

## I. ME

- A. Series Explanation
  - 1. Mission- To lead people into a transforming relationship with Jesus Christ
  - 2. How do we know if we are transforming?
    - a. Does it just happen by accident?
    - b. How do we know if we are making any progress?
    - c. Is there a way to measure it?

### 3. Marks of Transformation- What we are becoming as we follow Jesus

- 4. A way to gauge where we are and what we can do to partner with God in furthering our transformation.
- 5. Always ongoing

### B. Confidently Trusting- Am I trusting Jesus with every part of my life?

- C. Can God be trusted?
  - 1. My whole life I would say, "Yes, of course." BUT...
- D. I tend to worry a lot... "What if's" and "What about's"
  - 1. What about my future?
  - 2. Finances.
  - 3. What if I choose the wrong thing?

## II. WE

- A. We all do the same in some way.
  - 1. If we believe there is a God we will almost always answer, "Of course HE can be trusted."
    - a. Do we really believe that?
    - b. In every part of our lives?
- B. "What If's" and "What About's"
  - 1. Circumstances
    - a. Health
    - b. Money
    - c. Work
    - d. Future
  - 2. Relationships
    - a. Parents
    - b. Kids
    - c. Siblings
    - d. Marriage
  - 3. Faith
    - a. Doubts
    - b. Believe the right stuff?
    - c. Forgiveness/Sin
    - d. Obedience (fun word)
    - e. Security
- C. Can God be trusted?
  - 1. Our heads say yes, but our choices and fears often say, "No."
  - 2. Our choices and fears reveal our level of trust.

D. Not new issues.

1. Everyone who has ever said they believe or thought of believing has had to wrestle with the question of whether or not God can be trusted.
2. **Adam and Eve**- God doesn't want my best
3. Abraham, Moses, David, Peter- Easy when you know the end of the story.

E. Paul

1. His "what abouts"
  - a. Past
  - b. Hard Circumstances
2. Came out of it "Convinced" that God can be trusted in everything.
3. Convinced- Absolutely certain.
4. Certainty that produces Trust, Confidence, Reliance and Courage
5. How? Why did he have such confident trust in God despite how awful things could get around him? Despite his past? What others said?
6. He knew God's love.

**7. Our doubts, fears, circumstances, and sin are not stronger than God's love.**

III. **GOD Romans 8:31-39**

A. Intro- 55-58 AD To Xians in Rome

1. One of the most powerful passages in the entire Bible.
2. Whole book is so rich it's worth a careful and thorough read... a few times
3. This passage tells us why we can confidently trust God with every part of our lives.

B. **V. 31**- Think about the logic.

1. If an all-powerful, all-knowing, all-present God exists and He is FOR you... who could be successfully against you?

**2. We can trust Him b/c he is all-powerful**

C. **V. 32**- If he was willing to give everything for us... why would he then abandon us when we have other needs?

D. **V. 33-34**- Can sin separate us?

1. God is the righteous judge... and he will always declare those who trust in Jesus innocent.
2. If he will always declare us innocent... who can condemn?
3. And if they try... Jesus himself is interceding for us...
  - a. "He's covered." "She's mine."
4. The judge died to pay our penalty and now declares us innocent.

**5. We can trust him b/c he's the judge who died to make us innocent.**

E. **V. 35-36**

1. **We can trust him b/c He will never let us go.**
2. "Yeah but look at what I'm going through obviously he's given up on me."
3. If he died for you... why would he give you up?
4. No matter what circumstances say... he has not let you go.
5. You will go through hard times, but his love will never let you go.  
**a. John 16:33**
6. "Following Jesus makes your life better"- B/c despite the current situation you know you are held in his love.

F. **V. 37**- Hyper-Conquerors

1. His love allows us to overcome all of these things
2. No matter what is going against us, we will ultimately conquer b/c of eternal life
3. Everything we go through now is temporary and nothing compared to eternity.
4. **Example-** Having kids... "it goes so fast."

G. **v. 38-39**

1. "B/c of these facts... I am convinced!"
2. Death nor life- Dying or daily troubles don't separate us
3. Angels nor demons- Nothing in the spiritual realm can separate us
4. Present nor future- nothing that can happen to us today... or in the future (sins?)- can separate us
5. Nor any powers- any other power you can think of
6. Height or depth- nothing above us or below us
7. Or anything else is all of creation- "Just in case you think I missed something."
8. Nothing means nothing.
9. Think of "SOME THING"... it can't separate you.
10. **Nothing can sever the relationship between God and his child**

## 10. What is there to fear?

- H. So we can completely, utterly and confidently trust God with every part of our lives.
1. Jesus death and resurrection proves that we can trust him.
  2. Our confidence is not in people, circumstances, or ourselves. It's in Jesus.
  3. I'm not confident b/c I believe really hard
    - a. I have doubts and questions
  4. I'm not confident b/c I say I believe all the right things
    - a. We are gonna find out that we are wrong about a lot
    - b. How much theological training did the thief have?
    - c. Spend so much time in classes and bible studies
  5. I'm not confident b/c I do all the right things
    - a. What if I sin? You will.
    - b. **V. 35** "WHO can separate you?"
  6. I'm not confident b/c my life is always going great or I have everything I want.
  7. **I'm confident b/c** the God of the universe is for me so much that he came and died for me.
  8. The God who is in charge loves us completely.
  9. **You can trust Jesus confidently b/c he loves you completely.**

### IV. YOU

- A. God- "Do you trust me?"
1. With...?
    - a. Examples
  2. Are you "in Jesus?"
    - a. Trust him with your eternity.
- B. Simplicity of it
1. **Example-** Boys scared
  2. **Example-** Riding in back seat of van with dad driving
- C. Where do **YOU** need to trust?
- D. How do you do it?
1. Choose it
  2. **Constantly choose to confidently trust**
  3. Trust/Faith is like a muscle
  4. Remind yourself of why you can trust him.
- E. What is holding you back?

### V. WE

- A. What would life be like if in every situation, with every circumstance, you had absolute certainty that you could trust God?
1. Peace, Joy, Patience
- B. What would stop you?

C. Cards. "I choose to trust Jesus with \_\_\_\_\_"