

SAVING GRACE BIBLE CHURCH

Women's Conference

March 7-8, 2025

A Balanced Life



Meet Our Conference Speaker, Pam Hardy



Pam was born and raised in a Christian home in Houston, Texas. Christ graciously called her to salvation while she was in her first year of college. She met her husband Carey at the University of Houston while she was pursuing a degree in nursing, and they were married in 1976. After graduating from college in 1977, Pam worked as a nurse in cardiac intensive care, and then for two physicians in private practice. In 1983, with the birth of her first child, Pam left her nursing career behind and began a full-time career as a mother.

One of Pam's greatest joys is studying the Word of God and imparting its truth to other women. For several years Pam taught in the track for wives at the annual Shepherds' Conference at Grace Community Church in Los Angeles. She has continued speaking periodically at retreats and conferences for women across the United States as well as in other countries around the world.

Pam is privileged to be a pastor's wife and she and her husband have had the opportunity to minister in several churches in Texas and California. She currently serves at Carey's side, loving the people he shepherds at Twin City Bible Church in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. Her main involvement through the years has been serving in the various women's ministries of the church and playing piano on the worship team. Pam's hobbies include reading, writing, and music, and she is blessed with four adult children and two grandchildren.

Conference Schedule

FRIDAY

7 MAR
2025

- 6:15 pm Check-in Opens
Pour-over coffee available in hospitality tent
- 7:00 pm Session #1 - Pam Hardy
"Keeping Your Balance" - Part 1
- 8:30 pm Dessert & Appetizer Fellowship

SATURDAY

8 MAR
2025

- 8:00 am Breakfast & Check-in
Breakfast buffet
- 9:00 am Session #2 - Pam Hardy
"Keeping Your Balance" - Part 2
- 10:15 am Break
Coffee & snacks available
- 10:45 am Session #3 - Pam Hardy
"Called to be Content"
- 12:00 pm Lunch
- 1:30 pm Session #4 - Pam Hardy
"Trusting God"

menu

BREAKFAST

- CREPES WITH VARIOUS TOPPINGS
- FRUIT
- PASTRIES & MUFFINS
- BAGELS WITH VARIOUS TOPPINGS
- HARD BOILED EGGS
- GF PASTRY/BAGEL OPTIONS
- POUR OVER COFFEE

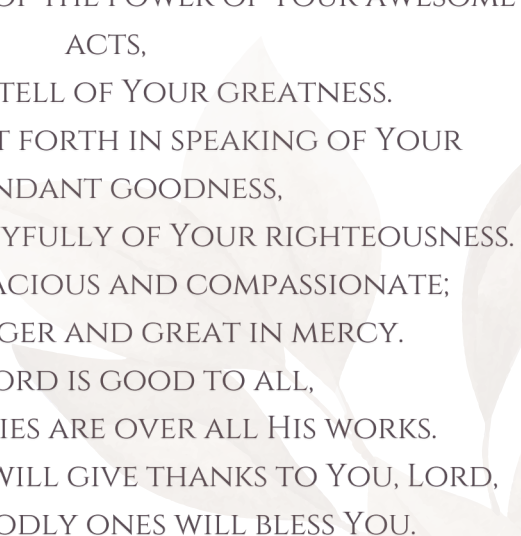
LUNCH

- PLOV (GF RICE AND BEEF DISH)
- CAESAR SALAD
- KOREAN CARROT SALAD
- POTATO OLIVIER SALAD
- DESSERT

Preparing Your Heart for Session #1

Psalm 145:1-10

I WILL EXALT YOU, MY GOD, THE KING,
AND I WILL BLESS YOUR NAME FOREVER AND EVER.
EVERY DAY I WILL BLESS YOU,
AND I WILL PRAISE YOUR NAME FOREVER AND EVER.
GREAT IS THE LORD, AND HIGHLY TO BE PRAISED;
AND HIS GREATNESS IS UNSEARCHABLE.
ONE GENERATION WILL PRAISE YOUR WORKS TO
ANOTHER,
AND WILL DECLARE YOUR MIGHTY ACTS.
ON THE GLORIOUS SPLENDOR OF YOUR MAJESTY
AND ON YOUR WONDERFUL WORKS, I WILL MEDITATE.
PEOPLE WILL SPEAK OF THE POWER OF YOUR AWESOME
ACTS,
AND I WILL TELL OF YOUR GREATNESS.
THEY WILL BURST FORTH IN SPEAKING OF YOUR
ABUNDANT GOODNESS,
AND WILL SHOUT JOYFULLY OF YOUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.
THE LORD IS GRACIOUS AND COMPASSIONATE;
SLOW TO ANGER AND GREAT IN MERCY.
THE LORD IS GOOD TO ALL,
AND HIS MERCIES ARE OVER ALL HIS WORKS.
ALL YOUR WORKS WILL GIVE THANKS TO YOU, LORD,
AND YOUR GODLY ONES WILL BLESS YOU.

