

where is your **TRUST?**

[2 Samuel 24]

1. Before you act (or speak), **STOP** and **ASK - WHY** am I doing this? (Proverbs 13:16, 21:2; Colossians 3:17, 23; Romans 14:12; Philippians 4:8; Psalm 139:23-24; Galatians 1:10)
2. Depend on friends to **CHECK** you from time to time. (1 Thessalonians 5:11; Ecclesiastes 4:9; Proverbs 13:20, 18:24, 19:20, 27:17; Colossians 3:16; 1 Corinthians 4:14; 2 Samuel 12; James 5:19-20)
3. A troubled conscience can be like physical pain - an indication that something is **WRONG**. (1 Timothy 4:2; Romans 2:15; 1 Timothy 1:18-20; Hebrews 13:18; Isaiah 30:21)
4. When my sin (or the sin of others) has caused distress, may I trust God's **GRACE** and place myself in His **HAND**. (Hebrews 4:16; Psalm 25:1-5, 37:3-6, 139:10; Isaiah 26:3-4, 41:9-10,13; Jeremiah 32:17)
5. When I mess up, may I not make excuses or shift blame, but **OWN IT**. (Genesis 3:12-13; 1 John 1:9; Psalm 32:3-4, 51:1-2; Proverbs 28:13; Matthew 7:3-5; Romans 2:1)
6. May we not offer sacrifices that are '**CHEAP**', but may we 'feel the **COST**' and be willing to pay it. (John 4:24; Luke 14:25-27; 2 Corinthians 4:16; Hebrews 10:5-7; Mark 12:41-44; Proverbs 21:3; Hebrews 13:16; John 15:13)
7. Remember that nothing that matters will be done in our might or power, but by God's **SPIRIT** and empowerment. Let's **TRUST** Him! (Zechariah 4:1; John 15:5; Psalm 20:7, 33:16-17; Colossians 1:29; 2 Corinthians 12:9-10; Philippians 4:13; Psalm 59:17)



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1. Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?
2. Instead of trusting in God, David put his trust in the army. What are we tempted to place our trust in more than God? What makes trusting God challenging at times? What can we do condition ourselves to trust Him more moving forward?
3. It appears that Joab tried to talk David out of taking the census, but David prevailed over him (vv.3-4). Why is it important to seek out counsel from others before making decisions? What makes us hesitant to do this? Why might some folks never want input/counsel from others?
4. When offered a choice of consequences, David was adamant about not wanting to fall into the hand of man, but to fall into the hand of the Lord (verse 14.) We hear people often say, "Leave it in God's hands." What does it 'look like' to put our lives, circumstances, dilemmas, (etc.) into God's hands?
5. David was not willing to offer a sacrifice that didn't cost him anything (verse 24). Paul tells us in Romans 12:2 (ESV) that presenting our bodies as living sacrifices is our "spiritual worship". In what ways do we (are we tempted to) offer 'cheap' worship to God? Why is sacrificial giving, serving, (etc.) so significant?