



Mike Mazingo—Lead Pastor
October 8, 2023

TRUSTING GOD

DO I REALLY TRUST GOD?

- Most of us would say “I want to trust God.”
- Some might say “God has let me down.”

¹ One day as Jesus was preaching on the shore of the Sea of Galilee, great crowds pressed in on him to listen to the word of God. ² He noticed two empty boats at the water’s edge, for the fishermen had left them and were washing their nets. ³ Stepping into one of the boats, Jesus asked Simon, its owner, to push it out into the water. So he sat in the boat and taught the crowds from there. ⁴ When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, “Now go out where it is deeper, and let down your nets to catch some fish.”

⁵ “Master,” Simon replied, “we worked hard all last night and didn’t catch a thing. But if you say so, I’ll let the nets down again.” ⁶ And this time their nets were so full of fish they began to tear! ⁷ A shout for help brought their partners in the other boat, and soon both boats were filled with fish and on the verge of sinking. ⁸ When Simon Peter realized what had happened, he fell to his knees before Jesus and said, “Oh, Lord, please leave me—I’m such a sinful man.” ⁹ For he was awestruck by the number of fish they had caught, as were the others with him. ¹⁰ His partners, James and John, the sons of Zebedee, were also amazed. Jesus replied to Simon, “Don’t be afraid! From now on you’ll be fishing for people!” ¹¹ And as soon as they landed, they left everything and followed Jesus. **Luke 5:1-11 NLT**

GOD HELP ME TO TRUST YOU WHEN I DON’T WANT TO.

⁴ When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, “Now go out where it is deeper, and let down your nets to catch some fish.” ⁵ “Master,” Simon replied, “we worked hard all last night and didn’t catch a thing.” **Luke 5:4-5 NLT**

GOD HELP ME TO TRUST YOU WHEN I’M WEARY.

^{5a} “Master,” Simon replied, “we worked hard all last night and didn’t catch a thing.” **Luke 5:5a NLT**

²⁸ Then Jesus said, “Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you. Let me teach you, because I am humble and gentle at heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy to bear, and the burden I give you is light.”

Matthew 11:28-30 NLT

GOD HELP ME TO TRUST YOU WHEN IT DOESN’T MAKE SENSE.

- Faith and fear are polar opposites.
- If your trust and faith in the Lord is high, your fear and worry level will be low.

YOU DON’T HAVE TO UNDERSTAND COMPLETELY, TO TRUST GOD COMPLETELY.

^{5b} “But if you say so, I’ll let the nets down again.” ⁶ And this time their nets were so full of fish they began to tear! ⁷ A shout for help brought their partners in the other boat, and soon both boats were filled with fish and on the verge of sinking. ⁸ When Simon Peter realized what had happened, he fell to his knees before Jesus and said, “Oh, Lord, please leave me—I’m such a sinful man.” ⁹ For he was awestruck by the number of fish they had caught, as were the others with him. **Luke 5:5b-9 NLT**

- **But if you say so, I’ll let the nets down again.**
- **Sometimes a single step of obedience leads to a second step with more understanding.**
- **Sometimes we won’t understand until later in life.**
- **The outcome is God’s responsibility—Obedience is yours.**

LORD HELP ME TO OBEY EVEN WHEN I DON’T UNDERSTAND.

⁵ Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. ⁶ Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take. **Proverbs 3:5-6 NLT**

⁷ Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the Lord our God. **Psalms 20:7 NIV**

THEY LEFT EVERYTHING AND FOLLOWED JESUS.

^{10b} Jesus replied to Simon, “Don’t be afraid! From now on you’ll be fishing for people!” ¹¹ And as soon as they landed, **they left everything** and followed Jesus. **Luke 5:10b-11 NLT**

- They trusted Jesus with everything.
- They surrendered what they had always done for something better.