



SUNDAY 25TH FEBRUARY 2024

Topic: Living Close to God in Security

Psalm 125

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Sermon Notes

- Trusting in God secures us in our Salvation
- This trust enables us to develop
- Trust allows intimacy
- Genuine Trust should develop into obedience.
- The Lord Surrounds His People – Security and affection

Small Group Questions/Discussions

Jesus allowed his disciples to go through the storm and experience hardship so they could turn to him in it. A pilgrimage approach to trusting God views storms and life's challenges not as situations to run away from but as opportunities to turn to God. That ultimately we can come to know him more personally and intimately.

What storms/ challenges exist in your life at the moment? – Everyone has something BIG going on for them.

How does trusting God look in this specific situation for you? What attributes and characteristics of God are able to be seen through trusting God in this area?

Often we see trust as just being an attitude or a thought. Genuine trust is visible in obedience. Trusting God for financial freedom, also looks like God challenges the areas of financial mismanagement and waste in our life. The obedience in this part of our life can be hard to obey, but they are as equally as important as the attitude of trust.

What aspect of obedience does God want you live out in the challenge in your life right now? If it's a relational storm you're experiencing, maybe obedience looks like committing to fasting and praying for breakthrough. Maybe it's walking in humility and being vulnerable and admitting our own wrongs that contribute to the storm.

The first part is to ask God to bring discernment and clarity as to what our response needs to be. Perhaps it is just being an 'island of integrity – in a sea of toxicity'. Freedom in Christ is found in trusting AND obeying. Lets be a community that responds quickly to the leading of God.

Trusting God takes us into the place of experiencing his peace. If we are not experiencing a profound peace in our life, it would be wise to consider that there is something that we don't understand about the character of God, who he is. When we know and experience God's love and faithfulness, trusting his provisions and his secure protection over our eternal future, we can rest in his arms. Trusting God done right, has a wonderful peace. Not a peace that we can always rationalise or understand, but a peace that carries us.

Pray for a revelation of who God is in your storm today, and for the willpower to respond in obedience.