

Trusting God

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Where do we see God doing something new  
in Scripture?

Acts 6:1-7

Helping widows and preaching the Word of God

James 1:27

Mark 15:40-41

Luke 8:1-3

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## Paul's methodologies:

Acts 9:20 proclaimed Jesus in the synagogues

Acts 9:29 disputed against the Hellenists

Acts 14: synagogue and city streets

Acts 16:13 went to riverside: place of prayer

Acts 17: engaged philosophers and religious people of day

One of the most significant lessons Jesus taught his disciples was to stop looking for God's life in the regimen of rituals and rules. He came not to refurbish their religion, but to offer them a relationship. He wanted his disciples to know that the rules and traditions of men get in the way of the power and life of his Father.

Wayne Jacobsen, *So You Don't Want to go to Church Anymore*, p 49.

The point of the cross was that he could do for us what we could not do for ourselves. The key is not found in how much you love him, but how much he loves you. Relationship with him is his gift, freely given.

Wayne Jacobsen, *So You Don't Want to go to Church Anymore*, p 52.



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No Walls

Canvas/Frame

Reaching International Students

VBS

Care Portal

Coaching Leaders to Live Healthy and Lead Well

Sexual Integrity

What has God gifted you in and are passionate about?

Who is in your life to journey with, combining your gifts and passions together in a disciple making relationship?

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We will not pedestalize leaders

Disciples

Schemed to get first place in his kingdom (Mark 10:35)

Wanted Jesus to call down fire on Samaritans (Luke  
9:51-)

How did Apostles view themselves?

Acts 10:15-26

1 Peter 5:1

1 Corinthians 15:9-10

2 Corinthians 4:5

Not Pedestalize Leaders

“Those who treat leaders as if they have some special anointing are the most susceptible to being deceived by them. Until you discover how to trust God for everything in your life you will constantly seek to control others for the things you think you need.”

Wayne Jacobsen, *So You Don't Want to go to Church Anymore*, p 75.

“As long as we see church life as a meeting we’ll miss its reality and its depth. Early church didn’t see it as a meeting or an institution, but as a family living under Father.

Nothing we as believers can ever do together will make up for the lack of our own relationship with God. When we put the church in that place we make it an idol and others will always end up disappointing us.”



“Jesus didn’t leave us with a system; he left us with His Spirit.

Our life in God, shared together, expresses itself as the church.

(Instead of looking for the right church model), What if we spent all that time and energy focused on the Father’s love, what Jesus is doing in us, and how we can live more freely in his Spirit?”

## *Trusting God as our Hope*

Learning to live by trusting God: most difficult aspect of faith

Living contentedly in God's provision rather than being anxious for what we don't see.

How many decisions do we make out of fear instead of trust?

*seek to create a community of servant-leaders who are humble and accessible*

Ephesians 4:11-12: he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of the ministry, for building up the Body of Christ.

Philippians 2:

# Christ is the Cornerstone

Ephesians 2:20, 1 Peter 2:7, Acts 4:11

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Do you know?

You are God's people, holy and loved.

You have everything you need for life and godliness.

You have been blessed with every spiritual blessing.

You are indwelled by the Holy Spirit

You have received a gift by God for serving others.