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Keeping Your Balance, Part 1

Introduction

- Corinthians 9:24-25
 - It is good to be “unbalanced” in your love for Christ!
- Deuteronomy 6:5
- Psalm 9:1, 27:1, 42:1, 63:1, 73:25
- Jeremiah 29:13
- Philippians 1:21, 3: 7-8

I. Family and Ministry

A. The Balance

Family

- Genesis 2:24, Eph. 5:22-33, 6:4, 1 Tim. 3:4-5; 5:14, Titus 2:3-5

Ministry

- Romans 12:3-13, 1 Cor. 12, John 13:34, Rom. 15:14, Gal. 6:1, Eph. 4:32, 1 Thess. 5:11, Heb. 3:13, 10:24

B. The Extremes

Family

- Self-centered focus
- Idolizing of your children
- Neglect of ministry to others (disobedience to Scripture)

Ministry

- Wrong priorities
- Family/children problems due to neglect (reap what you've sown)

II. Self - Denial and Liberty

A. The Balance

- Romans 14

Self-Denial

- 1 Cor. 6:12, 19-20, 9:27, Titus 2:12

Liberty

- Gal. 5:1,13, Col. 2:16-23, 1 Tim. 6:17

B. The Extremes

Self-Denial

- Self-righteousness
- Legalism
- “Works-righteousness”
- Proudful judging and lack of love

Liberty

- Sinfulness, worldliness
- License (disregard of God’s moral code)
- Proudful judging and lack of love



BELIEVE AS I BELIEVE - NO MORE, NO LESS;
THAT I AM RIGHT (AND NO ONE ELSE) CONFESS.
FEEL AS I FEEL, THINK ONLY AS I THINK;
EAT WHAT I EAT, AND DRINK WHAT I DRINK.
LOOK AS I LOOK, DO ALWAYS AS I DO;
THEN - AND ONLY THEN - I’LL FELLOWSHIP WITH YOU.

TAKEN FROM GROWING STRONG IN THE SEASONS OF LIFE BY CHARLES
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III. Confronting and Covering

A. The Balance

Confronting

- Matt. 18:15, Luke 17:3, Rom. 15:14, Gal. 6:1, Prov. 27:5-6, 28:23

Covering

- 1 Peter 4:8, Prov. 19:11

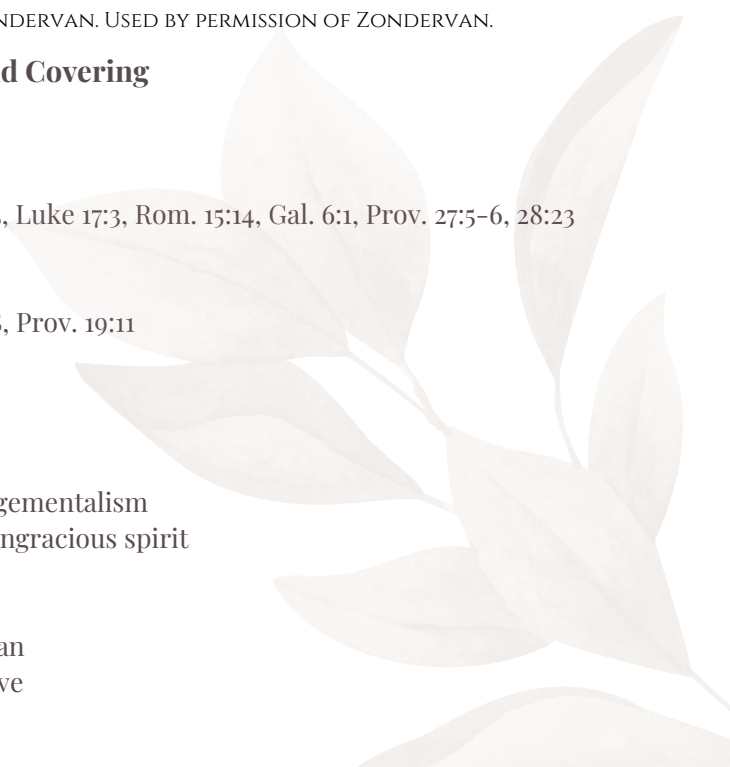
B. The Extremes

Confronting

- Pride/judgementalism
- Critical, ungracious spirit

Covering

- Fear of man
- Lack of love



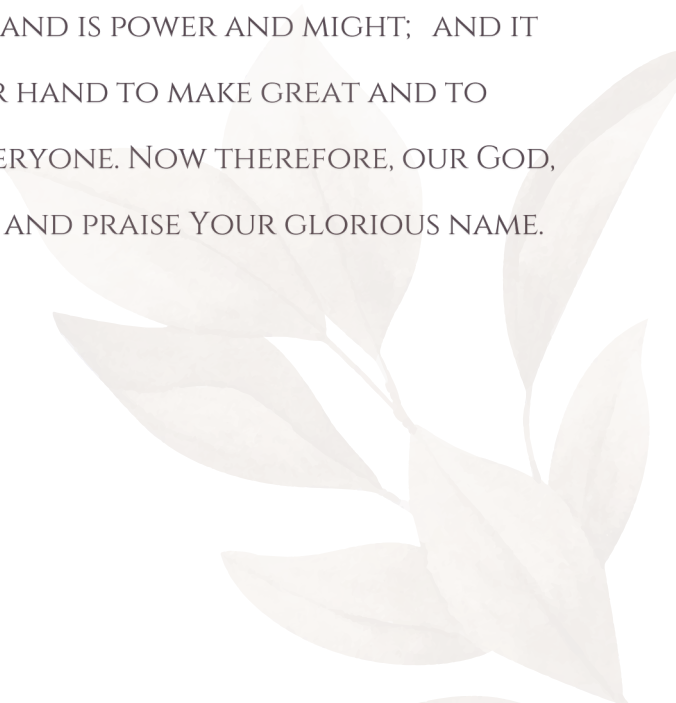
Session #1 - Notes



Preparing Your Heart for Session #2

1 Chronicles 29:10-13

SO DAVID BLESSED THE LORD IN THE SIGHT OF ALL THE ASSEMBLY; AND DAVID SAID, "BLESSED ARE YOU, LORD GOD OF ISRAEL OUR FATHER, FOREVER AND EVER. YOURS, LORD, IS THE GREATNESS, THE POWER, THE GLORY, THE VICTORY, AND THE MAJESTY, INDEED EVERYTHING THAT IS IN THE HEAVENS AND ON THE EARTH; YOURS IS THE DOMINION, LORD, AND YOU EXALT YOURSELF AS HEAD OVER ALL. BOTH RICHES AND HONOR COME FROM YOU, AND YOU RULE OVER ALL, AND IN YOUR HAND IS POWER AND MIGHT; AND IT LIES IN YOUR HAND TO MAKE GREAT AND TO STRENGTHEN EVERYONE. NOW THEREFORE, OUR GOD, WE THANK YOU, AND PRAISE YOUR GLORIOUS NAME.

