

(Clip) Would It Not Be Better to Die Trusting God?

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Trusting God is better than seeking safety and security, and it requires faith and stepping out into the unknown.

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Description

This sermon emphasizes the importance of trusting God and stepping out in faith, even when faced with unknown challenges. It warns against seeking safety and comfort over faith, highlighting the need to continue trusting God and not rely on past victories. The message encourages church leaders to lead with faith, even if it means facing risks or potential dangers, as glorifying God through complete trust is the ultimate goal.

Transcript

Brother, when church leadership digs in for safety, it will be the demise of your church. Don't do it. Don't do that.

Listen, none have ever trusted God too much. Trust Him, trust Him, trust Him to step out into that unknown where you can't, I mean, you get to the edge and you can't see and you're having to step for Christ, for His kingdom. Step.

Trust the Lord and step. Venture into that realm, brother, where you know, where you have to, when you're in prayer, where, and I've been there. Lord, I'm leading the church to go in this direction.

Because you'll find yourself in the position of Moses, where you feel like, God wants us to go in this direction. And the people are saying, well, He hasn't told us that. And you know, you coming in here and doing what you've done and going and talking to Pharaoh, that has not worked for our good.

In fact, ever since you put us on this venture, it's gotten worse for us. Because God will test you. He will test your faith.

I just watched a video of Ryan Fullerton. You know, Ryan Fullerton was leading his church to trust the Lord in some big endeavor. And he said that the prayer meeting that they were going to have, where they

were, he was going to really try to stir up everybody's faith in this.

He said, like it was one of the least attended prayer meetings that they had. And it's like, just, you know, God will test you as you seek to trust Him. He will test you.

But attempt, attempt. Don't let that faith diminish, brother. Safety.

When you make decisions because something is safe. Oh, when you just dig in, you're satisfied. Don't live on past victories either.

You know, it's not, it is not enough to trust God today and then to quit doing it tomorrow. But you can get to the place where, well, you know, we did this in the past. Ah, we planted a church down in Laredo.

And before that, we did this and this and this. And you can get to the place where, ah, now we can kick up our feet and we can coast. You know what? You got to fight the good fight of faith all the way to the end.

All the way to the end. All the way. When it's protection and safety that we seek, oh brethren, it is our undoing.

Jeremy, it will be your undoing. Don't go there. Don't do it.

When it's safety, when it's peace, when it's serenity, when it's comfort, we seek. And no faith is required. The people you pastor, I said this already, but I'll say it again, the people here that you pastor will follow you into that.

It'll be your undoing. It'll be a slow death. The men in this book who have turned the world upside down, brethren, you know what kind they were? They're the kind always all along the way, what do they do? They exchange the safety for something else, for hazardous life.

But the safety? Unbelief. Hazardous living? The kind that takes risk? There's faith there. There's faith.

Safety and unbelief go together. They exchange those kind of things. That inactivity for what? For the hazards of God trusting, God believing progress.

That is how the church has been. All you have to do is look through history. All you have to do is look through history at every single time there has been any sort of major missionary advance, any sort of church that has really been a light in this world.

Every time there is some great evangelistic outreach in this world, all through history, every time there has been a real upheaval, guaranteed. Look. Open up your history books.

Open up the Christian history and read. Somebody was raised up by God who had faith. Always.

Always. That's always trusting God. Trust God.

And brother, I'll tell you this. Trusting God might get you killed or it might get somebody in your church killed. And Jesus never said it wouldn't.

He never said that. We want to protect our people. But our people are expendable for the glory of God.

And when I say expendable, I'm not talking about throwing them away. I'm talking about what more glorious death would they ever die than to die for Christ. It might get you killed.

It might. Jesus never said it wouldn't. But brother, would it not be better to die trusting God than to be caged up safe and secure within your Calvinistic walls of a church who won't put their trust in a sovereign God of Scripture.

Brother, that's far better. Far better. Far better.

Brother, play the man as you pastor this church. You have a big God. Don't ever forget it.

You have a big God. And this book is full of His promises. You latch on to those promises.

Because the John G. Patons and the William Careys, despite what the crowd had to say, they latched on to the promises. The Hudson Taylors, the men and the women that have turned this world upside down, they laid hold on those promises. And they found they had a big God.

It cost many of them their lives. Though it cost your life, that doesn't diminish the greatness of God. In fact, when you'll choose to trust God even to the death, there's no better way to glorify Him than to give Him all.

Brother, that's my charge to you. Lead the church in faith.

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