

Trust The Providence of
God

John 16:31-33

- I. Trouble will come
 - a. Have you ever had one of those days when everything goes wrong? It doesn't make any difference how hard you try, it just seems that everything backfires on you? The harder you try, the worse it gets. I'm convinced that all of us have had days like that.
 - b. Providence: Divine guidance or care. God Sees where you are, God Knows where you are going and God provides for where you are going.
 - c. 31 Jesus responded to them, "Do you now believe? 32 Indeed, an hour is coming, and has come, when each of you will be scattered to his own home, and you will leave Me alone. Yet I am not alone, because the Father is with Me.33 I have told you these things so that in Me you may have peace. You will have suffering in this world. Be courageous! I have conquered the world." John 16:33
 - d. ⁷But humans are born for trouble as surely as sparks fly upward. Job 5:7
 - e. ¹⁰I was given over to you at birth; you have been my God from my mother's womb. ¹¹Don't be far from me, because distress is near and there's no one to help. Psalm 22:10-11
 - f. ³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all comfort. ⁴He comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any kind of affliction,

through the comfort we ourselves receive from God. 2
Corinthians 1:3-4

II. Trust in the Presence of Jesus

- a. "Don't let your heart be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in Me. John 14:1
- b. What is Jesus saying there? Is He saying, "You trust in God, now it's time to trust also in Me?" Or is He saying, "I know you trust in God, and you also trust in Me. Now remember, when you can no longer see Me, don't stop trusting in Me."
- c. It is easy to trust when you can see it.
 - ²⁵ So the other disciples were telling him(Thomas), "We've seen the Lord!" But he said to them, "If I don't see the mark of the nails in his hands, put my finger into the mark of the nails, and put my hand into his side, I will never believe." John 20:25
- d. Now faith is the reality of what is hoped for, the proof of what is not seen. Hebrews 11:1
- e. When things are worse than you can imagine do you trust that Jesus is Present.
 - ²⁰ teaching them to observe everything I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." Matthew 28:20

III. Trust in the Promise

- a. ² In My Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? John 14:2

b. What has God Promised You?

1. As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, and day and night will not cease. Genesis 8:22
2. ⁹Honor the Lord with your possessions and with the first produce of your entire harvest; ¹⁰then your barns will be completely filled, and your vats will overflow with new wine. Proverbs 3:9-10
3. The Lord is my shepherd; I have what I need... Only goodness and faithful love will pursue me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord as long as I live. Psalm 23:1-6
4. ¹⁹And my God will supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:19

c. How long does it take for God to fulfill His Promise?

How long, Lord, must I call for help and you do not listen or cry out to you about violence and you do not save? Habakkuk 1:2 **That depends...**

1. ON PEOPLE: ⁶So we rebuilt the wall until the entire wall was joined together up to half its height, for the people had the will to keep working.⁷ When Sanballat, Tobiah, and the Arabs, Ammonites, and Ashdodites heard that the repair to the walls of Jerusalem was progressing and that the gaps were being closed, they became furious. ⁸They all plotted together to come and fight against Jerusalem and throw it into confusion. Nehemiah 4:6-8
2. ON PRINCIPALITIES: ¹³But the prince of the kingdom of Persia opposed me for twenty-one

days. Then Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me after I had been left there with the kings of Persia. Daniel 10:13

3. ON PERSONALITIES: Indeed, the Lord's arm is not too weak to save, and His ear is not too deaf to hear. ²But your iniquities are separating you from your God, and your sins have hidden His face from you so that He does not listen. Isaiah 59:1-2

d. It is going to happen!

- For the vision is yet for the appointed time; it testifies about the end and will not lie. Though it delays, wait for it, since it will certainly come and not be late. Habakkuk 2:3

IV. Trust in the Person

a. ³If I go away and prepare a place for you, I will come again and take you to Myself, so that where I am you may be also. ⁴You know the way to where I am going. John 14:3-4

b. THE ONE BORN OF A VIRGIN. See, the virgin will become pregnant and give birth to a Son, and they will name Him Immanuel, Matthew 1:23

c. THE ONE THAT WAS SLAIN. ⁹And they sang a new song: You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because You were slaughtered, and You purchased people for God by Your blood from every tribe and language and people and nation. Revelation 5:9

d. THE THAT GOD HAS EXALTED: For this reason God highly exalted Him and gave Him the name that is

above every name, ¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee will bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth. Philippians 2:9-10

V. Trust in the power of Jesus

- a. ⁶ Jesus told him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me. John 14:6
- b. ¹⁸ Jesus came near and said to them, "All authority has been given to me in heaven and on earth. Matthew 28:18
- c. ¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has passed away, and see, the new has come! 2 Corinthians 5:17
- d. ²⁴ Now to Him who is able to protect you from stumbling and to make you stand in the presence of His glory, without blemish and with great joy, ²⁵ to the only God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, power, and authority before all time, now and forever. Amen. Jude 24