



Trust God Whatever the Circumstances
Week 4 – Jeremiah 17:5-11

Sunday 7th March 2010
10am & 6.30pm services

Many in our _____ are _____

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Jesus said, *“In this world you will have trouble...”* (John 16:33 TNIV)

The question is not – “_____ we face trouble?”

The question is – “_____ I face trouble when it comes?”

Will I _____ or flourish? Will I _____ or thrive?

When it comes to flourishing in difficult circumstances...

...knowing _____ you trust is a _____

In Jeremiah 17:5-11, God says there are...

- two _____ of trust – people or God
- two _____ related to who you trust – barren or fruitful

- two _____ describing people who trust – cursed or blessed

What can I do today to trust God whatever the circumstances?

R _____ trusting your heart.

“The heart is deceitful above all things...” (Jeremiah 17:9 TNIV)

Ask God to **R** _____ to you your heart.

“I the Lord search the heart and examine the mind...” (Jeremiah 17:10 TNIV)

R _____ to claim what is not yours to claim.

“When their lives are half gone, their riches will desert them...”
(Jeremiah 17:11 TNIV)

R _____ on Christ.

Jesus said, *“In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world”* (John 16:33 TNIV)

R _____ you are never alone.

Jesus said, *“And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever.”* (John 14:16 TNIV)



Small Group Preparation

(Following Week 1 of Church-Wide Series)

Getting to Know You

1. Have a volunteer stand in the room with a blind fold on. After spinning them around three times have someone guide them to a predetermined destination in the room using only verbal instructions. Was it easy to trust the person giving the instructions? Why?

Getting Started

2. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Explain.
3. Can you recall a time when you have let someone down? Share with the group.
4. How have you found God to be someone you could put your confidence in? In what ways is he more trustworthy than you? Explain.

Getting into the Bible

5. Read Proverbs 3:5-6. This verse was written by King Solomon. Find out a few key things about this man. What was he known for? What stood out about him? (Look up a study Bible or on the internet or ask a friend).
6. In verse 5 whom does Solomon say we should trust? How does he say we should do this? What does he warn us not to do?

7. According to the following passages, what are the circumstances in our lives which we need to be reminded to trust in God? Psalm 65:3, Luke 12:13-21, Psalm 20:7, Job 1:13-22, Psalm 25:4-5, .Psalm 16:8-10, Psalm 73:26, 2 Corinthians 1:8-9

8. In verse 6a the phrase for what we are to do is expressed a little differently. See the differences below...

TNIV	In all your ways submit to him
NIV & NASB	In all your ways acknowledge him
NLT	Seek his will in all you do
MSG	Listen to God's voice in everything you do

Practically speaking, what is involved in obeying this command?

9. What promise does God make in this passage for those who trust in God fully? (verse 6b) Explain in your own words what you can actually claim for your life from this promise.

Getting it into my Life

10. What circumstances are you facing at the moment where you know you need to keep trusting or trusting him more?
11. What is one practical step you could take this week to acknowledge God in the midst of this circumstance and trust him completely?