

LEARNING TO TRUST

- the world is filled with uncertainty, and we have become skeptical about everything
- we have lost trust in people, politics, and even church
- we don't know who to believe, and nobody seems to be concerned about what is true or false
- there is One who is worthy of our trust

1. WHAT DETERMINES RELATIONSHIP

(16-18) ANOTHER PARABLE

- there is a great responsibility if we are exposed to the word of God, and every person ought to seriously consider what is being said here

- We have a responsibility to share whatever truth God has shown us
 - What about our story, our testimony
- We have a responsibility to take heed how we hear
 - We are accountable for what we hear

- the more we active in responding, the more we will be shown

(19-21) IMPORTANCE OF HEARING AND DOING

- the family members came to Jesus thinking that He was “over the edge

- some thought that family may have had some special privilege

- Jesus identified “family” as anyone who hears the Word of God and does it

- Sometimes we get the mistaken notion that if we go through all the motions that we are somehow connected to God
- Relationship = hearing **and** doing

2. AUTHORITY OVER NATURE

(22-23) CAUGHT IN A STORM

- Jesus plainly told His disciples = “Let’s cross over to the other side”

- as they were crossing over, Jesus caught up on some much-needed rest, even as a bad storm developed

- Jesus slept while the disciples were filled with fear

(24-25) WINDS AND WAVES OBEY JESUS

- when awakened, Jesus wasn’t troubled by the storm, but did rebuke the disciples for their lack of faith

- Remember what Jesus had told them before they started out = “Let’s cross over to the other side.”
 - What do you think that meant = they were going to make it to the other side

- sometimes when God allows storms in our life it is that we might learn to trust Him

- a few passages to encourage you in the journey between here and there

- [Romans 8:28](#) – And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.
- [Jeremiah 29:11](#) – For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope.
- [Philippians 1:6](#) – being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ;
- [Joel 2:25](#) – "So I will restore to you the years that the swarming locust has eaten, The crawling locust, The

consuming locust, And the chewing locust, My great army which I sent among you.

- [Luke 12:32](#) – "Do not fear, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

3. AUTHORITY OVER THE SUPERNATURAL

(26-29) JESUS MEETS A DEMON-POSSESSED MAN

- they reached their destination just as Jesus said they would

- they were met by a man tormented by demons for a long time

- This man was driven by the demons to the wilderness in order to destroy him
 - Remember that the Devil only comes to steal, kill, and destroy ([John 10:10](#))

(30-33) JESUS CASTS THE DEMONS OUT

- when Jesus asked the name of the demon, they responded by saying legion

- A Roman legion was 6,000 men

- they begged Jesus not to send the abyss

- This is the abussus – the bottomless pit described in [Revelation 9:11](#) – a place where demons are held in captivity

- the demons requested to enter a herd of pigs, which Jesus permitted, and they immediately ran down a cliff and were drowned in the Sea of Galilee

- Here you have the beginning of deviled ham

(34-37) THE PEOPLE BEG JESUS TO LEAVE

- once the people heard what had happened and saw the man in his right mind, they were filled with fear

*** Jesus always brings life, hope, and a new beginning ***

- but, just like it is today, the crowds really didn't want Him around messing up their routines

(38-39) THE DELIVERED MAN WANTS TO FOLLOW

JESUS

- unlike the crowds, the man wanted to follow Jesus wherever He went

- Jesus told him what He still says to us today = “Return to your own house, and tell what great things God has done for you.”

- How’s that working for you?

4. AUTHORITY OVER SICKNESS AND DEATH

(40-42) A SICK DAUGHTER ABOUT TO DIE

- crowds were waiting for Jesus as He came back across the Sea of Galilee

- He was met by Jairus, a ruler of the synagogue, probably in Capernaum

- David Guzik = The ruler of the synagogue was somewhat like a modern pastor. He managed both the spiritual and the business affairs of the synagogue.

- in his time of desperation he went to the only One who could bring hope

- Maybe you need to bring your situation to Jesus today

- but as Jesus made His way with Jairus, He was thronged by the crowds

(43-44) A SICK WOMAN TOUCHES JESUS

- as Jesus was surrounded by the crowds, there was one in the crowd who was also desperate

- she had been sick as long as Jairus had his daughter – 12 years

- the doctors weren’t able to help her, and she has spent all that she had

- her only hope was to touch Jesus

- Is there a longing to come and touch Jesus so you can be made whole?

(45-48) THE WOMAN GOES AWAY HEALED

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(49-56) A GIRL RAISED FROM THE DEAD

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