



# SUNDAY SERMON

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### Sermon Notes

**Sermon Title:** Trust the Author of the Word

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**Key Scripture:** Various

### Introduction

#### Romans 8:31 (AMPC)

<sup>31</sup> What then shall we say to [all] this? If God is for us, who [can be] against us? [Who can be our foe, if God is on our side?]

Some people battle to really believe the Word of God when they go through difficult times. Could it be that they don't know and trust the author of the Word.

Our relationship with Jesus determines how we receive and understand God's Word. As we get to know Him in a deeper and deeper way, and as our love for Him burns in our hearts, then we can stand on every Scripture in the Word of God, no matter our circumstances.

#### Matthew 6:33

"Seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things that you need will be added to you."

When you pray, do you expect an answer to your prayers, do you believe for the provision of God? If we know God's character we can pray with faith. This is why Paul wrote the following to the Church in Phillipi.

#### Philippians 3:8 (AMPC)

I count everything as loss compared to the possession of the priceless privilege (the overwhelming preciousness, the surpassing worth, and supreme advantage) **of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord and of progressively becoming more deeply and intimately acquainted with Him [of perceiving and recognizing and understanding Him more fully and clearly]**. For His sake I have lost everything and consider it all to be mere rubbish (refuse, dregs), in order that I may win (gain) Christ (the Anointed One).



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### 1. Job – The man who lost it all.

Job lost everything, his children, his livestock, his health. Yet despite this he was able to say, “Thou shalt slay me, yet will I trust in Him.” (Job 13:15)

How could Job say this? What happened in his heart that enabled him to trust God despite all he had lost?

Job could say this because he knew God, he knew God’s character, and he loved God!

Often times, when people face difficulties they can ask, “Why did God allow this? Or they end up blaming God and walking away from Him.

But it is during difficult times that we need to run to God more than ever. And we can run to Him when we know Him and love Him and trust Him.

We have an enemy, Satan, who prowls around like a roaring lion looking for who he can devour (1 Peter 5:8). He is a thief and he wants to steal our faith when we go through trials and difficulties.

But we can stand firmly if we know Who we serve. If we know His heart. (Romans 8:31)

### 2. Paul and Silas

In Acts 16:22-34 (AMPC) we read the story of Paul and Silas.

The context of this story is that Paul and Silas and their companions had been preaching the Gospel wherever the Lord sent them. There were even two places where the Holy Spirit didn’t permit them to go.

So when Paul received a vision of a man from Macedonia urging them to come and preach to them, they went there as being led by the Holy Spirit. They had received a go ahead from God.

But while they were ministering there, the crowd attacked them and the rulers had them beaten with rods and thrown into prison.

At around midnight Paul and Silas were praying and praising God, and all the prisoners were listening.

There was a mighty earthquake and the jail was shaken, the doors opened, and all the shackles fell off.

The jailer was about to kill himself as he thought the prisoners had escaped but Paul called out to him letting him know that they were all there and that he mustn’t harm himself.

He shared the gospel with the jailer and his household and they believed and were baptised.



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All this took place despite the fact that Paul and Silas were completely in the will of God.

What was going on in Paul and Silas's hearts that they were singing hymns of praise in such dire circumstances?

They loved and trusted the author of the Word. That is what was in their hearts.

There are times when we don't understand the hand of God but we do understand the heart of God.

He is for us not against us!

When we know and love God, and when we trust Him, we too will be able to praise and pray wherever we are, despite our circumstances.

And when we do this, others will listen, and God will use our songs of praise to set them free.

In difficult times it is tempting to pray, "Lord, get me out of this place." We want to run, we want the comfort, we want the good circumstances.

But Paul and Silas didn't pray this. They had a different attitude, a trusting one. They looked at things through the perspective of the Kingdom of God. Their agony and pain was the platform for God's saving grace for those around them.

Sometimes God wants you right where you are so that others may be saved and helped. We need to be able to endure and trust God to work, no matter our circumstances.

The enemy has no answer when we praise in the midst of our trials because we know the author of the Word. But if we moan and complain during difficult times we can play into the enemy's hands.

### Conclusion

How do we do this you may ask?

This is a work of the Holy Spirit, because the Holy Spirit is the one who changes our hearts.

Our role is to ask the Holy Spirit to help us to know and love and trust the author of the Word in a deeper way, so that we may endure in every situation.

Send a new touch of fire on my soul, Lord.

### Jeremiah 12:5 (AMPC)

<sup>5</sup> [But the Lord rebukes Jeremiah's impatience, saying] If you have raced with men on foot and they have tired you out, then how can you compete with horses? And if [you take to flight] in a land of peace where you feel secure, then what will you do [when you tread the tangled maze of jungle haunted by lions] in the swelling *and* flooding of the Jordan?