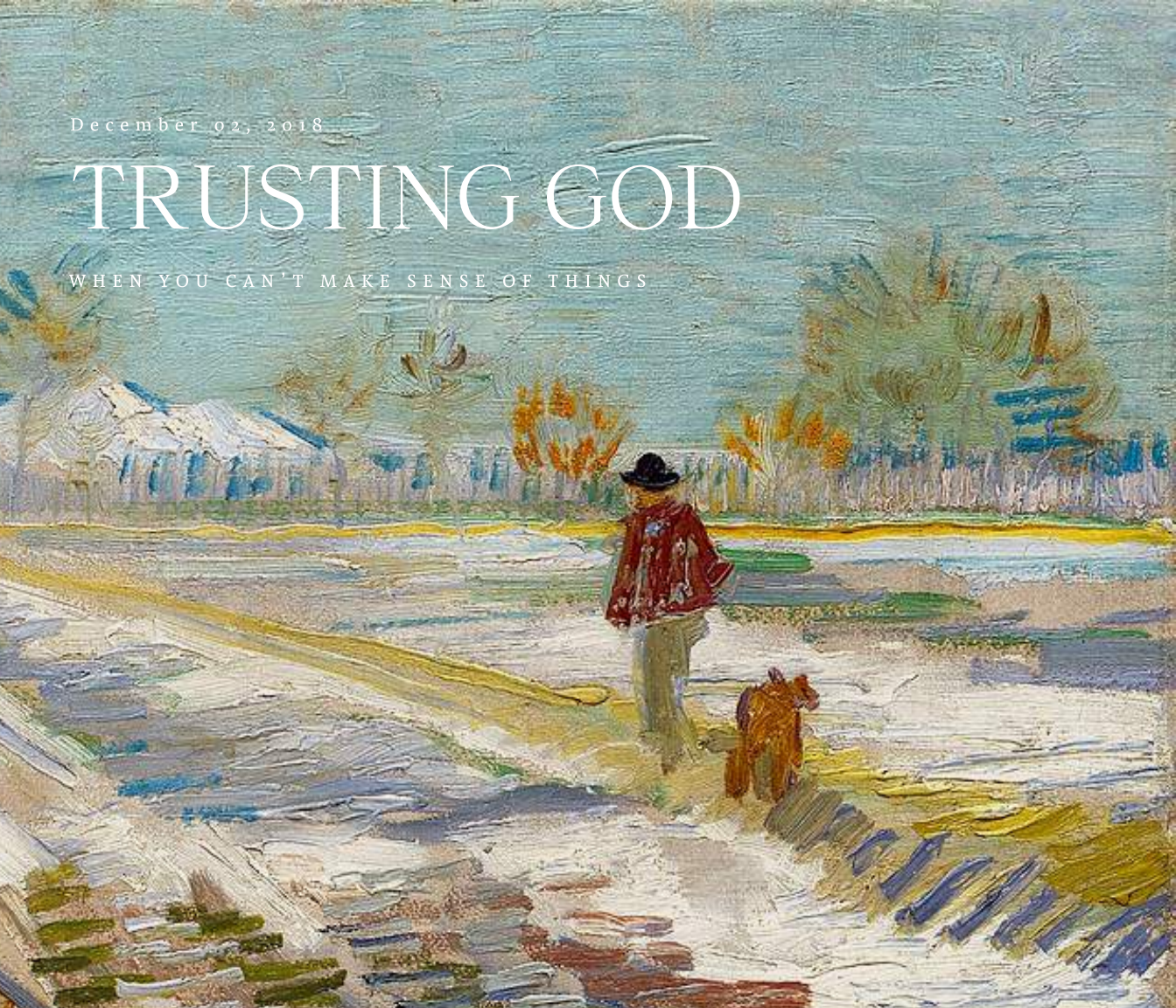


December 02, 2018

# TRUSTING GOD

WHEN YOU CAN'T MAKE SENSE OF THINGS



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# Reflections

The most holy and necessary practice in our spiritual life is the presence of God. That means finding constant pleasure in His divine company, speaking humbly and lovingly with Him in all seasons, at every moment, without limiting the conversation in any way. This is especially important in times of temptation, sorrow, separation from God, and even in times of unfaithfulness and sin.

We must try to converse with God in little ways while we do our work; not in memorized prayer, not trying to recite previously formed thoughts. Rather, we should purely and simply reveal our hearts as the words come to us.

- Brother Lawrence, *Practicing the Presence of God*

*'Landscape With Snow' by Vincent van Gogh, 1888*  
*'It's a Wonderful Life' logo by Jesse Wu*

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# Scripture

Isaiah 40:1, 28-31

<sup>1</sup> Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.

<sup>28</sup> Have you not known? Have you not heard?

The Lord is the everlasting God,  
the Creator of the ends of the earth.

He does not faint or grow weary;  
his understanding is unsearchable.

<sup>29</sup> He gives power to the faint,  
and to him who has no might he increases strength.

<sup>30</sup> Even youths shall faint and be weary,  
and young men shall fall exhausted;

<sup>31</sup> but they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength;  
they shall mount up with wings like eagles;

they shall run and not be weary;  
they shall walk and not faint.

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# Sermon

*The Majesty of God (and our smallness)*

Rankin Wilbourne

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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 'New Here?' tent 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. Today, take a simple step of picking up a 2019 trip brochure, signing up for updates, or stopping by the global missions tent right outside the service.

### PCC Women: Christmas Dinner, December 3

Women of PCC: join us for a Christmas dinner and a time of prayer, music, and connection. We'll also hear from women who are living out the Great Commission, including PCC staff member Veronica Palma, who will share about her response to Jesus' call to tend to the "least of these."

*View and sign up for all events on our mobile app, on our website, [PacificCrossroads.org/Events](https://PacificCrossroads.org/Events), or speak with someone at the 'New Here?' tent.*

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## Ministry Resources

### Congregational Care

Our congregational care team is here to care for you if you are in a difficult place. Email [pastoralcare@pacificcrossroads.org](mailto:pastoralcare@pacificcrossroads.org) or call our office at 310.551.0081.

### Celebrate Recovery

Join together weekly with others to celebrate God's healing power in our lives. Visit [PacificCrossroads.org/CelebrateRecovery](https://PacificCrossroads.org/CelebrateRecovery).