

TRUST (a multi month study 2024) part 2 September

What is sovereignty? Supreme power or authority. The right of God to exercise His ruling power over His creation. 2 Chronicles 20:6

When we fail to trust God we doubt His sovereignty and question His goodness. God views our distrust of Him as seriously as He views our disobedience.

The bible teaches us three essential truths about God.

Truths we must believe if we are to trust Him even in adversity:

1. God is sovereign
2. God is infinite in wisdom
3. God is perfect in love

However it is hard to believe God is in control when we are in the midst of anxiety, heartache or grief. We must learn to obey God one choice at a time. We must learn to trust God one circumstance at a time.

Trusting God is not a matter of our feelings but of our will. The act of the will must be based on belief and belief is based on trust.

A quote from Anne Graham Lotz "Because while belief is the consent of the mind and faith is a choice of the will, trust is a commitment of the heart." (from her book *Trusting God When You Don't Understand*)

Does God always orchestrate the events of our lives for our good? Romans 8:28

God desires that we learn to trust Him. What can you learn about trust from these verses? Psalm 32:10, Proverbs 3:5, John 14:1

Topics of discussion:

What is the difference between trusting God and obeying God?

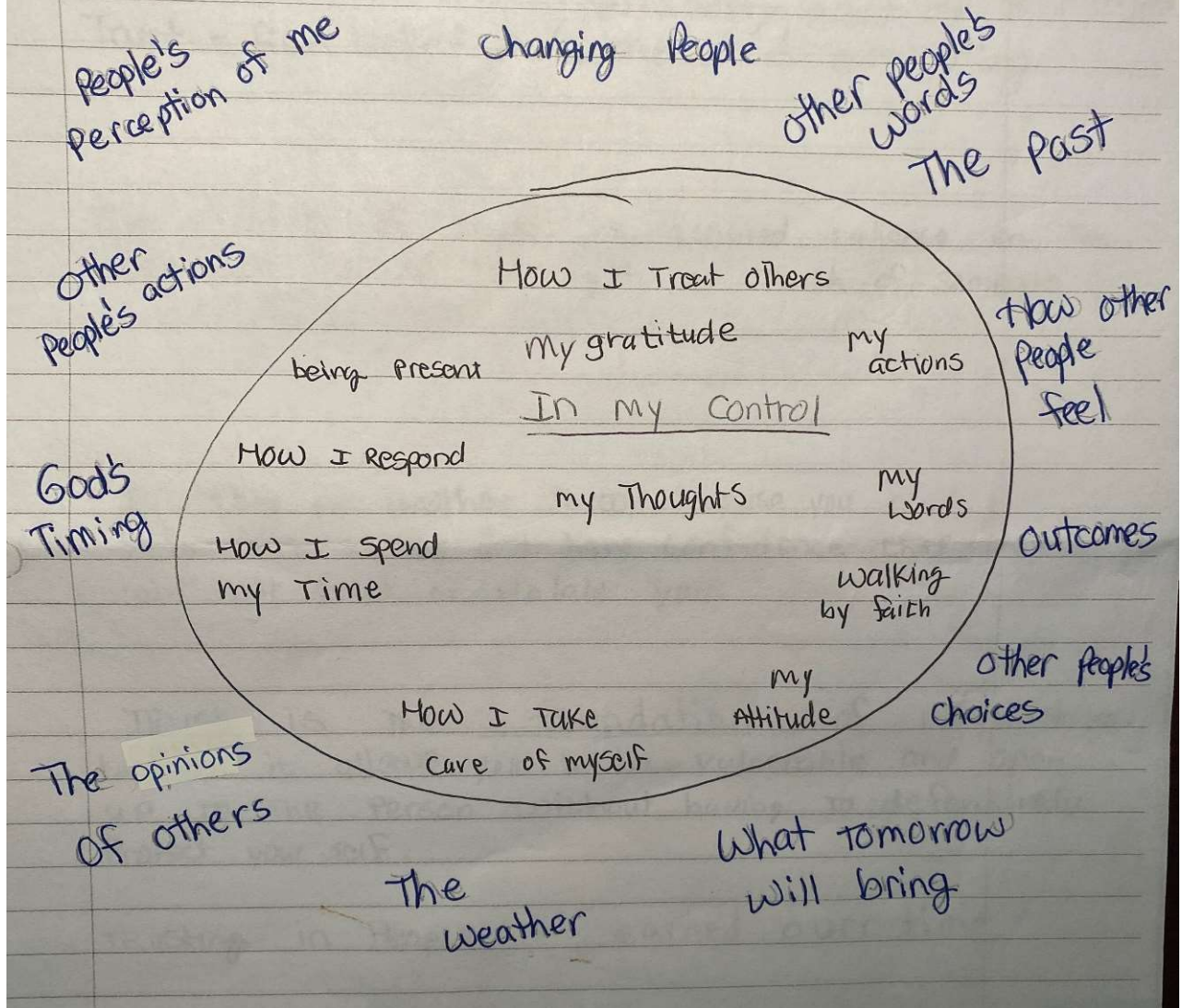
How are trusting God and obedience related?

Is it easier to trust God or to be obedient?

We are in the hands of a sovereign living God who controls every circumstance of our lives and who rejoices in doing us good. Jeremiah 32:41, Romans 8:28

We should trust God as freely as a child trusts its father. Let us pray for hearts of humble childlike trust in our good Father who sovereignly rules over the world and our lives.

* God is in control of all of it *
Out of my control



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