
HOW TO BE THE CHURCH DURING A PANDEMIC



Week 3: Trust-Unto-Death

Luke 23:44-46

By this time it was about noon, and darkness fell across the whole land until three o'clock. The light from the sun was gone. And suddenly, the curtain in the sanctuary of the Temple was torn down the middle. Then Jesus shouted, "Father, I entrust My spirit into Your hands!"

And with those words He breathed His last.

Why did the crowd turn from Jesus?
Control

Our Way

Take control into
our hands

“Crucify Him!”

Conditional Trust

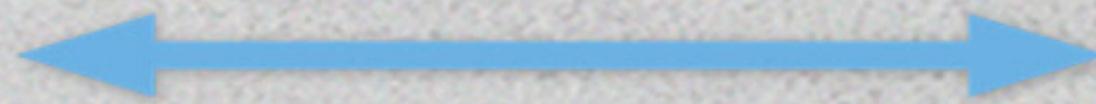
Jesus' Way

Give control into
God's hands

“Father, I entrust
My spirit into Your hands”

Trust - unto - Death

“My God, why have
You forsaken Me?”



“Father, I entrust My
spirit into Your hands.”

Pew Forum Research Study

- 75% of Americans say trust in the federal government is shrinking.
- 64% of Americans say trust in other Americans is shrinking.
- 61% of Americans say you can't trust the news media.
- 18% of people between 30 to 49 have a high level of personal trust.
- 11% of people from 18 to 29 have a high level of personal trust.
- So basically, Gen Z is the least trusting generation in American history.

Barna Study on Public Perception of Christian Leaders

- Only 1 of 3 Americans say Christian leaders are reliable guides for life choices.
- Only 1 of 4 Americans say Christian leaders are reliable in helping people live out their convictions.
- Only 1 of 6 Americans say Christian leaders are reliable guides for how Christianity should inform political and justice systems.

“On the whole, pastors and priests are well liked – two-thirds of Americans say their presence is a benefit to the community – but their insights are not considered relevant to living real life. You might say they are viewed like a smiling greeter at Walmart: they are nice and point you in the right direction, but after that you’re on your own.”

God is reminding me I am not God.
Plans may perish, trust should not.

Where does Jesus get the strength
to trust God unto death?

Jesus shouted, "Father, I entrust My spirit
into Your hands."

Father, I entrust my _____ into Your hands!

Father, I entrust my Disappointment into Your hands!

I trust You don't need what I lost
to bring me joy, peace, and hope.

Father, I entrust my Plans into Your hands!

My plans are ruined,
but Your plans are not.

Father, I entrust my Uncertainty into Your hands!

Faith isn't absolute certainty, it's the willingness
to be faithful in the midst of it.

Father, I entrust my Fear into Your hands!

Fear is inevitable, but living fearfully is a choice.
I choose courage knowing You are in control.

Father, I entrust my Anxiety into Your hands!

I don't know where I'll be tomorrow,
but I know who will be with me tomorrow.
You are enough.

Father, I entrust my Self-Doubt into Your hands!

What You say of me is what's true of me.
You say I am fearfully & wonderfully made in Your image,
and I am unconditionally loved to death by Jesus.

Father, I entrust my Grief into Your hands!

You know what it feels like to lose a son,
so You know what I need to deal with great loss.

Father, I entrust my Suffering into Your hands!

I trust You can take my evil and suffering
and turn it against itself.

Father, I entrust my Anger into Your hands!

You can take it,
I won't fake it.

Father, I entrust my Resentment into Your hands!

You can heal it,
I won't conceal it.

Father, I entrust my Doubt into Your hands!

You can use my questions
to deepen my trust.

Father, I entrust my Career into Your hands!

If I seek first the Kingdom of God and
Your righteousness, You will provide what I need.

Father, I entrust my Poverty into Your hands!

I have a spiritual family called the Church.
We will get through this together.

Father, I entrust my Wealth into Your hands!

You've blessed me all along, not to retire well,
but to rise to the occasion in such a time as this.

Father, I entrust my Time into Your hands!

Utilize this unanticipated margin to grow my trust
through reflection, solitude, study, and prayer.

Father, I entrust my Talent & Giftedness into Your hands!

Talent doesn't make me special,
it makes me responsible.

Father, I entrust my Relationships into Your hands!

You are capable of using this time apart
to somehow bring us all closer together.

Father, I entrust my Exhaustion into Your hands!

Give me energy and focus when I need it.
Help me rest and recharge when I need it.

Father, I entrust my Sickness into Your hands!

Whether I'm healed this side of Heaven or the other,
I will be healed.

Father, I entrust my Pain into Your hands!

If Jesus walked into the ultimate pain for me,
He is walking in my daily pains with me.

Father, I entrust my Heart into Your hands!

In the face of all this, I stand in defiance
and choose to trust You anyways.

You can trust Jesus.
Look at what He did for you!

Psalm 31:5

"I entrust my spirit into Your hand."

Psalm 31

Deliverance (v. 1-18)

“Protect me.”

“Don’t let me be disgraced.”

“Save me!”

“Rescue me!”

“Lead me out of danger.”

Thanksgiving (v. 19-24)

“Praise the LORD,
for He has shown me
the wonders of His
unfailing love.

He kept me safe
when my city was
under attack.”

You can trust Jesus.
Look at what He did for you!

You can trust the Father.
Look at what He did for Jesus!

Father, I entrust my _____ into Your hands!