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Keeping Your Balance, Part 2

I. Family and Ministry

II. Self-Denial and Liberty

III. Confronting and Covering

IV. Temporal and Eternal

A. The Balance

Temporal

- Gen. 1:31, Ps. 104, Prov. 27:23-27, 31:13-27, 1 Tim. 4:4-5

Eternal

- Matt 6:19-34, Phil. 3:20, Col. 3:1-2, 1 Tim. 6:7,17, 1 Peter 1:4

B. The Extremes

Temporal

- Materialism
- Anxiety about potential issues
- Excessive concern about temporal issues or causes

Eternal

- Ungratefulness for God's creation
- Neglect of God-given responsibilities
- Unfaithful stewardship of possessions
- Lack of compassion for those who are suffering

V. Inner Man and Outer Man

A. The Balance

- 2 Corinthians 4:16, 1 Samuel 16:7
- Inner Man
 - Proverbs 4:23, Matt. 12:34, Mark 7:18-23, Heb. 4:12
- Outer Man
 - 1 Tim 2:9-10, 4:7-8, 1 Peter 3:4

B. The Extremes

Inner Man

- Introspection/self-focus/ self-absorption
- Paralysis (excessively concerned about motives)
- Sloppiness or slovenliness

Outer Man

- Shallowness/Vanity
- Pharisaism
- Wrong priorities



“OUR CHARACTER IS THE PICTURE, OUR APPEARANCE IS THE FRAME; OUR FRAME SHOULD COMPLEMENT THE PICTURE, NOT DISTRACT FROM IT.”

SANDI KEASLING

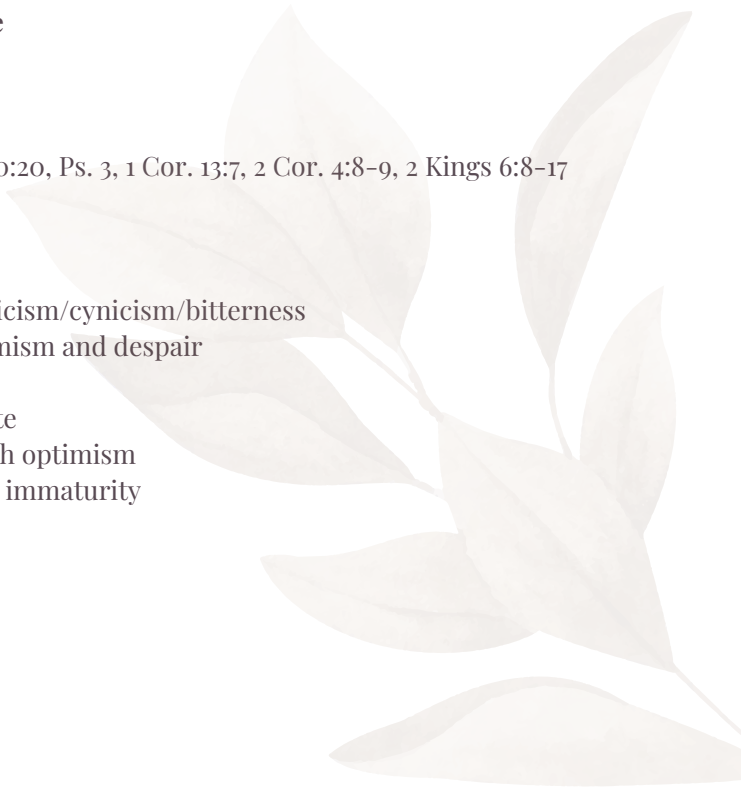
VI. Reality and Hope

A. The Balance

- Genesis 50:20, Ps. 3, 1 Cor. 13:7, 2 Cor. 4:8-9, 2 Kings 6:8-17

B. The Extremes

- Reality
 - Skepticism/cynicism/bitterness
 - Pessimism and despair
- Hope
 - Naivete
 - Foolish optimism
 - Giddy immaturity



VII. Striving and Trusting

A. The Balance

- Neh. 4:13-14, Ps. 127:1, Prov. 2:7, 3:5-7, Prov 21:31, 1 Cor. 3:6-7, Eph. 2:10, Phil. 4:6-7,11, Col. 1:29, 1 Tim. 6:11-12, James 4:13-15

B. The Extremes

- Striving
 - Self-confidence/ self-sufficiency
 - “Works-righteousness”
 - Anxiety/fear
- Trusting
 - Laziness/presumption/passivity
 - Mysticism
 - “Let go and let God” mentality



“TRULY HOLY AFFECTIONS IN A SAINT ARE BALANCED. THIS IS THE DOMINANT TRAIT OF THEIR SANCTITY. THE WHOLE IMAGE OF CHRIST IS IMPRESSED UPON THEM... THERE IS IN HIM EVERY GRACE; AND HE IS FULL OF GRACE AND TRUTH. THUS THERE IS APPARENT IN SOME SAINTS THE SAME BEAUTIFUL PROPORTION THAT THERE IS IN THE TRUE IMAGE OF CHRIST.”

(Jonathan Edwards, Religious Affections. [Portland, OR: Multnomah Press, 1984] 157-58).

