



THE WORD OF TRUST

Famous Last Words – Part 7

Palm Sunday

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*By this time it was noon, and darkness fell across the whole land until three o'clock. The light from the sun was gone. And suddenly, the thick veil hanging in the Temple was torn apart. Then Jesus shouted, "**FATHER, I ENTRUST MY SPIRIT INTO YOUR HANDS!**" And with those words he breathed his last. When the captain of the Roman soldiers handling the executions saw what had happened, he praised God and said, "Surely this man was innocent!" (Luke 23:44-47 NLT)*

When I'm going through my darkest hour – I need to remember:

1. I HAVE A FATHER IN HEAVEN WHO LOVES ME.

*"**FATHER**, I entrust my spirit into your hands!"*

As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who honor Him... (Psalm 103:13 NIV)

2. MY FATHER CAN BE TRUSTED.

*"Father, **I ENTRUST** my spirit into your hands!"*

For the word of the Lord holds true, and everything he does is worthy of our trust. (Psalm 33:4 NLT)

3. HE'S DOING THINGS I CAN'T SEE.

*"Father, I entrust **MY SPIRIT** into your hands!"*

When he is at work in the north, I do not see him; when he turns to the south, I catch no glimpse of him. But he knows the way that I take; and when he has tested me, I will come forth as gold. (Job 23:9-10 NIV)

PHASES OF FAITH

- **DREAM**
- **DECISION**
- **DELAY**
- **DIFFICULTY**
- **DEAD-END**
- **DELIVERANCE**

Our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal. (2 Corinthians 4:17-18 NIV)

4. **HE CAN HANDLE ANYTHING I GIVE HIM.**

*"Father, I entrust my spirit **INTO YOUR HANDS!**"*

GOD'S HANDS ARE ...

- **BIG ENOUGH TO BLESS ME**

You both precede and follow me. You place your hand of blessing on my head. (Psalm 139:5 NLT)

- **SCARRED TO NEVER FORGET ME**

Can a mother forget the baby at her breast and have no compassion on the child she has borne? Though she may forget, I will not forget you! I have engraved you on the palms of my hands! (Isaiah 49:15-16 NIV)

- **STRONG ENOUGH TO KEEP ME**

I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish... My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand. (John 10:28-29 NIV)

I think you ought to know, dear brothers, about the hard time we went through in Asia. We were really crushed and overwhelmed, and feared we would never live through it. We felt we were doomed to die and saw how powerless we were to help ourselves; but that was good, for then we put everything into the hands of God, who alone could save us, for he can even raise the dead. (2 Corinthians 1:8-9 LB)