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Radical Trust in a Time of Frustration

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Our frustrations are growing. Emotions are on edge. Disappointments are daily occurrences. Finances are in shambles. Physical health is in jeopardy. Trust in God is questionable. All security is gone.

Is God even listening?

"a blind man, Bartimaeus, was sitting by the roadside begging. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout, 'Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!'"

Mark 10:46, 47 (NIV)

What's Missing in My Life?

"on his knees he asked, 'what must I do to inherit eternal life?'" Mark 10:17 (NIV)

"You know the commandments: 'Do not murder, do not commit adultery, do not steal, do not give false testimony, do not defraud, honor your father and mother.'" Mark 10:19 (NIV)

"Jesus looked at him & loved him. 'One thing you lack,' He said. 'Go, sell everything you have & give it to the poor, & you will have treasure in heaven. Then, come, follow Me.'" Mark 10:21 (NIV)

Can we trust God when we don't see Him working?

"Are You the One who was to come, or should we expect someone else?" Matthew 11:3 (NIV)

When frustration takes over:

Give control to God.

Surrender yourself to God. Allow Him to lead your emotions, reactions, thoughts. Like Bart, tell Him what you need in the moment. God's peace will guide you.

Begin with trusting God.

Trust in God's character, ability & strength to see you through these days of frustration. He cares for you, He's capable of leading you through one click living of worry, doubt & fear.



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Follow God's way.

Take a deep breath, relax & pray. "God, I've never trusted You before. I believe that You are real & true. I will follow You today. Bring Your peace into my life. Amen."

Give thanks to God.

Give thanks for the times when you have seen God at work in your life, in your family, in this community.

Trust in the Promise of God

"I will lead the blind by ways they have not known, along unfamiliar paths I will guide them; I will turn darkness into light before them & make the rough places smooth. These are the things I will do; I will not forsake them." Isaiah 42:16 (NIV)

For your LifeGroup...

- On a scale of 1-10, how frustrated are you right now?
- In what areas of your life do you feel like you only have 1 click?
- What would happen if that 1 click isn't enough to hold you?
- How have you been calling out to God? Do you feel like He's listening?

3 Clicks Richie was trusting in things that would easily be lost in a fire. His hope was built on things of the world that would not last. Where is your trust built currently? Will your trust objects last through a season of 1 click living?

John had lost hope when he could no longer see God working. How strong is your faith when you don't feel God is answering your prayers for help? What do you do when your trust in God sags?

Review the 4 statements under "when frustration take over" in the message notes. Which one seems easiest? Which one is harder for you? Which one is impossible during 1 click living?

Read Isaiah 42:16. In what ways do you feel blind now, walking down unfamiliar paths? Where are the dark & rough places for you?

What does it mean to you that God will lead, guide, bring light & make things smooth? Are these things figurative or literal?

Close with prayer. Give thanks for the times when you have seen God at work in your life, in your family, in this community.