Session #2 - Notes



Preparing Your Heart for Session #3

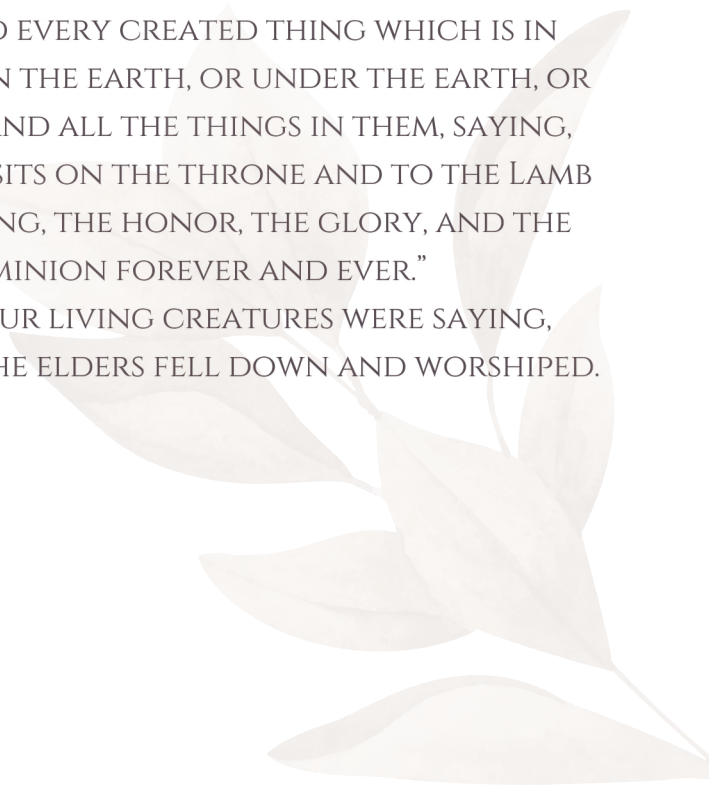
Revelation 5:11-14

THEN I LOOKED, AND I HEARD THE VOICES OF MANY ANGELS AROUND THE THRONE AND THE LIVING CREATURES AND THE ELDERS; AND THE NUMBER OF THEM WAS MYRIADS OF MYRIADS, AND THOUSANDS OF THOUSANDS, SAYING WITH A LOUD VOICE,

“WORTHY IS THE LAMB THAT WAS SLAUGHTERED TO RECEIVE POWER, WEALTH, WISDOM, MIGHT, HONOR, GLORY, AND BLESSING.”

AND I HEARD EVERY CREATED THING WHICH IS IN HEAVEN, OR ON THE EARTH, OR UNDER THE EARTH, OR ON THE SEA, AND ALL THE THINGS IN THEM, SAYING, “TO HIM WHO SITS ON THE THRONE AND TO THE LAMB BE THE BLESSING, THE HONOR, THE GLORY, AND THE DOMINION FOREVER AND EVER.”

AND THE FOUR LIVING CREATURES WERE SAYING, “AMEN.” AND THE ELDERS FELL DOWN AND WORSHIPED.



Called to be Content



Burroughs: Christian contentment is that sweet, inward, gracious frame of spirit, which freely submits to and delights in God's wise and fatherly disposal in every condition.

I. The Barriers to Contentment

A. Pride/selfishness

- Materialism
 - 1 Tim. 6:6, Ps. 62:10, Heb. 13:5, Matt 6: 25-33, Ecc. 5:10, Prov. 23:4-5; 30:8
- Unrealistic expectations in life
 - James 4: 1-2
- Fear of man
 - Proverbs 29:25

B. Trials and suffering

C. Wrong view of God

- Doubt His goodness
- Doubt His love
- Doubt His wisdom

II. The Pathway to Contentment

- Phil. 4: 10-13, 2 Cor. 3-5, 12: 9-10, Ps. 25:14
- What should we focus on?

