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Summer Decisions



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Today's Topic: Trust

- Anyone who says it's easy to trust God is a person who is most likely NOT in a difficult season at the moment.
- We are all either...
 - Coming out of a trying season
 - In the middle of a trying season
 - About to go into a trying season
- Will you trust that God is good even when life is not?

God Cares for Us Deeply

- HE Sent His only son to die for you so you could be in right relationship with Him.
- *Psalms 46:1-3,*

Storm Rises

- Mark 4:35-41
- Just because Jesus is in the stern of your boat, doesn't mean that storms won't rock your boat; it means the storms won't sink your boat.
- When you feel that you are...
 - Drowning and you need a - LIFE PRESERVER
 - In a storm and you need - SHELTER
 - Hurting deeply and you need - COMFORTER
- Jesus through the work of the Holy Spirit will provide this in your life but you have to make the choice to reach out and TRUST.

Practical Guide to Trusting the Lord

Proverbs 3:5-6, Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.

1. Don't depend on yourself
 - Solomon says, Lean not on your own understanding.
 - Romans 11:33
2. Cry out to God
 - In all your ways acknowledge Him.
 - Praying with passion and frustration is normal
 - Psalms 55:17
3. Run from Temptations
 - Proverbs 3:7
 - We need to work hard to separate ourselves from bad influences that keep dragging us down.
4. Evaluate yourself by God's Word
 - We go to great lengths many times to excuse our behaviors, actions, and sins.
 - Jeremiah 17:9
 - If we are going to flee sin, we are going to have to find something to measure truth in our lives, and this truth should come from God and His Word.
 - Proverbs 3:11
5. Rest in God's Love
 - Proverbs 3:12
 - Matthew 28:20
 - Take a load off today and rest in the knowledge that God loves you and you are not alone in your storm.

Sixth Summer Decision

Today, I make the decision to TRUST the Lord!