

TRUSTING JESUS



As we come down to the conclusion of our corporate fast for this season, I want to remind you of the importance of trusting in the Lord. One of the things that I hear Elder Douglas saying to me every morning about trusting in the Lord is “not worrying about anything.” I have come to realize that our Lord had a lot to say about not worrying for our lives, for food, for drink, or for raiment (clothes). He spoke of the birds and the lilies as examples of God’s care.

He said this in Luke 12:29, “seek not ye what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink, neither be ye of doubtful mind..” He told us that the Gentiles worry about such things. And since Christians are the children of God, we should not worry as others do about matters. The apostle Paul wrote in Philippians 4:6, “Be careful for nothing.”

When we doubt, or fear, or worry, we are not believing. Christ lives within us and He never worries. Faith is the opposite of worrying and being anxious. All doubt is sin. All doubt is sin because it denies God’s word. In Matthew 9:29, Jesus touched the eyes of the blind and said, “According to your faith be it unto you..” If this is true, and I definitely believe it is, then the opposite is also true: According to your doubt be it unto you. It takes some of us a long time to stop trying and begin trusting. Some never do.

I hope that you have learned, during this time of fasting, that the greatest adventure in this life is to quit merely reading it, talking about it, and/or praying about it, and reach the point where you can actually walk it out. Which is to say, TRUST HIM. I am convinced that there is no moment of any day when it cannot be done. It will not be easy, because feelings and circumstances will stand in our way. It may seem unreal, especially at first, and all the powers of the enemy will team up against anybody who dares to really walk by faith and not by sight.

Opposition will automatically come and we become the targets of the devil, but faith will grow as we exercise it. The old thoughts and life patterns of the natural man fade as the new man puts on the Lord Jesus Christ and allows Christ to live in him.

Our Lord said, “Consider the lilies how they grow: they toil not, they spin not” (Luke 12:27). They just grow. The birds neither



sow nor reap nor gather into barns, but God feeds them”. Of course this does not mean that we sit around and wait for God to send in the groceries. We must sow and reap and gather into barns, but we are not to worry about it. Most children do not lay awake at night wondering whether or not their parents will clothe and feed them.

Remember:

- ☑ **Prayer is a critical element when faced with opposition.**
- ☑ **Biblical fasting is praying and intense supplication before God.**
- ☑ **Recognize that God uses life to test, to reveal, and to make your character.**
- ☑ **Change will not come without a challenge. God uses His Word, people, and circumstances to mold us.**

Corporate Prayer is on Mondays at 7PM and Fridays at 7:30 PM.

START TODAY

Let go and let God. Cast all your cares upon Him, for He cares for you. Say no to all doubt and unbelief, for they are of the devil and we must close the door in their face and not entertain them for one moment. If we have faith as a mustard seed, we will say unto this mountain be removed, be though plucked up, be though cast into the sea.

If we do not doubt, then those things that we say shall surely come to pass.

We will close out this consecration soon, and I want to thank all of you that stood with us and are finishing strong. This week, we will go without any meat of any kind, including seafood. We will finish this week on somewhat of a Daniel fast, eating vegetables. It is my hope that you will join us on Monday night in prayer. We will also plan to see you on Friday, February 1st, in prayer as we close out the fast on that night.

It has been our goal not just to complete the fast, but to grow in our relationship with God. I hope that you have experienced that kind of growth; that which comes by faith and trusting Jesus.