**I Must Examine Who I Trust**

**Anchored: Standing Firm in a Changing World**

***Blessed are those who trust in the Lord and have made the Lord their hope and confidence. They are like trees planted along a riverbank, with roots that reach deep into the water.* Jer. 17:7 (NLT)**

**BIBLICAL WAYS TO TRUST GOD**

**1. I Trust the Father \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

***See how very much our heavenly Father loves us, for he allows us to be called his children—think of it—and we really are!* 1 John 3:1 (LB)**

***I trust in your unfailing love; my heart rejoices in your salvation. I will sing the LORD’s praise, for he has been good to me.* Psa. 13:6-6**

***I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers… will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.* Romans 8:38-39**

**2. I Trust Jesus \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

***I have loved you the same way the Father has loved me. So live in my love.  If you obey my commandments, you will live in my love.* John 15:9-10 (GW)**

***And now, just as you accepted Christ Jesus as your Lord, you must continue to follow him.  Let your roots grow down into him and let your lives be built on him. Then your faith will grow strong in the truth you were taught, and you will overflow with thankfulness.* Col. 2:6-7 (NLT)**

***My sheep recognize my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.* John 10:27 (LB)**

**3. I Trust the Holy Spirit \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

***I’ll remove the stone heart from your body and replace it with a heart that’s God-willed, not self-willed. I’ll put my Spirit in you and make it possible for you to do what I tell you and live by my commands.*  Eze. 36:26-27 (Mes)**

***The true children of God are those who let God’s Spirit lead them.* Rom. 8:14 (NCV)**

***God’s Spirit doesn’t make cowards out of us. The Spirit gives us power, love, and self-control.*  2 Tim. 1:7 (CEV)**

***God has given us his Spirit. That’s why we don’t think the same way that the people of this world think. That’s also why we can recognize the blessings that God has given us.***

**1 Cor. 2:12 (CEV)**

***We Christians… can be mirrors that brightly reflect the glory of the Lord. And as the Spirit of the Lord works within us, we become more and more like him.* 2 Cor. 3:18 (LB)**

**4. I Trust God’s Word \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

***Evil people try to drag me into sin, but I am firmly anchored to your instructions.*  Psa. 119:61 (NLT)**

**[Jesus] *Everyone who hears my words and obeys them is like a wise man who built his house on rock.  It rained hard, the floods came, and the winds blew and hit that house. But it did not fall, because it was built on rock.***

**Matt. 7:24-25**

***Everyone who hears my words and does not obey them is like a foolish man who built his house on sand.  It rained hard, the floods came, and the winds blew and hit that house, and it fell with a big crash.* Matt. 7:26-27**

***You have been born again, but not to a life that will quickly end. Your new life will last forever because it comes from the eternal, living word of God.* 1 Pet. 1:23 (NLT)**