

Sunday, January 13, 2019 - "Rooted - Week 1" - Doug Kempton

Key Passages: Jeremiah 17:5-8

- Feel free to read the passage(s) out loud as a group
- Allow the group to share freely about what stood out to them from the passage or from Sunday's message

Main Ideas

- Jeremia was a prophet 600 BC
 - His life was difficult (persecuted, thrown in a well and left to die)
 - He had a rough go BUT could still write about the mercy, love, blessing of God
- Jeremiah 17:7-8 (God being quoted)
- What does it mean to be blessed?
 - It does NOT mean having everything you want
 - It does NOT mean there won't be difficulty/storms
 - You can be in the middle of the storm and still be blessed
 - In the New Testament blessed never refers to material things (sometimes our stuff is a curse not a blessing)
- Blessed = to be fully satisfied in God regardless of circumstances
 - The love and AFFIRMATION of God...we all want and need God's affirmation
 - Our heavenly father affirms and delights in us
- It's not something that we finish or somewhere that we arrive (it's a lifelong journey)
- How do we live this blessed life?
 - "Trust in the Lord"
 - We all lack trust somewhere and we all trust something (Jeremiah 17:5-6)
 - We are either blessed or cursed...it has to be one or the other...it all comes down to trust
- What does it look like to trust?
 - Do you trust me? to give up control, to take a risk, to to enter a scary place
 - Disciplines to learn/practice trust
 - Tithing
 - First fruits
 - Took faith
 - Sabbath
 - Quiet time with God
 - Dealing with insecurity/unforgiveness takes trust
 - Where do I not trust God?
 - See below for "You Can Trust Him" by S.M. Lock ridge
 - Ask God, "Where are you asking me to trust you?"

Questions (Feel free to use all of these, some of these, or none of these)

1. What does it mean to you to be blessed?
2. How is God calling you to shift your understanding of what it means to live blessed?
3. When was a time that you received God's affirmation? What did you take away from that?
4. What does it look like for you to trust in the Lord?
5. How is God calling you to learn or practice trusting in him?
6. Where is God calling you to trust in him in your life?
7. What is God inviting you into as a result of this passage or sermon?

****15 Minutes with God Reading Plan-**

Mon: Luke 16 Tues: Luke 17 Wed: Luke 18 Thurs: Luke 19 Fri: Luke 20

Songs from the weekend: [Again I Say Rejoice - Israel Houghton] - [Downpour - Grace original] - [King of My Heart - Bethel Music] - [Surrounded - Upper Room]

YOU CAN TRUST HIM

By S.M. Lockridge

He is the one who made us, it is He who made us and not we ourselves. The heavens declare the glory of God and the Firmament shows His handiwork. No means of measurement can define His limitless love and no far seeing telescope can bring into visibility the coastline of His shoreless supply.

I'm telling you today you can trust Him.

No barrier can hinder Him from pouring out His blessings. He is enduringly strong and entirely secure. He is eternally steadfast. He is immortally graceful. He is imperially powerful. He is impartially merciful. He is the greatest phenomenon that has ever crossed the horizon of this world. He is God's son, the sinner's savior. He is the centerpiece of civilization.

I am trying to tell you, church, you can trust Him.

He does not have to call for help, and you cannot confuse Him. He doesn't need you and He doesn't need me. He stands alone in solitude of Himself. He's august and He's unique. He's unparalleled, He's unprecedented, He is supreme, He is preeminent, He is the loftiest idea in literature. He is the highest personality in philosophy. He is the fundamental doctrine of true theology. He is the cardinal necessity of a spiritual religion. He is the miracle of the age.

I'm trying to tell you, church, you can trust Him.

He can satisfy all your needs, He can do it simultaneously. He supplies strength to the weak. He's available for the tempted and the tried. He sympathizes and He sees. He guards and He guides. He heals the sick, He cleanses lepers, He forgives sinners, He discharges debtors. He delivers the captives, He defends the feeble, He blesses the young. He regards the aged, He rewards the diligent, He beautifies the meek.

I'm trying to tell you, church, you can trust Him.

He's the key to knowledge, He's the well spring of wisdom. He's the doorway of deliverance, He's the pathway of peace. He's the roadway of righteousness. He is the highway of holiness. He is the gateway of glory.

I'm trying to tell you, church, you can trust Him.

He is the master of the mighty, He is the captain of the conquerors, the head of heroes. He is the leader of legislators. He is the overseer of the overcomers. He is the governor of the governors. He is the prince of princes. He is the king of kings. He is the Lord of Lords.

And you can trust Him.

His office is manifold. His promise is sure. His life is matchless. His goodness is limitless. His mercy is everlasting. His love never changes. His word is enough. His grace is sufficient. His reign is righteous. His yoke is easy. His burden is light.

I wish I could describe Him to you.

He is indescribable because He is incomprehensible. He is irresistible because He is invincible.

You can't get Him off your hands. You can't get Him off your mind. You can't outlive Him, and you can't live without Him.

I'm trying to tell you, church, you can trust Him.