In God We Trust

Trust God from the bottom of your heart; don't try to figure out everything on your own. Listen for God's voice in everything you do, everywhere you go; he's the one who will keep you on track. Don't assume that you know it all. Run to God! Run from evil! Your body will glow with health, your very bones will vibrate with life!
- Proverbs 3:5-8 MSG

Trust is such a fickle thing. We will board multi-ton metal tubes, sit down and fasten a seatbelt, trust a man called captain (one in which we have not met), and ride at 10,000 feet for hours over an ocean. The pilots nor the staff built this plane, but they say, "buckle your seatbelt…" and we trust them to get us where we want to go. But God, the Author, Creator and Sustainer, says to trust Him and we just can't. He wrote your manual. He developed you from the ground up (literally). But trust Him? Why does that seem to make no sense.

No reason nor time to "beat around the bush". The problem is us. You. Me. Us. We believe the lies that the world revolves around us. We believe that when the world makes sense to us, then it is right. We appreciate what happened before us only because it has given us things to continue our self-focused life. Truthfully, we don't care about life after us because it doesn't feed our purpose of "Me". I see this in almost every aspect of life from family to occupation. From giving (or lack there-of) to taking. I see it in how we spend and save our time and money. And what hurts most is that I see it in the Church.

I truly believe that God has incredible things He wants to do in His Church. But because we don't see a personal gain from it, we fight Him and hurt the ministry. I am weary of ministers' stories of how they see God putting things in place for the next generation, just to have them "cut down" because it doesn't fit "today". And why? Because "Church is about what makes me comfortable with God. It's about making sense to me." The sad thing is in the process we become the filter for God to speak through and prove we don't trust the One that we claim to serve. Are we willing to trust God even if the outcome of His plans happen when we are gone?

Do you trust what God is doing in His Church that you have been invited to? Do you long to see a new generation come forward to lead God's Church (and believe me, they want to)? Do you want His Church (especially your congregational part of it) to continue the Gospel of Jesus long after you've joined the saints (died)? Then what are you doing about it? In what ways are you building towards that reality? Do you trust God, even beyond your comfort, to raise people to continue the ministry of Jesus? Because the Church will not be defeated. Christ said so. The best days for the Church are ALWAYS ahead of it, with or without us. What will be missing will be the example and testimony of how you trusted God in your "time". You see, every generation of a congregation is a foundation for the next. How is your foundation?

Mark 6 says that Jesus was unable to work many miracles in his hometown of Nazareth because of their lack of faith. They felt they knew Him better. And because of that, He couldn't be God. They were more comfortable with their definition of who Jesus, Joseph's son, was than to trust Him as a Messiah. Is Jesus unable to do the same in our church and for the same reasons? Are we trying to limit what Jesus can do in our congregation because it is scary and outside our comfort zone?

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight." (Proverbs 3:5-6 NIV) In our culture, the Church needs "straight paths". It only comes from one source. Look again. It comes from the Lord WHEN WE TRUST HIM WITH

EVERYTHING. Then He makes our paths straight. Then we prepare for a harvest. Then we are His Church. Now and forever.

So let's get boarded. Buckle in and see where our Captain takes us.

From My Heart,