Focus on your relationship with Christ

- Ps. 16:5, Col. 1:19, 2:3, 2 Peter 1:3, Ps. 63

Focus on His character – goodness, wisdom, sovereignty

- Ps. 25:8, Rom. 11:33–44, Ps. 147:5, 103:19, 115:3

Focus on His Word

- Ps. 119, Rom. 12:2

Focus on eternal things

- 2 Cor. 4:17

Focus on what we really deserve

- Genesis 32:10

Focus on serving others

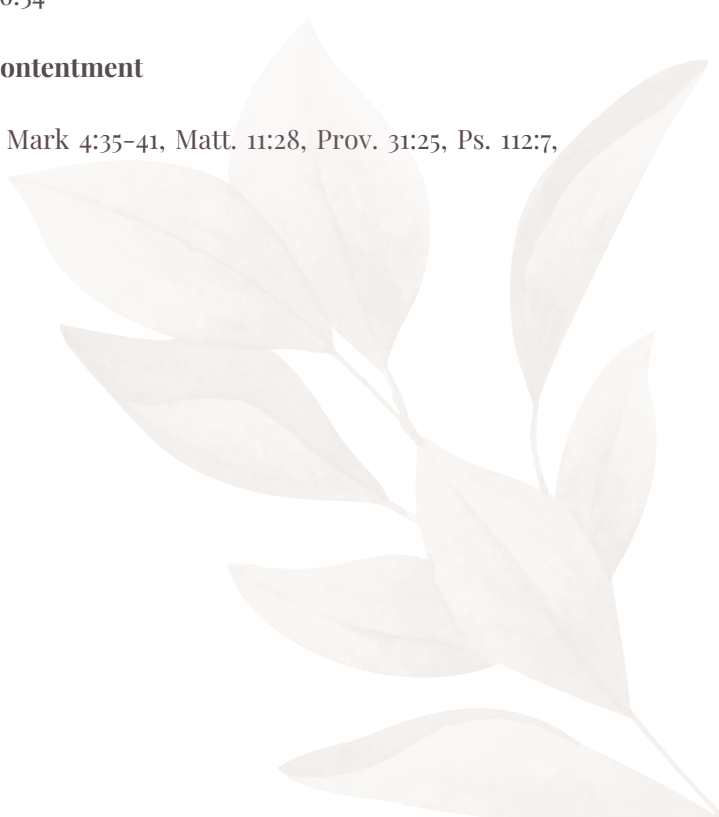
- Phil. 2:3–4

Focus on living one day at a time

- Matt. 6:34

III. The Portrait of Contentment

- Ps. 107:23–32, Mark 4:35–41, Matt. 11:28, Prov. 31:25, Ps. 112:7, 23:1–6



O GOD WHOSE WILL CONQUERS ALL,
 THERE IS NO COMFORT IN ANYTHING
 APART FROM ENJOYING THEE
 AND BEING ENGAGED IN THY SERVICE;
 THOU ART ALL IN ALL, AND ALL ENJOYMENTS ARE WHAT TO ME
 THOU MAKEST THEM, AND NO MORE.
 I AM WELL PLEASED WITH THY WILL, WHATEVER IT IS,
 OR SHOULD BE IN ALL RESPECTS,
 AND IF THOU BIDST ME DECIDE FOR MYSELF IN ANY AFFAIR
 I WOULD CHOOSE TO REFER ALL TO THEE,
 FOR THOU ART INFINITELY WISE AND CANNOT DO AMISS,
 AS I AM IN DANGER OF DOING.
 I REJOICE TO THINK THAT ALL THINGS ARE AT THY DISPOSAL,
 AND IT DELIGHTS ME TO LEAVE THEM THERE.
 I CAN OF MYSELF DO NOTHING TO GLORIFY THY BLESSED NAME,
 BUT I CAN THROUGH GRACE CHEERFULLY SURRENDER SOUL
 AND BODY TO THEE.

"GOD THE ALL"

(ARTHUR BENNETT, THE VALLEY OF VISION)

RECOMMENDED RESOURCES

Burroughs, Jeremiah, *The Rare Jewel of Christian Contentment*
 DeMoss, Nancy Leigh, *Surrender: The Heart God Controls*

Session #3- Notes



Preparing Your Heart for Session #4

Psalm 100:1-5

SHOUT JOYFULLY TO THE LORD, ALL THE EARTH.

SERVE THE LORD WITH JUBILATION;

COME BEFORE HIM WITH REJOICING.

KNOW THAT THE LORD HIMSELF IS GOD;

IT IS HE WHO HAS MADE US, AND NOT WE

OURSELVES;

WE ARE HIS PEOPLE AND THE SHEEP OF HIS

PASTURE.

ENTER HIS GATES WITH THANKSGIVING,

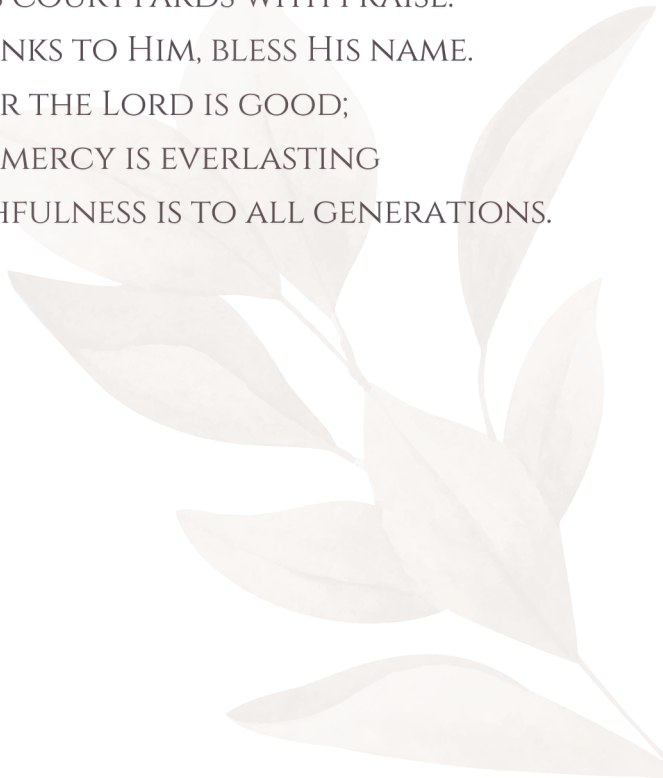
AND HIS COURTYARDS WITH PRAISE.

GIVE THANKS TO HIM, BLESS HIS NAME.

FOR THE LORD IS GOOD;

HIS MERCY IS EVERLASTING

AND HIS FAITHFULNESS IS TO ALL GENERATIONS.



Trusting God

Introduction

- **The heart of the Christian faith: trust**
- **The challenge of the Christian life: trials**
 - James 1:2-3 ... *when you encounter various trials...*
 - Job 5:7
 - 1 Peter 4: 12-13

Our goal is to have Paul's perspective on suffering:

- 2 Cor. 12:7-10 ... *therefore I am well content with distresses, with persecutions, with difficulties... for when I am weak, then I am strong.*

Two key issues...

I. The Trustworthiness of God

A. God Is Completely Sovereign

- Gen. 50:20, Job 42:2, Ps. 103:19, 115:3, Dan. 4:35, Lam. 3:37-38, Is. 14:24, 27, Col. 1: 16-17, Eph. 1:12, 2 Tim 1:12
- Providence defined: "God's providence is His constant care for and His absolute rule over all His creation for His own glory and the good of His people" (Jerry Bridges, *Trusting God*. [Colorado Springs, CO: Navpress, 1988]25)
- Purpose of God's sovereignty: His own glory and the good of His people
- ***Three key questions for every situation:***
 - 1.
 - 2.
 - 3.

