Truly Trusting

Greg Kline · Luke 5:1–8

INTRODUCTION

- Even his closest disciples showed a degree of faithlessness, or a degree of being what we would call human, that they too made mistakes.
- There's always some reason we can't be where we need to be, do what we want to do. But no excuses are pleasing to God.

1 It's the Wrong Time

Luke 5:5; Luke 9:57–62

- Now is the time to serve Jesus. There is nothing to wait for.
- When Jesus says you have to pick up your cross daily, denying yourself and follow after me, the implication is you do it now.
- No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.
- Jesus knows what's best for us.

2 I Know What Is Best

Galatians 6:6–9; Luke 9:23

- Do not be deceived. God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap.
- The one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption. But the one who sows to the spirit will from the spirit reap eternal life.
- Following Jesus is a lifetime commitment.
- We need to know God's will is best.

3 I've Already Done All I Can Do

Luke 5:5; Romans 12:2

- It might be that I think I'm either doing enough or I've already done all I can do.
- Notice what Peter says. We have toiled all night. We've caught nothing. There's nothing left for me to do.
- The problem with all of these statements, in and of itself, is that they don't show trust in Jesus.
- I'm going to focus on trusting in Jesus because his ways are right and his ways are best.

4 Realize My Attitude May Be Wrong

Luke 5:6–8; 2 Corinthians 7:8–11; Romans 12:9

- If we're going to learn to truly trust, the first step is to realize, like Peter did, my attitude may be wrong.
- In an instant, Peter realized he was wrong. And likewise in an instant, he wanted to make it right. That's the attitude of someone who truly trusts in Jesus.

- Godly grief produces a repentance that leads to salvation without regret, whereas worldly grief produces death.
- There is no truly trusting in Jesus without truly hating sin.

5 Stop to Give Thanks

1 Thessalonians 5:16–18

- Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances. For this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.
- If I had taken my pathway, how much worse would my life be than if I took God's pathway?
- God's pathway involves true peace, joy, and love.
- If we stop and give thanks, we'll start seeing the fish in the nets.

6 Only Jesus Can Do the Impossible

Philippians 4:13; Philippians 4:14–19

- I have to know and embrace and live the idea that only Jesus can do the impossible.
- I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.
- Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that increases to your account.
- That includes two critically important components: someone willing to go and people willing to support them there.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **The time to serve Jesus, the time to build up that trust and know that his ways are best begins right now.**

MY NOTES