**Trusting God … *“When I don’t Want To!”***

***Deuteronomy 32:4***

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**I. Things to Understand**

**A) God’s Character**

**1) Sovereign**

                    a) God is in complete control

Acts 4:27-28

b) You are not in control

                            1) loved ones

                            2) circumstances

**2) Good**

a) Your measure of “good” is not the standard measure of “good”

                   b) God cannot help but do what is best

**3) Wise**

*see* Joseph

**B) God’s Goal: *Conforming you to Christ*** [2 Cor 3:18]

1) Adversity

2) Mistreatment

3) Idol Tipping – *getting at what you desire most*

**C) God’s Promise: *True Joy Comes from God*** [John 15:11]

**II. Things To Encourage Your Heart**

**A) Jesus Understands**

                        1) He understands your struggle

                        2) He knows the Father’s way is best [John 12:49-50]

**B) Evidence that you are a Christian**

*“No man knows how bad he is until he tries hard to be good.”* CS Lewis

**C) God Gives More Grace**

            James 4:6; 1 Corinthians 10:13

            - even when you disbelieve – God has died for that sin too!

**D) The Holy Spirit *Causes* believers to want what God wants**

Philippians 4:12-13

**E) It Will Work Out [Rom 8:28]**

**Quotes:**

*“I will not pray clarity for you. Clarity is the crutch for the Christian.  But I will pray trust for you, that your trust will increase.”* Mother Teresa

*“Organized religion is a sham and a crutch for weak-minded people who need strength in numbers.”* Jesse Ventura

*“It would seem that Our Lord finds our desires not too strong, but too weak. We are half-hearted creatures, fooling about with drink and sex and ambition when infinite joy is offered us, like an ignorant child who wants to go on making mud pies in a slum because he cannot imagine what is meant by the offer of a holiday at the sea. We are far too easily pleased.”* C.S. Lewis, *The Weight of Glory*

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