

THE TAKE AWAY

DISCUSSION GUIDE

Sunday, June 12, 2022
IN GOD WE TRUST

Message Summary:

This week in our series, IN GOD WE TRUST, Pastor Lee Wilson taught us how to trust God when life gets messy. It could be a broken promise, the loss of someone special, a negative diagnosis, habits that feel impossible to break, or just bad news. When life gets messy, it's normal to get stressed, feel disappointed, get angry, bitter or confused. It doesn't matter who you are; life can and will get messy at times. But it's during the messiest times that you need to trust God the most. Without strongly rooted trust in God, when life gets messy, you can be unrooted and stop growing. God will use your mess to teach you the things that you need to learn. You need to let your roots grow down deep into your heart, trusting in the Lord and His Word. It's okay if the tree gets shaken, as long as your roots are strong. When you face hard things, messy things, look to the Lord and trust him to help you get through those situations. You have to learn to trust God over any problem, any situation, any hardship. You have to believe that God is bigger and stronger, and therefore capable of helping you make it to the other side. Don't lose faith! You have to place your trust in the Lord and know that with God, nothing is impossible to you...not even the messy places of your life. God can make a way through!

Key Scriptures:

- [Proverbs 3:5-6 NKJV] 5 Trust in the LORD with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; 6 In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths.
- [Romans 5:6-8 NLT] 6 When we were utterly helpless, Christ came at just the right time and died for us sinners. 7 Now, most people would not be willing to die for an upright person, though someone might perhaps be willing to die for a person who is especially good. 8 But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners.
- [Psalm 56:3-4 NLT] 3 But when I am afraid, I will put my trust in you. 4 I praise God for what he has promised. I trust in God, so why should I be afraid? What can mere mortals do to me?

Discussion Questions:

1. What are some of the symptoms of a messy life?
2. Why is important that you learn to trust God more than you trust yourself?
3. How can you build your trust in the Lord on a daily basis?
4. What are your messy places where you need to trust God to make a way out?

Life Application:

This week as you study the key scriptures, consider what Pastor Lee said, "Don't let the messy things in life keep you in regret. God is not a God of regret. The cross represents freedom, and God has set you free from blame." Examine your heart and your mind with the Lord. It's okay to acknowledge where you know your life has gotten messy, to be honest about where you are missing it or feel trapped. But your life will never escape that messiness if you are stuck in a cycle of self-blame and regrets. God has offered you freedom from your mess through his Son, Jesus. All you have to do in **trust in that freedom**. This is the time to let go of blame, shame and regret. Cast your cares on the Lord because He cares for you. It's time to trust in the Lord and believe God to give you freedom from the messiness of life!