

SERMON NOTES

Series: Seven Last Words of Jesus (7)

Title: The Word of Trust

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Topic: Trust

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“Then Jesus shouted ‘Father, I entrust my spirit into your hands!’ And with those words he breathed his last. When the captain of the Roman soldiers handling the executions saw what had happened, he praised God and he said, ‘Surely this man was innocent!’” Luke 23:44-47 (NLT)

Jesus’ death can be described in three statements.

HE GAVE HIS LIFE VOLUNTARILY.

HE GAVE HIS LIFE REVERENTLY.

HE GAVE HIS LIFE CONFIDENTLY.

We learn four things from Jesus’ last word from the cross. These are lessons we need when we’re going through our darkest hour.

I HAVE A FATHER IN HEAVEN WHO LOVES ME.

I HAVE A FATHER IN HEAVEN WHO CAN BE TRUSTED.

Worry is acting like God **doesn’t exist.**

“I’m suffering here in prison, but I’m not ashamed of it. For I know the one in whom I trust. And I’m sure that he’s able to guard [He can be trusted.] what I have entrusted to him. So I am persuaded that he is able to keep what I’ve committed” 2 Timothy 1:12

“The Lord protects the simple hearted.” Psalm 116:6

“Many deceivers, who do not acknowledge Jesus Christ as coming in the flesh, have gone out in the world. Watch out that you do not lose what you have worked for, but that you may be rewarded fully” II John 1:7-8 (NIV)

“If we are faithless, He will remain faithful, for he cannot disown himself.” 2 Tim. 2:13 (NIV)

The only unforgiveable sin is **blasphemy of the Holy Spirit**...The sin of **rejecting** the Spirit’s calling in your life to receive Jesus **right up to the time you die.**

I HAVE A FATHER IN HEAVEN WHO IS DOING THINGS I CAN’T SEE.

“When He is at work in the north, I don’t see him; when he turns to the south, I catch no glimpse of him. But he knows the way that I take; and when he has tested me, I will come forth as gold.” Job 23:9-10

“Our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.” II Cor. 4:17-18 (NIV)

I HAVE A FATHER IN HEAVEN WHO CAN HANDLE ANYTHING I GIVE HIM.

“I think you ought to know, dear brothers, about the hard time we went through in Asia. [He’s giving a testimony about a dark time in his life.] We were really crushed and overwhelmed, and feared we would never live through it. We felt we were doomed to die and saw how powerless we were to help ourselves; but that was good, for then we put everything into the hands of God, who alone could save us, for he can even raise the dead.” 2 Cor. 1:8-9 (LB)

*“Father, I entrust my spirit into your hands” comes from Psalm 31:5. It was the Jewish **bedtime prayer.** This phrase is not just a good thing to say when you’re dying or before you go to sleep at night. It is a prayer to say every day for the rest of your life.*