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Sermon Title: "Trustworthy Leadership"

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Scripture: 1 Peter 5:1-5



1. Trust is _____ to any relationship, especially in leadership.

2. When what we expect people to do and what they actually do don't align, we choose to either _____ or _____ .

A. When what I expect and what's actually done don't align, I will choose to _____ .

B. When I observe someone doubting a leader, I will come to the leader's _____ .

C. When my experience begins to erode my trust, I will go _____ to the leader about it.

1. Being trustworthy isn't the same as being _____ .

2. Being trustworthy means to be _____ of _____ .

A. I commit to do what I say I will do and when I don't, I'll tell you.

B. I commit to not over promise and under deliver. But, if it looks like that's where things are headed, I'll tell you.

C. If you confront me about my actions not aligning with your expectations, I'll tell you the truth.

1 Peter 4:19 ESV

Therefore let those who suffer according to God's will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good.

God is the faithful Creator.

Since God is the faithful Creator, _____ your _____ to God.

1 Peter 5:1–5 ESV

So I exhort the elders among you, as a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, as well as a partaker in the glory that is going to be revealed: shepherd the flock of God that is among you, exercising oversight, not under compulsion, but willingly, as God would have you; not for shameful gain, but eagerly; not domineering over those in your charge, but being examples to the flock. And when the chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory. Likewise, you who are younger, be subject to the elders. Clothe yourselves, all of you, with humility toward one another, for “God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.”

In the body, there are two roles to fill:

1. Spiritual Leaders
2. Congregation

1. Elders

- a. **Teaching Elders** - ordained pastors who are called to serve the congregation.
- b. **Ruling Elders** - ordained, lay people from the congregation.

1 Peter 5:2–3 ESV

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Represent the mind of Christ.

1 Timothy 3:1–7 ESV

The saying is trustworthy: If anyone aspires to the office of overseer, he desires a noble task. Therefore an overseer must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, sober-minded, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, not a drunkard, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money. He must manage his own household well, with all dignity keeping his children submissive, for if someone does not know how to manage his own household, how will he care for God's church? He must not be a recent convert, or he may become puffed up with conceit and fall into the condemnation of the devil. Moreover, he must be well thought of by outsiders, so that he may not fall into disgrace, into a snare of the devil.

James 3:1 ESV

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness.

Spiritual leaders aren't perfect, but they make every effort to love & honor Christ.

2. Congregation

1 Peter 5:5 ESV

Likewise, you who are younger, be subject to the elders. Clothe yourselves, all of you, with humility toward one another, for "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble."

Hebrews 13:17 ESV

Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you.

Trust that God is trustworthy.

Trust that God ordained your elders to teach, guide, & lead you.

Trust that God will use, even the most glaring flaws & inadequacies in your leaders.

When you feel like you can't trust someone, start by allowing God to question your faith.

God is calling each of us to “entrust our souls to God

By elders shepherding with humility and by the congregation submitting with humility.

Confidence in God is that which overcomes our doubts & anxieties about leadership.

Questions to Consider:

1. Do you tend to trust or doubt by nature?
2. How do you tend to respond when someone's actions don't align with your expectations?
3. In what way is God asking you to trust or be trustworthy?