clinging to the wreckage the fisherman cried for help as he was being swept along. A passerby saw his plight and raced ahead to a small bridge. Lying down, the rescuer hung his arm over the side of the bridge and yelled, “grab my hand.” The fisherman, both arms wrapped around the wreckage, did not know if he trusted the unseen rescuer enough to let go. Fortunately, he let go with one arm and clutched the rescuer’s hand and was pulled to safety.
- When we are being swept away in the torrents of sin and tribulation, do we trust enough in the power of God to reach for His unseen hand?
- So what will you choose? Horses and chariots or the Power.

Let me ask you this...

A. Do you live by “In God We Trust” or do you live by the \$1 bill?

1. Will you ever have enough dollar bills to preserve your life?
2. Can there ever be enough money to guarantee liberty from the bondage of sin?
3. Does pursuit of an infinite supply of dollar bills bring genuine happiness?

Question #3: How Do I Fully Put My Trust in God?

The simplest way I can describe in how to put your trust in God is this...

Let Go...

Look Up...

Launch Out...

Let Go... You have to be able to let go of the fear, the past, the pain, the worry, the unknown future, everything. You let it go and give it to God. We've all heard the phrase, "let go and let God". It's true. This we must do.

Look Up... Keep your focus upon Jesus Christ. Keep looking up. Don't get down in your spirit. Hang your head high not low! Look up to God – He is your future and your hope.

Launch Out... You've got to keep moving forward. Like Indiana Jones when he launched out into the abyss hoping something would keep him up... he launched out. If he hadn't, his enemies would have destroyed him. It's the same for you and I. If we don't keep moving forward, launching out, the enemy will catch up to us and try and destroy us. But, we're not going to let that happen.

Conclusion:

During the tough questions of life, the difficult seasons of life, as we Google God looking for the answers; we can trust Him!

You watch... You wait... You'll See!!!

NEXT WEEK:

After you've Googled God, what happens when you don't get the answer you want from God?