Get Clingy With It

Who Am I - Week 8 (5-15-24)

Proverbs 3:5-6

4 Steps to Trusting God Completely

- I. Knowing Who God Is
 - A. John 17:3 (TPT) "Eternal life means to know and experience you as the only true God, and to know and experience Jesus Christ, as the son whom you have sent."
 - 1. Know = know, perceive, understand
 - a) Can anyone actually understand and perceive God?
 - 2. In order to know anyone you must get close to them and invest time with them.
 - a) Closeness with God always means you're closer to the source of life.
 - (1) Live the headwaters of a spring. Thats where the water is the purest.
 - B. We have to be more sure of who God is than what our situation is not.
 - 1. Be more aware of God than the things that don't seem right in your life.
 - 2. The moment that we loose sight of God because of our circumstances is the moment that we are trying to trust in something other than God.
 - a) We are trying to take things into our own hands.
 - C. He is almighty God, our creator, and deserves our obedience.
 - D. He is Love 1 John 4:16
 - 1. What is Love? 1 Corinthians 13
- II. Knowing God's Heart and Intentions for You
 - A. Jon "Obey Him even when you don't understand." Cast you nets on the other side. (Luke 5:4-11)
 - B. When we know Him and His heart, we are much more willing to Trust Him and obey Him, even if it doesn't make any sense.
 - C. Only God deserves our complete and total trust.
 - 1. Proverbs 3:5-6
 - 2. God is the only one that can support the total weight of our cares without letting us down.
 - D. If you feel that God has let you down in some way, it means that somewhere along the way you placed you trust in something other than God. Mark 4:37-41
 - 1. The disciples' trust in Jesus weakened because they were trusting more in the storms ability to harm them.
 - 2. When we trust too much in people or things they will let you down, and it effects our willingness to trust again. Even in God.
 - 3. God is ALWAYS faithful.
 - a) The only one worthy of ALL of our trust is God.
 - (1) "As for God, his way is perfect: The word of the LORD is tried: He is a buckler to all those that trust in Him." Psalm 18:30

b) God has not changed! He is still good no matter how badly you think He may have let you down.

III. Surrendering Your Control Over the Outcome

- A. Jon "You won't always have the power to control the situation that you're in, but you'll always have the power to surrender."
- B. 1 Peter 5:6-7 AMP
 - 1. We all need to get to a place where we are trusting God on deeper levels
 - a) The level of you surrender will determine the level of your elevation with God.
 - (1) The more He can lift you up, the closer you get to Him.
 - 2. The christian life is all about learning to trust God more and more every day.
- C. This step is easier if you keep in mind steps 1 and 2.

IV. Having Patience

A. James 1:2-4

- 1. The reason patience drives us to completion is because we are proving that we have completely surrendered the situation to God.
 - a) Being willing to wait as long as it takes shows complete surrender to God.
 - b) Romans 8:25 (TPT) "So because our hope is set on what is yet to be seen, we patiently keep on waiting for its fulfillment."
- 2. I don't wait around for someone that I don't trust.