Learning to Rely on the Lord

Greg Kline · 2 Chronicles 16:1–12

INTRODUCTION

- Even good people who know God, who know what God has done for them, and have even blessed them, can struggle to rely on God when it gets hard.
- Because you relied on the king of Syria and did not rely on the Lord your God, the army of the king of Syria has escaped you.
- Asa did not rely on God in time of war. He did not rely on God when facing physical disease, and yet 1 Kings 15 is still true.

1 We Don't Like to Give Up Control

Genesis 12:1–4; Hebrews 11:8–16; Matthew 26

- It's really hard because if we're being completely honest, we don't like to give up control.
- What will I do at that fork in the road? Will I trust in God or will I trust my own ways?
- By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out not knowing where he was going.
- He wants us to stop saying, Here's where my will is, and here's where God will is, and say, God, your will be done.

2 It Is a Faith Problem When We Worry

Matthew 6:25–34

- It is a faith problem when we worry. It's not a cute little problem. It's a faith problem.
- Jesus said very clearly, you can worry about your life all you want, but you won't add a single hour to your span of life.
- The reaction in our life when at times are difficult is going to be one of two ways and two ways only. To trust God or to trust some man.
- I won't borrow worry. I will trust in God. I won't doubt or fear. I will rely upon my God, who is trustworthy and reliable.

3 We Think We Know What We Need

1 Samuel 8:4–22; Isaiah 55:8–9

- The truth is we think we know what we need.
- But there shall be a king over us that we may also be like all the nations, and that our king may judge us and go out before us and fight our battles.
- Anytime we know what the will of God is and we make excuses, or we give an example of how it doesn't apply to me, or how other people live worse than me, we're saying, I know best.
- As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are God's ways higher than our ways. God knows best.

4 Stop and Take Perspective of This Moment in Life

Hebrews 11:13–16

- First and foremost, stop and take perspective of this moment in life.
- You have to remember what God has shown us in the light, even when we're in the darkness.
- God is the same God before I was in the cave as He will be when I'm inside it.
- They weren't living for this earthly one. They were living for the city whose builder and maker is God.

5 Trust That God Truly Brings Victory and Peace

Philippians 4:4–13

- If we are not 100% convinced that God's way is best, and that he is reliable and trustworthy, we'll never pick the option to rely and trust on God.
- Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your request be made known to God.
- I have learned to be content because who is there for me? Jesus Christ my Lord.
- If I do trust in God, it's worth it.

6 Take Perspective of Eternity

Mark 9:43–48; John 14:6

- It is better for you to enter life crippled than with two hands to go to hell to the unquenchable fire.
- You may have a pathway, but what I want you to stop and look at this morning and examine is your way worth it? Because mine's worth it no matter the cost.
- Are any of those worth pulling me away from God? And if the answer is no, why do I let them do that so frequently?

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **If there's distance between you and God that didn't used to be there, who moved? Who put that distance there? Who made it to where God feels so far away? Did God move? Or did I?**

MY NOTES