B. God is Infinite in Wisdom

- Rom. 11:33-34, Ps. 147:4, Prov. 2:6, 3:19
- Wisdom defined: “the selection of the best end of action and the adoption of the best possible means for the accomplishment of that action.” (Trusting God, p. 18)

God, in His wisdom, often uses trial and adversity to accomplish His purposes:

- Ps. 119:67-68, 71, 75-76, Heb. 12:5-11, Isa. 55:8-9, Rom. 9:20, Rom. 8:28-29
- God’s purpose for our “good” is NOT comfort or happiness but conformity to the image of His Son
- ***Benefits of trials***
 - Deut. 8:2,16, Job 23:10, Ps. 66:10, Rom. 5:3, James 1:2-4, 1 Pet. 1:6-7; 5:10, 2 Cor. 1:4-5; 4:17, Phil. 3:10, Eccl. 7:3-4
- ***Behavior during trials***
 - 1 Pet. 5:5-7, Ps. 27:14; 57:1; 61:1-4, 62:8, 2 Cor. 4:16-18

C. God is Perfect in Love

- Jer. 31:3, Rom. 8:35-39, Isa. 54:10
- For the clearest evidence of God’s love, we must look to Christ’s sacrificial death for us on the cross and not to our circumstances.
 - John 3:16; 15:13, Rom. 5:8, I John 3:16; 4:9-10, Ps. 145:8-9, Eph. 2:4-7, 2 Thes. 2:16-17

II. The Responsibility of Man

A. The Development of Trust

- I must study:
 - God’s Word: Prov. 22:17-19 ... so that your trust may be in the Lord, Ps. 9:10, 119:50, 71, 93, 105
 - *Other resources:*
 - *The Attributes of God*, by A.W. Pink
 - *The Knowledge of the Holy*, by A. W. Tozer
 - *Our Awesome God*, by John MacArthur

- I must pray:
 - Phil 4:6 ... In everything by supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known unto God...
 - Ps. 34:4,61:1-4
- I must choose:
 - Prov. 3:5-6 We must make the choice to trust...
 - Luke 1:38
 - Hab. 3:17-18 Yet I will exult... I will rejoice

B. The Results of Trust

- For God – honors and glorifies Him
 - 1 Cor. 10:31 ... or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.
 - 2 Cor. 5:9 Therefore we make it our aim... to be well pleasing to Him.
 - Ps. 40:3
- For man – joy and peace of heart
 - Is. 26:3 You will keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on You, because He trusts in You.
 - Phil. 4:7 Be anxious for nothing... and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.
 - Ps. 5:11, 33:21, 34:8
 - Jer. 17:7

Conclusion:

A word about our children – our gameplan – 1 Peter 4:19



We are often hindered from giving our treasures to the Lord out of fear for their safety; this is especially true when those treasures are loved relatives and friends. But we need have no such fears. Our Lord came not to destroy but to save. Everything is safe which we commit to Him, and nothing is really safe which is not so committed.

(A.W. Tozer, The Pursuit of God [Wheaton, IL: Tyndale House Publishers, 19XX] 28).

Session #4- Notes



RECOMMENDED RESOURCES

Jerry Bridges, *Trusting God*

John MacArthur, *The Power of Suffering*

Elisabeth Elliot, *A Path through Suffering*

Elisabeth Elliot, *Finding Your Way Through Loneliness*

A.W. Tozer, *The Pursuit of God*

Maurice Roberts, *The Thought of God*

Maurice Roberts, *The Christian's High Calling*

Sinclair Ferguson, *A Heart for God*

John Piper, *Desiring God*

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SCRIPTURES FOR MEDITATION:

- Ps. 13:1-2, 5-6
- Ps. 18:30
- Ps. 31:14-15, 19, 22
- Ps. 32:10
- Ps. 34
- Ps. 56:3-4
- Ps. 94:18-19
- Lam. 3:22-25
- Matt. 11:28-30
- John 14:27
- 2 Cor. 4:16-18
- Heb. 4:15-16
- 1 Pet. 2:21-23, 4:19, 5:5-7

— “ QUOTES ” —

Maurice Roberts, *The Thought of God* (Carlisle, PA: The Banner of Truth Trust, 1993)

To have God in his mind and thought is the believer's constant source of strength (p. 4). The thought of God should be the Christian's panacea. It should cure all his ills at a stroke (p. 5). Panic is the sinful failure to apply our knowledge of God to particular problems. Panic is possible only when God is obscured from our thoughts by visible circumstances (pp. 6-7). The degree of a Christian's peace of mind depends upon his spiritual ability to interpose the thought of God between himself and his anxiety...for it is not outward circumstances that can drag us down, but our own reaction of despair to them, when we fail to perceive the hidden hand of God in all events (p. 7). Our thoughts must be re-educated to have a high view of God... (we must) bend our minds to the task of concentrating on His infinite greatness (pp. 13-14).

In order to trust God, we must know Him in an intimate, personal way...it is more than just knowing facts about God. It is coming into a deeper personal relationship with Him as a result of seeking Him in the midst of personal pain and discovering Him to be trustworthy. It is only as we know God in this personal way that we come to trust Him (p. 20).

Our first priority in times of adversity is to honor and glorify God by trusting Him. We honor God by choosing to trust Him when we don't understand what He is doing or why He has allowed some adverse circumstance to occur (p. 30).

Confidence in the sovereignty of God in all that affects us is crucial to our trusting Him. If there is a single event in all of the universe that can occur outside of God's sovereign control then we cannot trust Him. His love may be infinite, but if His power is limited and His purpose can be thwarted, we cannot trust Him (p. 37).

