

“Choosing Trust in an Invisible God” | Trust is a Choice

GETTING STARTED: Describe a time when you made an incorrect snap decision about someone. Has anyone ever made an incorrect snap decision about you? In either case, what did you learn?

EXPLORE THE TOPIC:

1. What would you say to someone that says, “I can’t trust in something I can’t see”? Why is this an important concept for Christ-followers to consider?
2. Why might someone be reluctant to place their trust in an invisible God? Consider times when someone might misjudge God’s character (“broken promises”), feelings of pain and loneliness (“life circumstances”) or someone begins to doubt (“crisis of faith”).
3. Read Psalm 25:1-3. How does the word “shame” (translated as “a result of misplaced trust”) help create a picture of what trusting in God looks like?
4. What does the story of Abraham and Isaac in Genesis 22:1-19 teach us about trust? How might this story reassure someone that feels like God is not trustworthy?
5. Read Matthew 14:27-33. How do Peter’s actions challenge the notion that it would be easier to trust if we could see what we’re trusting?
6. Read 1 Peter 2:6. How do these words (Peter’s quotation of an Isaiah passage) relate back to Psalm 25:1-3.
7. How would you describe your trust level with God right now? Use your own words or choose from the three categories that Adam described - no trust, trust in the good times or trust at all times. What circumstances, past or present, weigh most heavily on your level of trust?

8. God’s trustworthiness appears throughout the Psalms. Identify what each of these verses say regarding the “trust” we can place in an invisible God.

- Psalm 22:4
- Psalm 56:3
- Psalm 62:8
- Psalm 86:4
- Psalm 116:10
- Psalm 143:8
- Psalm 118:8-9

9. Consider Corrie ten Boom’s acrostic of “faith” – fantastic adventuring in trusting him. How do “faith” and “trust” intertwine with one another?

APPLY THE TRUTH:

Use Psalm 25:1-10 to structure some of your time with God this week. Begin with verses 1-3 that offer a chance to declare your trust in an invisible God. Proceed to use verses 4-6 to invite God to show, guide and teach you. Finally, use verses 7-10 to highlight God’s miraculous ability to offer forgiveness of sins and a hope for the future.

PRAY:

Try to be as honest in your prayer time this week as David was in Psalm 25. Don’t shy away from any hesitations or concerns you have in your current circumstances. Use the words of this week’s call to worship (Psalm 86:8-10) to offer praise for God’s trustworthiness.

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