

**Palm Sunday ~ Sunday, March 20, 2016**  
**“Famous Last Words ~ The Word of Trust”**  
**Romans 8:28-39**

“It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, while the sun's light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, ‘Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.’ Having said this, he breathed his last. When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said, ‘Certainly this man was innocent.’” (Luke 23:44-47)

“Truly this man was God’s Son!” (Matthew 27:54)

That first Good Friday, on a spiritual level, it was anything but \_\_\_\_\_ and somehow this soldier \_\_\_\_\_ it.

### 3 THINGS WE CAN LEARN ABOUT JESUS’ DEATH

• **Jesus gave up His life** \_\_\_\_\_.  
Nobody is to blame for Jesus’ death because He \_\_\_\_\_ gave up His life on the cross.

“For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.” (Mark 10:45)

“No one can take my life from me. I lay down my life voluntarily. For I have the authority to lay it down when I want to and also the power to take it back again.” (John 10:18)

• **Jesus gave up His life** \_\_\_\_\_.  
Luke tells us that Jesus didn’t die \_\_\_\_\_, nor did He \_\_\_\_\_ His final words; but rather, \_\_\_\_\_.

He’s not shouting out in \_\_\_\_\_, but in \_\_\_\_\_.

• **Jesus gave up His life** \_\_\_\_\_.  
“Into your hand I commit my spirit; you have redeemed me, O Lord God of truth.” (Psalm 31:5)

**Commit = paqad =**

Jesus focused on the \_\_\_\_\_ and not on His own \_\_\_\_\_.

No \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_—only \_\_\_\_\_.

Jesus trusted His heavenly Father, and as a result, He was able to \_\_\_\_\_ everything to Him—even His \_\_\_\_\_.

One of the greatest decisions that we’re going to make in this life is: Who Am I going to \_\_\_\_\_?

We need to put our trust in someone who:

- \_\_\_\_\_ everything;
- loves us \_\_\_\_\_
- will always put our best \_\_\_\_\_ first
- will always tell us the \_\_\_\_\_, even if it hurts.

“For the word of the Lord holds true, and everything he does is worthy of our trust.” (Psalm 33:4)

**Entrust = parati-themi =**

No matter what’s happening in our life—no matter how bad things get—whether we can see it or not—we can trust God to \_\_\_\_\_ all things together for \_\_\_\_\_ in His \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

God is \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ and there’s nothing that this world can throw at us—not even death—that can \_\_\_\_\_ us from God’s great love for us in Christ.

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. In all ways acknowledge him and he will make your paths straight.” (Proverbs 3:5-6)

### 4 STEPS TO ENTRUSTING OUR LIVES INTO GOD’S HANDS

**Step #1:** \_\_\_\_\_.

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart.” (Proverbs 3:5)

If you think about it, trust always involves \_\_\_\_\_.

“Take Courage, daughter. You took a risk of faith, and now you’re well.” (Matthew 9:21)

“Even when I am afraid, I keep on trusting you.” (Psalm 56:3)

Faced with these fears we have 2 choices: “Am I going to let \_\_\_\_\_ control my life or am I going to \_\_\_\_\_ God?”

“If you try to keep your life for yourself you will lose it. But if you give up your life for me you will find true life.” (Matthew 16:25)

It isn't risk taking if the outcome is \_\_\_\_\_.

**Do you have the faith to trust in the Lord?**

**Are you willing to take the risk and step out?**

**Step #2:** \_\_\_\_\_.

"...lean not on your own understanding." (Proverbs 3:5)

Trusting in God means relying on \_\_\_\_\_ and not on \_\_\_\_\_.

The good news is God is 100% \_\_\_\_\_—and we can rely on Him—we can lean on Him without fear or apprehension.

"There is a path before each person that seems right but it ends in death." (Prov14:12)

Trust calls us to move beyond our \_\_\_\_\_ and recognize that we're not God.

God never asks us to do things that are \_\_\_\_\_. H asks us to trust Him—especially in those moments when we don't \_\_\_\_\_.

One of the things that we can do to help us in these times is \_\_\_\_\_ God's track record.

"I recall all you have done, O Lord. I remember your wonderful deeds of long ago. They are constantly in my thoughts. I cannot stop thinking about them." (Psalm 77:1)

We don't always understand why things happen in our lives. However, there is one thing we can know for sure—God is \_\_\_\_\_ all the time and we can \_\_\_\_\_ on Him.

**Do you have the faith to rely on God?**

**Where do you need to rely less on yourself and more on God?**

**Step #3:** \_\_\_\_\_.

"In all your ways acknowledge him..." (Proverbs 3:6)

Another word that we could use for acknowledge is \_\_\_\_\_.

obedience = \_\_\_\_\_ + \_\_\_\_\_ + \_\_\_\_\_

"If you love me, you will obey what I command." (John 14:15)

"I will hasten and not delay to obey your commands." (Psalm 119:60)

The longer we wait to obey God, the \_\_\_\_\_ it is.

"Always obey the Lord and you will be happy. If you are stubborn you will be ruined." (Proverbs 28:14)

Joseph loved God and trusted Him, and so there was an \_\_\_\_\_ to his obedience—even when it didn't make sense.

"This is love for God: to obey his commands..." (1 John 5:3)

**Do you trust God enough to obey Him?**

**Where in your life might God be calling you to a greater obedience?**

**Step #4:** \_\_\_\_\_.

"...and he will make straight your paths." (Proverbs 3:6)

"God's ways are holy. They are righteous." (Psalm 77:13)

God's \_\_\_\_\_ can be trusted.

"Taste and see that the Lord is good. O the joys of those who trust in Him." (Ps34:8)

When we trust God, we \_\_\_\_\_ Him to work because it's based on His character.

"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness." (Lamentations 3:22)

"God can't break his word. And because his word cannot change, the promise is likewise unchangeable. We who have run for our very lives to God have every reason to grab the promised hope with both hands and never let go. It's an unbreakable spiritual lifeline, reaching past all appearances right to the very presence of God." (Hebrews 6:18)

**Do you have the faith to expect God to believe this?**

**Do you trust His promises?**



**What are you worried about?**

Worry is \_\_\_\_\_.

It is acting like there's no \_\_\_\_\_ who loves you and can be trusted.

**What do you need to entrust into God's hands?**