



Sermon Outline  
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# Trust

John 3:16-17

**Series goal:** *To provide tools necessary to make divinely inspired decisions.*

**One of the most significant challenges people face is also one of the least talked about in churches today:** \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ doubts don't usually go away.  
*They often grow bigger and stronger.*

*"Too much of my time has been spent doubting my beliefs and believing my doubts."*

**It's okay if you're having trouble \_\_\_\_\_ trusting God.**

**Hebrews 11:1** - Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.

*There is believing as well as doubting inside all of us because we all have the same incomplete information to work with.*

**2 Corinthians 5:7** - For we live by faith, not by sight.

**Clear \_\_\_\_\_ doesn't always lead to trust.**

**Luke 16:31** - 31 "He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'"

*Every day we trust in things we can't see or don't understand because we experience the effect or enjoy the \_\_\_\_\_.*

**The Big Question:** Will I trust that God is \_\_\_\_\_ even when life is \_\_\_\_\_?

*When God lets us lie down in green pastures and leads us beside quiet waters it's not hard to trust Him. It's when we have to walk through the valley of that shadow of death that it becomes more difficult to trust that He's in it with us.*

**Our response to pain or challenges determines so much about our \_\_\_\_\_.**

*Life can be a grindstone and whether it wears you down or polishes you up depends on what's beneath the \_\_\_\_\_.*

**A perplexing paradox:** Tragedy \_\_\_\_\_ the faith of some, while it \_\_\_\_\_ faith in others. The difference? Choosing to trust or not.

*You must move from simply \_\_\_\_\_ in God to \_\_\_\_\_ Him.*

**Trust = firm belief, confidence, assurance.**

*\_\_\_\_\_ yourself and your future to God begins by choosing to trust Him.*

**John 3:16-17** - For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

**When we can't understand God's plan, we can still trust His \_\_\_\_\_.**