

# Construction in Progress

## Lesson 2: BUILDING TRUST

### Introduction

- If you could trade places with one Bible character for one hour, who would YOU choose?
  - Ex: Peter Walking on the Water. (Matthew 14:22-33)
    - Though the boat is away from shore, Jesus comes out to them (v. 24-25)
    - Despite the other disciples' fear, Peter walks out of the boat to Him (v. 29)
  - Peter's Faith got him out of the boat, but the storm caused his Trust to falter
    - *"But when he saw the wind, he was \_\_\_\_\_, and beginning to sing he cried out, "Lord, save me." (v. 30)*
    - Jesus said, *"O you of little faith, why did you \_\_\_\_\_?" (v. 31)*
    - Even when our Faith fails, Jesus is there for us.
- Though Faith and Trust are synonymous, we distinguish between the two.
  - Faith is the assurance of God's existence, Jesus' lordship and heaven's promise:
    - We have Faith when we confess him before men (Romans 10:9-10)
  - Trust is the confidence our life is best lived in praise and submission to Christ, and in unceasing pursuit of Heaven.
    - We Trust in Jesus when we stay in pursuit of him (Matt: 10:32-33)
- The longer we are Christians the more we realize how inadequate we are for life's tasks.
  - *"Indeed, we felt that we had received the sentence of Death. But that was to make us rely not on ourselves but on \_\_\_\_\_ who raises the dead"* (2 Corinthians 1:9)

### 1.) Where we Start

- a. Everyone starts of feeling full of themselves (Dunning-Kruger Effect).
  - i. Children often times forsake the teaching of their parents/elders.
    1. Solomon advises his son to listen to his teachings (Prov. 6:20-22)
    2. How does Rehoboam respond as king? (1 Kings 12)
    3. Rehoboam's actions lead to what? \_\_\_\_\_
  - ii. If our lack of wisdom fails our everyday lives, what does it do to our spiritual life? (**Discussion**)
    1. *"I know, O LORD, that the way of man is not in \_\_\_\_\_, that it is not in \_\_\_\_\_ who walks to direct his steps."* (Jeremiah 10:23)
- b. If our ways fail us, then what do we turn to?
  - i. *"Trust in the \_\_\_\_\_ with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding."* (Proverbs 3:5)
  - ii. *"In all your ways \_\_\_\_\_ Him, and He will make \_\_\_\_\_ your paths."* (Proverbs 3:6)
    1. We acknowledge God when we admit he is the voice of reason.

- a. *“For all who are being \_\_\_\_\_ by the Spirit of God, these are \_\_\_\_\_ of God.”* (Romans 8:14)

## 2.) How we Grow

- a. Getting to the point where we look to God instead of ourselves is difficult, but doing so consistently is even more so.
- b. Many people call themselves “Christians”, but do not govern themselves by God’s will.
  - i. The Bible addresses how we are to address issues in our daily lives (gossip, lying, attire, etc.), and gives the same advice every time.
    - 1. Hebrews 13: 7-9
      - a. *“Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and \_\_\_\_\_.”* (v. 8)
      - b. *“Do not be led away by \_\_\_\_\_ teachings....”* (v. 9)
        - i. Our wish for something to be “ok” doesn’t make it ok.
    - ii. Instead of heeding this advice, we attempt to implement solutions with worldly sources.
      - 1. We become frustrated with non-believers for not coming to Christ, but ignore ourselves for doing the same to biblical advice to our issues.
- c. If we trusted the Lord enough to give him our lives in the beginning, why would we not continue to do so?
  - i. God’s word is Truth (John 17:17), and must be because God cannot lie (Titus 1:2)
  - ii. So if that word required us to accept him and wash away our sins in baptism...
    - 1. *“And now why do you wait? Rise and be \_\_\_\_\_ and wash away your sins, calling on his name.”* (Acts 22:16)
  - iii. And that baptism promises us the gift of the Holy Spirit...
    - 1. *“Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the \_\_\_\_\_.”* (Acts 2:38)
  - iv. Then we should have confidence to overcome Evil with Good (Romans 12:21), to turn the other cheek (Matt 5:39), and to forgive repeatedly (Matt 18:21-22).
- d. Our own attempt to “fix” things is what leads us astray and eats away at our Trust in God.
  - i. This erosion of Trust can come from among brethren (2 Timothy 2:16-18)

1. *“and their talk will spread like gangrene. Among them are Hymenaeus and Philetus, who have \_\_\_\_\_ from the truth, saying that the resurrection has occurred. They are \_\_\_\_\_ the faith of some.”* (v. 17-18).
  - ii. Not only can brethren lead us astray, but so can misuse of Scripture (Matthew 4).
  - iii. When a person begins an argument of scripture begins with “I know the Bible says **blank**, but I think.” They have condemned themselves. (Galatians 1:8-9)
- e. In times like these it is wise to follow the words of Paul *“Now I urge you, brethren, keep your eye on those who cause dissensions and hindrances contrary to the teaching which you learned, and turn away from them. For such men are slaves, not of our Lord Christ but of their own appetites....”* (Romans 16: 17-18a)

### 3.) The ‘finished’ Product

- a. One of the astonishing things about God is His absolute trustworthiness. We may not know what the future holds, but God does!
  - i. Because of this knowledge, we are able to know that our future is safe with Him. (Psalm 16:5)
  - ii. This assurance is what allows us to persevere through it all.
- b. Look at 1 John 3:19-22.
  - i. What is God Greater than? \_\_\_\_\_
  - ii. What is it that can condemn us? \_\_\_\_\_
  - iii. If we keep our confidence in God, what do we receive?  
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- c. Because we are Christians, we no longer are slaves to our own weaknesses and failures, but instead are able to put our trust in God. (Psalm 56:11)
  - i. Not only are we not subject to our weaknesses, but are also freed from having to trust in others or ourselves (Isaiah 41:23-24)
- d. However, as Christians we are able to trust each other because of our unity as one in Christ. (1 Corinthians 12:12-13)
  - i. *“For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with \_\_\_\_\_.”* (v. 13)
- e. At times our friends, family, and brothers and sisters in Christ will fail us. If we CHOOSE to put our Trust in God, We are able to withstand all of these things.