Trust God to the Utmost

January 22, 2023

Philippians 1:21–24 ²¹For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. ²²If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. ²³I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. ²⁴But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. Philippians 1:21–24 (ESV)

1 Corinthians 10:31 "So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God."

A. Everything = Utmost

- 1. What does "utmost" mean?
- 2. What we want vs. what we're willing to give.
- 3. How to glorify God.

B. How about those disciples?

Colossians 3:23 pew Bible p. 985

- 1. Jesus finds followers who give the utmost.
- 2. Wannabe followers find Jesus. Luke 9:57-62 pew Bible p. 868

New Song News

Psalm 149:1–4 (ESV) Praise the LORD! Sing to the LORD a new song, his praise in the assembly of the godly! ²Let Israel be glad in his Maker; let the children of Zion rejoice in their King! ³Let them praise his name with dancing, making melody to him with tambourine and lyre! ⁴For the LORD takes pleasure in his people; he adorns the humble with salvation.

Ephesians 4:1-7 (ESV) I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ² with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³ eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴ There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call—⁵ one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶ one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. ⁷ But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ's gift.

Today

- ✓ Sundays 9am, Experiencing God study. See Terri Stevens for info.
- ✓ No Regrets Conference video promo.
- ✓ Potluck Fellowship following worship.

This Week

- ✓ Daily Readings: **M.** 1 Thes. 4:13-18, **T.** 1 Thes. 5:1-11, **W.** 1 Thes. 5:12-28, **Th.** 1 Thes. 1:1-12, **F.** 1 Thes. 2:1-12, **Sat./Sun.** Psalm 150
- ✓ Wednesday, 10am, Ladies' Bible Study at New Song HQ.
- ✓ Friday, 10am, Women's Bible Study at New Song HQ.

Looking Ahead

- ✓ Learning Communities are on a break, resuming Feb. 9/10.
- ✓ Welcome to the Family Class, Feb. 12, noon to 4pm. Sign up in the entryway if you've not yet attended. Lunch provided.
- ✓ Feb. 4, 8:30am 2:30pm, **No Regrets Men's Conference** at HQ
- ✓ Feb. 6, 11am, Celebration of Life for Mel Laukin at New Song.
- ✓ Feb. 26, **Annual Meeting** following worship. Mark your calendar.
- ✓ New Song FB Live link: https://www.facebook.com/NewSongPittsburgh/.
- ✓ Sunday sermons & other studies can be found on New Song YouTube Channel and Spotify (New Song Church in Pittsburgh)

<u>Gen. Offering</u>		<u>Budget</u>	Family Assistance		Children of Promise		<u>Building Fund</u>	
1/15/202	3 \$ 4,892.50	\$ 3,114.71	1/15/2023	\$ 0.00	1/15/2023	\$0.00	1/15/2023	\$200.00
To Date	\$ 9,380.50	\$ 9,344.13	Balance: \$3	3,960.77	Month Total	\$ 20.75	To Date	\$300.00
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c. Those with the least give their utmost

- 1. Pocket change
 - Mark 12:41-44 pew Bible p. 849
 - a. What God sees
 - b. What the widow sees
- 2. Bare cupboard 1 Kings 17:8-16 pew Bible p. 299
 - a. What God sees
 - b. What the widow sees
- 3. The plight of widows
- D. God gifts so that we can give 1 Peter 4:10-11 pew Bible p. 1016
 - 1. God gifts us with enough
 - 2. Nothing insignificant with God

What do we do with this?

- What stuck out to you?
- What is God saying about what stuck out?
- ☑ What do you need to do in response?





Living Our Utmost for His Highest

"with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death." Philippians 1:20a (ESV)

- **†** Pay Attention
 - around us and what God says about it
- + Be Ready
 - developing God's skill-set and mind-set
- **+** Soldiering Together

rejoicing, weeping and sharpening TOGETHER