



Part 7

“TRUSTING GOD THROUGH MINISTRY SEASONS”

2 Timothy 4:5-8

2 Timothy 4:5-8 “⁵ But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry.⁶ For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand.⁷ I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith:⁸ Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.”

7 MINISTRY IMPACTING TRENDS

1. The Pace is Faster
2. Change is Accelerating
3. Expectations are Higher
4. Mobility Continues
5. Cultural Corruption Continues
6. Nation is Turning from God
7. Church Continues to Compromise

Matthew 24:12 “And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold.”

Quote: “The modern church is lacking in its ability to remain uncontaminated by the unchristian thinking and morality of contemporary culture.” - Kent Hughes

3 ETERNAL PROMISES

1. God Will Not Try You Above Which You Are Able

1 Corinthians 10:13 “There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.”

2. The Lord Is Our Helper

Hebrews 13:6 “So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me.”

3. Jesus Promised He Will Build His Church

Matthew 16:18 “And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.”

1. MAINTAIN _____

A. The Perspective of _____

Genesis 6:5 “And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.”

Genesis 19:24-26 “²⁴Then the LORD rained upon Sodom and upon Gomorrah brimstone and fire from the LORD out of heaven; ²⁵And he overthrew those cities, and all the plain, and all the inhabitants of the cities, and that which grew upon the ground.²⁶ But his wife looked back from behind him, and she became a pillar of salt.”

Acts 8:4 “Therefore they that were scattered abroad went every where preaching the word.”

B. The Perspective of _____

2 Thessalonians 2:3 “Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;”

4. Service

Matthew 20:28 “Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.”

5. Outreach

Matthew 28:19 “Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.”

B. _____

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

Quote: "The heart is happiest when it beats for others."

C. _____

PURPOSE OF WEST MARION BAPTIST CHURCH

1. Love God Fervently
2. Grow Together Biblically
3. Reach Others Passionately

MINISTRY PATH OF WEST MARION BAPTIST CHURCH

1. Worship

Psalm 34:3 "O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together."

2. Community

Philippians 1:5 "For your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now;"

3. Commitment

Acts 2:42 "And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers."

2 Timothy 2:2 "And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also."

2 Timothy 3:1 "This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come."

C. The Perspective of _____

Proverbs 21:1 "The king's heart is in the hand of the LORD, as the rivers of water: he turneth it whithersoever he will."

1. CONFIDENT IN HIS _____

Philippians 1:6 "Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ:"

2. CONFIDENT IN HIS _____

Matthew 10:29-31 "Are not two sparrows sold for a farthing? and one of them shall not fall on the ground without your Father.³⁰ But the very hairs of your head are all numbered.³¹ Fear ye not therefore, ye are of more value than many sparrows."

2. BUILD PASSION

A. Through _____

1. IN _____

John 15:4 "Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me."

1 Samuel 30:6 "And David was greatly distressed; for the people spake of stoning him, because the soul of all the people was grieved, every man for his sons and for his daughters: but David encouraged himself in the LORD his God."

2. IN _____

Quote: "A holy life will make the deepest impression. Lighthouses blow no horns, they just shine." - *D.L. Moody*

Ecclesiastes 12:13 "Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man."

Quote: "We fear men so much because we fear God so little."

B. Through _____

Quote: "Faith is deliberate confidence in the character of God whose ways you may not understand at the time."

- *Oswald Chambers*

1 Samuel 17:47 "And all this assembly shall know that the LORD saveth not with sword and spear: for the battle is the LORD's, and he will give you into our hands."

C. Through _____

Proverbs 27:17 "Iron sharpeneth iron; so a man sharpeneth the countenance of his friend."

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

Psalms 57:7 "My heart is fixed, O God, my heart is fixed: I will sing and give praise."

D. Through _____

Quote: "We do not rest because our work is done; we rest because God commanded it and created us to have a need for it."

Quote: "A sacrificial life will always be unfinished."

Mark 6:31-32 ³¹And he said unto them, Come ye yourselves apart into a desert place, and rest a while: for there were many coming and going, and they had no leisure so much as to eat. ³²And they departed into a desert place by ship privately."

Quote: "Taking time for adequate rest humbly acknowledges our dependence on God's intervention in our lives."

- *Stewarding Life*

Psalms 127:1-2 ¹Except the LORD build the house, they labour in vain that build it: except the LORD keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain. ²It is vain for you to rise up early, to sit up late, to eat the bread of sorrows: for so he giveth his beloved sleep."

3. CLARIFY YOUR _____

Quote: "Skill is successfully walking over Niagara Falls on a tightrope—wisdom is not trying."

A. _____

1 Corinthians 1:2 "Unto the church of God which is at Corinth, to them that are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, with all that in every place call upon the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both their's and our's:"