

**FAMILY LIFE CHURCH OF THE VALLEY
LIFE GROUP - RIVERSIDE COUNTY**

TITLE: THE SEVEN GREATEST WORDS OF LOVE

SESSION SEVEN: THE WORD OF TRUST

KEY VERSE: Then Jesus shouted, "Father, I entrust my spirit into your hands!" And with those words he breathed his last.

Luke 23:46 (NLT)

By this time it was about noon, and darkness fell across the whole land until three o'clock. The light from the sun was gone. And suddenly, the curtain in the sanctuary of the Temple was torn down the middle. Then Jesus shouted, "Father I entrust my spirit into your hands!" And with those words he breathed his last. When the Roman officer overseeing the execution saw what has happened, he worshiped God and said, "Surely this man was innocent!"

Luke 23:44-47 (NLT)

JESUS GAVE UP HIS LIFE . . .

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"No one can take my life from me. I sacrifice it voluntarily. For I have the authority to lay it down when I want to and also to take it up again."

John 10:18 (NLT)

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Jesus focused on the _____, not his pain

4 TRUTHS TO REMEMBER IN YOUR DARKEST HOUR

1.) I have a Father in Heaven who _____ !

"I came from the Father and entered the world; now I am leaving the world and going back to the Father."

John 16:28 (NIV)

THE SEVEN GREATEST WORDS OF LOVESESSION SEVEN (Cont.)

As a Father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him.

Psalm 103:13 (NIV)

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GOD LOVES ME MORE THAN I DO.
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2.) My Father can be _____ !

For the word of the Lord holds true, and we can trust everything he does.

Psalm 33:4 (NLT)

I am suffering here in prison. But I am not ashamed of it, for I know the one in whom I trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard what I have entrusted to him until the day of his return.

2 Timothy 1:12 (NLT)

3.) My Father is taking care of things _____ !

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WHILE YOU'RE WAITING, GOD IS WORKING.
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When he is at work in the north, I do not 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 come forth as gold."

Job 23:9-10 (NIV)

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 temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

2 Corinthians 4:17-18 (NIV)

4.) My Father can handle anything I put _____ !

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GOD'S HANDS ARE . . .
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THE SEVEN GREATEST WORDS OF LOVE SESSION SEVEN (Cont.)

- Big enough to _____

The Lord will hold you in his hands for all to see – a splendid crown in the hand of God.

Isaiah 62:3 (NLY)

- Strong enough to keep me _____

“I give them eternal life, and shall never perish . . . My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father’s hands.”

John 10:28-29 (NIV)

- Scarred with the nail prints so he _____

“Can a mother forget the baby at her breast and have no compassion on the child she has borne? Though she may forget, I will not forget you! See, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands.”

Isaiah 49:15-16a (NIV)

I think you ought to know, dear brothers, about the hard time we went through in Asia. 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 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 Corinthians 1:8-9 (TLB)

DISCOVERY QUESTIONS:

1.) Why do you think it is so hard to put things into God’s hands? In what ways do you struggle to trust God? What is one thing you keep trying to hold on to? Tell God you are placing it in his hands (perhaps even praying about that with the group). Then practice this: Each time you start to take it out of God’s hands, tell him you are leaving it with him. And then watch what he does!

THE SEVEN GREATEST WORDS OF LOVE SESSION SEVEN (Cont.)

2.) What happens to your perspective when you trust God in your darkest hour?

3.) Pastor Rick said, “While you’re waiting, God is working. “Share an example of when you were waiting on God but then realized later that he was working on the solution the whole time. Is there something you are waiting on now? How do your behavior and attitude line up with FACT that God is at work, even if you can’t see it yet?