God knows exactly what He intends we become and He knows exactly what circumstances, both good and bad, are necessary to produce that result in our lives (p. 121).

While it is certainly true that God's love for us does not protect us from pain and sorrow, it is also true that all occasions of pain and sorrow are under the absolute control of God (p. 30).

Sometimes we come to the place where we do not demand of God that He explain Himself, but we try to determine or comprehend for ourselves what God is doing. We are unwilling to live without rational reasons for what is happening to us or those we love. We are almost insatiable in our quest for the 'why' of the adversity that has come upon us. But this is a futile as well as an untrusting task. God's ways, being the ways of infinite wisdom, simply cannot be comprehended by our finite minds (p. 125).

If we are to experience peace in our souls in times of adversity, we must come to the place where we truly believe that God's ways are simply beyond us and stop asking Him 'why' or even trying to determine it ourselves (pp. 126-127).

But though we should never ask a demanding ‘why?’ we may and should ask God to enable us to understand what He may be teaching us through a particular experience. But even here we must be careful that we are not seeking to satisfy our souls by finding some spiritual ‘good’ in the adversity. Rather we must trust God that He is working in the experience for our good, even when we see no beneficial results. We must learn to trust God when He doesn’t tell us why, when we don’t understand what He is doing (p. 125).

Jerry Bridges, *Trusting God: Even When Life Hurts* (Colorado Springs, CO: Navpress, 1988)



“A QUIET MIND”

WHAT ROOM IS THERE FOR TROUBLED FEAR?
I KNOW MY LORD, AND HE IS NEAR;
AND HE WILL LIGHT MY CANDLE, SO
THAT I MAY SEE THE WAY TO GO.

THERE NEED BE NO BEWILDERMENT
TO ONE WHO GOES WHERE HE IS SENT;
THE TRACKLESS PLAIN BY NIGHT AND DAY
IS SET WITH SIGNS, LEST HE SHOULD STRAY.

MY PATH MAY CROSS A WASTE OF SEA,
BUT THAT NEED NEVER FRIGHTEN ME;
OR RIVERS FULL TO VERY BRIM,
BUT THEY ARE OPEN WAYS TO HIM.

MY PATH MAY LEAD THROUGH WOODS AT NIGHT,
WHERE NEITHER MOON NOR ANY LIGHT
OF GUIDING STAR OR BEACON SHINES;
HE WILL NOT LET ME MISS MY SIGNS.

LORD, GRANT TO ME A QUIET MIND,
THAT TRUSTING THEE, FOR THOU ART KIND,
I MAY GO ON WITHOUT A FEAR,
FOR THOU, MY LORD, ART ALWAYS NEAR.

(AMY CARMICHAEL, *TOWARD JERUSALEM*. [FORT WASHINGTON, PA: CHRISTIAN LITERATURE CRUSADE, 1977], 34. ©, USED BY PERMISSION.)

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“Thy Way Is Perfect”

(Amy Carmichael, Toward Jerusalem. [Fort Washington, PA: Christian Literature Crusade, 1977], 52. ©, Used by Permission.)

Long is the way, and very steep the slope
Strengthen me once again, O God of hope.

Far, very far, the summit doth appear;
But Thou art near my God, but Thou art near.

And Thou wilt give me with my daily food,
Powers of endurance, courage, fortitude.

Thy way is perfect; only let that way
Be clear before my feet from day to day.

Thou art my Portion, saith my soul to Thee,
O what a Portion is my God to me.

”

LOVING LORD AND HEAVENLY FATHER,
I OFFER UP TODAY ALL THAT I AM, ALL THAT I HAVE, ALL THAT I DO,
AND ALL THAT I SUFFER, TO BE YOURS TODAY AND YOURS FOREVER.
GIVE ME GRACE, LORD, TO DO ALL THAT I KNOW OF YOUR HOLY WILL.
PURIFY MY HEART, SANCTIFY MY THINKING, CORRECT MY DESIRES.
TEACH ME, IN ALL OF TODAY'S WORK AND TROUBLE AND JOY, TO
RESPOND WITH HONEST PRAISE, SIMPLE TRUST, AND INSTANT
OBEDIENCE, THAT MY LIFE MAY BE IN TRUTH A LIVING SACRIFICE, BY
THE POWER OF YOUR HOLY SPIRIT AND IN THE NAME OF YOUR SON
JESUS CHRIST, MY MASTER AND MY ALL. AMEN.

Elisabeth Elliot Gren (Used by permission)

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In heav'nly love abiding, no change my heart shall fear;
And safe is such confiding, for nothing changes here.
The storm may roar without me, my heart may low be laid,
But God is round about me, and can I be dismayed?

(Anna L. Waring, born 1820)

(The Elisabeth Elliot Newsletter, May/June 1994,
elisabethelliott.org/newsletters/may-june-94.pdf)



“FOR OUR CHILDREN”

BY AMY CARMICHAEL

FATHER, HEAR US, WE ARE PRAYING,
HEAR THE WORDS OUR HEARTS ARE SAYING,
WE ARE PRAYING FOR OUR CHILDREN.

