

WORSHIP

SUGGESTED WORSHIP SONGS:

Our God, Build My Life, Unbroken Praise

WELCOME

Which story or highlight of your life do you like sharing to your children and disciples? How would you like them to remember you through that story?

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2 TIMOTHY 1:12

For this reason I also suffer these things; but I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed, and I am convinced that He is able to protect what I have entrusted to Him until that day.

EZEKIEL 36:26

Moreover, I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; and I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.

We end the M.O.T.I.V.A.T.E. Series with the principle of ENTRUST. The word ENTRUST includes the idea for safekeeping, for deposit, surrendering something—you trust somebody to take care of what you entrust to them. It is vital that our children come to know the Lord. It is very important that you entrust yourself, your children, your disciples, and your loved ones to the Lord. Only God can continuously and effectively transform their lives. Without God, how can we in our own strength resist temptation? In **2 TIMOTHY 1:12**, the Apostle Paul emphasizes his confidence in God that He is able, therefore, Paul was willing to surrender and could say: ***“I really entrusted my life; I deposited my entire future well-being, to none other than the Lord, until that day.”*** To entrust your children or your disciples to the Lord implies that you believe that it is only through God’s Spirit and power that you, your children and your disciples can become all that God wants you to be. We need the Lord Jesus in our lives.

The Bible tells us, only God can really transform our lives. **The whole principle of ENTRUST is to realize ONLY GOD CAN CHANGE OUR HEART.**

Ezekiel 36:26 directs us to God’s ability to change our “hearts of stone” and transform it into “hearts of flesh”. Only God can impact the lives of our children, loved ones, and disciples for eternity. When you ENTRUST, that means you want to connect them to the Lord! Entrusting also signifies **ENTREATING – praying**, and as the saying goes, ***“when we work, we work; but when we pray, God works”***, we allow God to work in people’s lives when we pray for them. It emphasizes BIBLICAL PARENTING or BIBLICAL DISCIPLESHIP which is better than secular or traditional parenting. It means you allow GOD to transform your lives. As your lives are transformed, you also impact your children/disciples. Teach them what you know about God and allow God to have a direct impact on their lives. **Deuteronomy 6** establishes that when God gives us rules and commandments, it is always for our good. Until our

children/disciples understand the heart of God, why would they love Him or follow Him? There are many things that we can teach them to realize the importance of their relationship with God. It is our duty to build that legacy through generations.

Highlighted last Sunday was the story of a house built on rock and one that’s built on sand (**Matthew 7:24-27**). A wise person is somebody who hears God’s Word and obeys; he acts upon it. That foundation is the Rock—**JESUS**. If your life is not founded on Jesus, you will not obey His Word and therefore you build your life on sand. Is your family grounded and built upon Jesus? Are you, connecting your disciples to Jesus? When the storms of life come, we want to see ourselves, our children, our family, and our disciples able to stand firm. Why? Because while **God does not promise a storm-free life, He promised a storm-proof life**. Crucial to this is being able to plant a knowledge of who God is deep in their hearts and minds. It gets harder and harder to pull the next generations to God because of the things happening in the world. That is why we need to know **WHY WE BELIEVE WHAT WE BELIEVE** and **WHAT WE TRULY BELIEVE**. An example of this will be **CHRIST’S DEATH AND RESURRECTION**, where our entire faith is hinged. **1 Corinthians 15:3-6** lays down the evidence from historic accounts to eyewitness accounts. It is a vital and crucial truth that we must inculcate in the hearts and minds of the people we want to influence. **A.W. Tozer** said, ***“what you think and believe about God is the most important thing about you.”*** In times when we are disappointed with circumstances, remember the important truths about God. What are these **5 Important Truths?**

1. GOD IS SOVEREIGN (Psalm 135:6, Psalm 115:2-3)

The Bible tells us that God is subject and accountable to none. He does as He pleases and when He pleases. God is completely independent. He’s almighty, powerful, and free to exercise His will. In **Isaiah 46:10**, we realize that there are no accidents under God’s plan. Knowing that everything

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happens only with God's approval brings us tremendous comfort.

2. GOD IS GOOD (Psalm 119:68, Psalm 34:8, 1 Peter 1:16)

When the Bible says God is good, it implies He's absolutely trustworthy, holy; and you can completely **entrust** your life to Him. Why? His character is perfectly good. There's nothing to add or to remove to make Him better. He is perfectly good forever, **eternity past to eternity future**. You can trust God because He is absolutely good. *Nahum 1:7* paints a picture of the goodness of God. We know that the goodness of God is seen on the CROSS, when Jesus died on the cross for us.

3. GOD IS LOVE

(Jeremiah 33:10-11, 1 John 3:16, Romans 5:8)

God loving us means He has our best interest at heart. In case you are doubting the love of God, look at the cross. He sacrificially gave His life to pay for our sins. God loves you so much. He gave His life for you, that's why Jesus died on the cross for you.

4. GOD IS OMNISCIENT (Psalm 139:2-6)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

(Leaders: Please choose questions that are appropriate to the level of spiritual maturity of your members)

1. **Self-Check.** Are you entrusting your life and the lives of the people you are influencing to God? How are you doing it?
2. **Setting It Right.** Were there any instance when you have displayed lack of confidence or trust in God? What things have you not surrendered to Him today? Draw near to God and in prayer lay these concerns down at the foot of the Cross – Christ is able!
3. **Living It Out.** Do you pray for others to know Jesus Christ too? Can they see Christ in you and your attitude, words, and actions? What practical steps can you do to share the gospel with others?

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PRAY CARE SHARE IN ACTION

Pray for your family and disciples that they have a personal relationship with God. Intentionally apply all the MOTIVATE principles. Share the MOTIVATE series of messages integrating the gospel in it and provide opportunities for others to surrender/entrust their lives to Christ!

WEEKLY PRAYER POINTS

I. Thanksgiving

- Worship God for who He is, what He has done, and what He will do in our lives

II. Country and the World

- Upright and moral governance of Public Servants and a God-centered Philippines
- Repentance and Salvation

III. Church

- That CCF Members would honor and love God and make disciples
- Elders, Pastors, Leaders, and Families
- Ministries and Churches worldwide

IV. CCF Facilities

- Worship and Training Center
- Prayer Mountain

V. Personal Concerns

- Deeper intimate relationship with God
- Righteous living
- Salvation of family and friends

Nothing can be hidden from God. Nothing can surprise Him. His knowledge is perfect. Nothing can escape His notice. He never overlooks anything. He knows the past, present, and future. His knowledge is complete. Because His knowledge is complete and perfect, He will never make a mistake. Let us judge our circumstances based on WHO GOD IS. He works all things to work together for good (*Romans 8:28*)!

5. GOD (JESUS) IS COMING AGAIN

(Mark 14:62, 2 Timothy 4:1)

Ultimately, God will bring judgment. Therefore, you can rest in Him. The truth will eventually be manifested. Jesus tells us, "Heaven and earth will pass away, but my Words will not pass away" (*Matthew 24:25-27, Mark 13:31, Luke 21:33*). You can trust Him and entrust your children, family, and disciples to Him completely.

2 Timothy 1:14 tells us to guard through the Holy Spirit the treasure that has been entrusted to us. Our greatest treasure is none other than Jesus Christ. We are to guard the truth of the gospel and be able to **pass the "baton"** entrusting this to others so they may know Him more (*John 17:3*)!