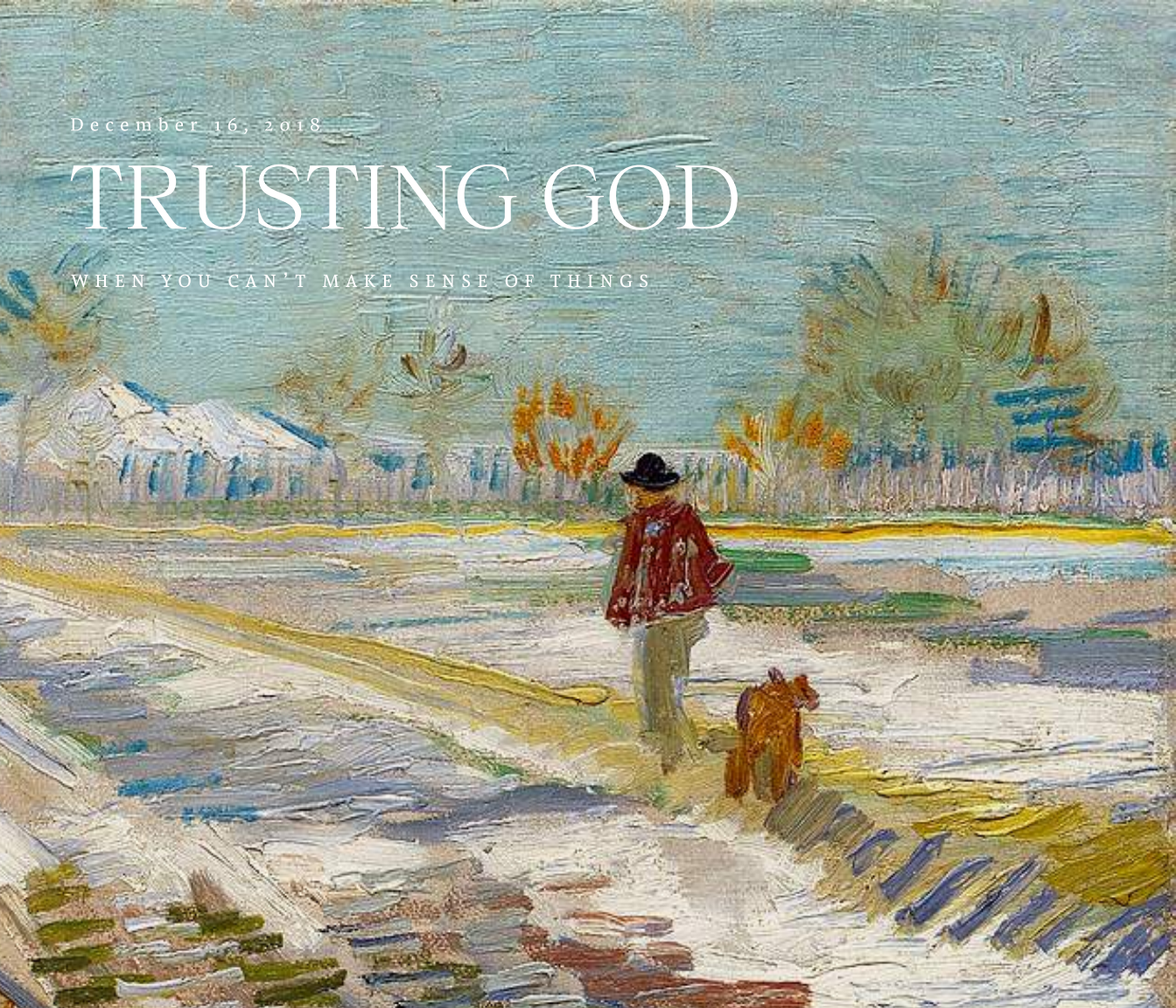


December 16, 2018

# TRUSTING GOD

WHEN YOU CAN'T MAKE SENSE OF THINGS



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# Reflections

In the highest possible sense, then, Jesus Christ is 'the everlasting Father' . . . He lives, and lives to care for us. He lives in all the attributes which adorned him upon earth, as gentle and kind and gracious now, as he was then. Come to him, and rest upon him now, just as if he were visible in this place, and you could speak into his ear your troubles, and confess your sins at his feet . . . Your eyes cannot see him, but faith will be better evidence to you than eyesight. Trust him now with your cares. Rest upon him in your present difficulties . . . Jesus lives; he is the same today as he was in the streets of Jerusalem; and although your feet cannot bear you to him, yet your desires shall serve you instead of feet. He whose love made him die lives on . . . Come now, humbly come, and confide in 'the everlasting Father.'

- Charles Spurgeon, *Jesus the Everlasting Father*

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# Sermon

*The Provision of God (and our helplessness)*

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*'Landscape With Snow' by Vincent van Gogh, 1888*

# Scripture

Isaiah 7:10-14; 9:1-7

7:10 Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz: <sup>11</sup> “Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven.” <sup>12</sup> But Ahaz said, “I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test.” <sup>13</sup> And he said, “Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary men, that you weary my God also? <sup>14</sup> Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

<sup>9:1</sup> But there will be no gloom for her who was in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he has made glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

<sup>2</sup> The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;  
those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone.

<sup>3</sup> You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy;  
they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest,  
as they are glad when they divide the spoil.

<sup>4</sup> For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder,  
the rod of his oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

<sup>5</sup> For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult  
and every garment rolled in blood will be burned as fuel for the fire.

<sup>6</sup> For to us a child is born, to us a son is given;  
and the government shall be upon his shoulder,  
and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

<sup>7</sup> Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end,  
on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it  
with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore.  
The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

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## Events & News

### **Welcome to Pacific Crossroads - We Have a Gift for You**

This Christmas season, we want to extend all new (or newish) guests a warm welcome. Stop by the tents right outside the auditorium for a quick meet and greet and a free gift.

### **2019 Global Missions: Central Asia**

In 2019, PCC aims to send more than 100 mission team members to Central Asia to support our brothers and sisters in the Two22 movement. We'd like to encourage you to spend the remainder of 2018 praying about how God might use you to spread the gospel in Central Asia in 2019.

For more information on upcoming trips, interest meetings, or our global missions partners, visit [PacificCrossroads.org/Missions](http://PacificCrossroads.org/Missions) or text 'Missions' to 310-340-1379.

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## Ministry Resources

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