

Modern Family Vintage Values: Family Trust (Psalm 56:1-11)

Introduction.

- A) A popular activity in the business world is team-building exercises in which co-workers are given a challenge or task that requires teamwork, communication, and trust. Recent, we did such an exercise at my other job.
- B) Definition of trust – *Trust is to place your self in another's care based on their character and reliability.*
- C) One of the Old Testament words for trust (*batach*) has a meaning of "careless." Think about it: When you trust your spouse, you feel so safe that you are careless—or free of concern—with him or her. You don't have to hide who you are or be self-protective.
- D) Contextualize **Family Trust** in the series **Modern Family Vintage Values**.
- E) **Contextualize Psalm 56** – The backdrop for Psalm 56 is I Samuel 21. David was trying to escape King Saul. David goes to live in Gath among the Philistines. David realizes he can't trust the Philistines either. He pretends to be a mad man. However, he knows that his ultimate trust is in the Lord.
- G) God places us in trust relationships with people who will ultimately fail us, therefore we must constantly cultivate trust during the bumpy road of relationships.

I. Why Can God Be Trusted (v. 1-11)?

- A) Because of His mercy (v. 1-2)
- B) Because He keeps His promises (v. 3-4)
- C) Because of He does the right thing (v. 5-6)

D) Because of His attentiveness (v. 8-9)

NOTE: The expression of TOTAL TRUST (v. 10-11)

II. Trust Illustrated

A) Trust is build by consistent behavior over time. However, trust can be broken in a single act.

B) Stalactites at Blanchard Springs Caverns near Mountain View, Arkansas.

III. How Do I Build Family Trust?

- Trust is built when two ***good-intentioned people*** chose to build a trusting relationship.
- In addition to forgiveness (last week's sermon), trust is another foundational principle in marital relationships.

A) Show mercy (v. 1-2)

- Do respond in a loving way when your partner shares problems
- Do practice forgiveness when you are upset with your partner
- Do show grace when your partner confesses their failures
- Do offer sincere apologies
- Do say thank you
- Do not attack your partner when he/she fails
- Do not belittle your partner when/he confesses wrong
- Do not scream at your partner

B) Keep your promises (v. 3-4)

- Do away with deception
- Do be on the up and up
- Do follow through with your promises (big and small) in a timely manner

C) Do the right thing (v. 5-6)

- Don't embarrass your partner by talking about them to others
- Don't reveal secrets your partner has shared with you

- Do apologize when you make a mistake or disappoint your partner
- Do conduct yourself so that your partner has no worries when you are apart.

D) Be attentiveness (v. 8-90

- Do become a student of the needs of your partner.
- Do communicate in person regularly (builds security; don't rely on email, text, or facebook)
- Do things together
- Do consider your partners interest in every situation
- Do learn more about your partner and share about yourself

Note: WE ARE DRAW TO PEOPLE WHO PAY ATTENTION TO US!!!!

Conclusion.

Trust is only effective when you exercise it. Won't you trust Jesus today?