

Trusting God ... “When I don’t Want To!”

Deuteronomy 32:4

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I. Things to Understand

A) God’s Character

1) Sovereign

a) God is in complete control

Acts 4:27-28

b) You are not in control

1) loved ones

2) circumstances

2) Good

a) Your measure of “good” is not the standard measure of “good”

b) God cannot help but do what is best

3) Wise

see Joseph

B) God’s Goal: *Conforming you to Christ* [2 Cor 3:18]

1) Adversity

2) Mistreatment

3) Idol Tipping – *getting at what you desire most*

C) God’s Promise: *True Joy Comes from God* [John 15:11]

II. Things To Encourage Your Heart

A) Jesus Understands

1) He understands your struggle

2) He knows the Father’s way is best [John 12:49-50]

B) Evidence that you are a Christian

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C) God Gives More Grace

James 4:6; 1 Corinthians 10:13

- even when you disbelieve – God has died for that sin too!

D) The Holy Spirit *Causes* believers to want what God wants

Philippians 4:12-13

E) It Will Work Out [Rom 8:28]

Quotes:

“I will not pray clarity for you. Clarity is the crutch for the Christian. But I will pray trust for you, that your trust will increase.” Mother Teresa

“Organized religion is a sham and a crutch for weak-minded people who need strength in numbers.”
Jesse Ventura

“It would seem that Our Lord finds our desires not too strong, but too weak. We are half-hearted creatures, fooling about with drink and sex and ambition when infinite joy is offered us, like an ignorant child who wants to go on making mud pies in a slum because he cannot imagine what is meant by the offer of a holiday at the sea. We are far too easily pleased.” C.S. Lewis, *The Weight of Glory*

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