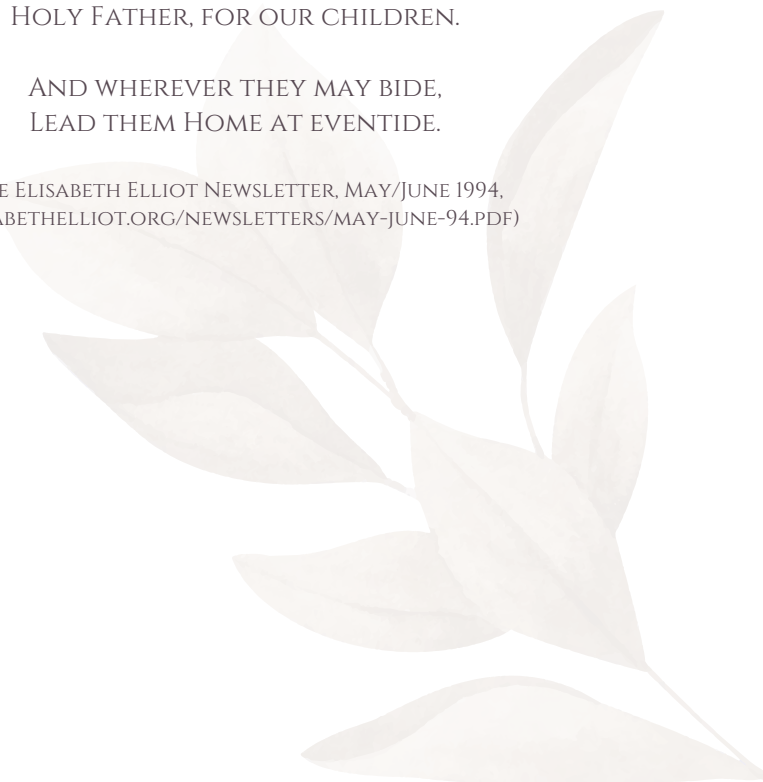
KEEP THEM FROM THE POWERS OF EVIL,
FROM THE SECRET, HIDDEN PERIL,
FROM THE WHIRLPOOL THAT WOULD SUCK THEM,
FROM THE TREACHEROUS QUICKSAND PLUCK THEM.

FROM THE WORLDLING'S HOLLOW GLADNESS,
FROM THE STING OF FAITHLESS SADNESS,
HOLY FATHER, SAVE OUR CHILDREN.

THROUGH LIFE'S TROUBLED WATERS STEER THEM,
THROUGH LIFE'S BITTER BATTLE CHEER THEM,
FATHER, FATHER, BE THOU NEAR THEM.
READ THE LANGUAGE OF OUR LONGING,
READ THE WORDLESS PLEADINGS THRONING,
HOLY FATHER, FOR OUR CHILDREN.

AND WHEREVER THEY MAY BIDE,
LEAD THEM HOME AT EVENTIDE.

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SUGGESTIONS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER REQUESTS:

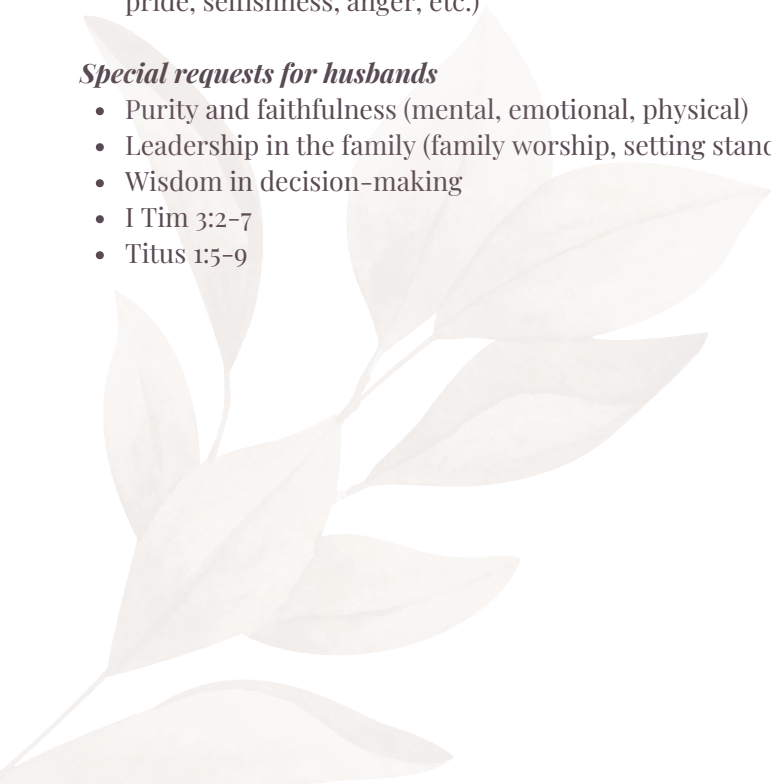
SPIRITUAL CONDITION (for all loved ones)

- Genuine salvation
- Spiritual sensitivity (a tender, open heart toward spiritual things)
- An enduring love for and obedient attitude toward Jesus Christ and His Word
- True repentance and sorrow over their sin
- A strong desire to know God and glorify Him
- A strong desire for Bible study and Scripture memorization

CHARACTER QUALITIES (for all loved ones)

- Fruit of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control
- Unselfishness, sacrificial love, and forgiveness toward others (especially toward other family members)
- A love for honesty and truth (and a hatred for lying!)
- Humility and a grateful spirit
- Holiness/godliness in daily living
- Wisdom/seeking God's guidance in decisions
- That they would conquer their personal areas of weakness (list them) (Ex: pride, selfishness, anger, etc.)

Special requests for husbands

- Purity and faithfulness (mental, emotional, physical)
 - Leadership in the family (family worship, setting standards, etc.)
 - Wisdom in decision-making
 - I Tim 3:2-7
 - Titus 1:5-9
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Special requests for children

- Love and respect for parents/a submissive, obedient, teachable spirit
- That they would learn to personally trust God and depend on Him at all times
- Leadership qualities (integrity, wisdom, discernment, and courage)
- Courage to stand against peer pressure and temptation (not be controlled by “fear of man”)
- Moral purity/physical purity till marriage (daughters especially: concern for modest dress)
- That they would someday be a godly wife or godly husband
- Pray for future spouse (genuinely converted, live a godly life, be obedient to the Word)
- Physical protection for children





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