

THE WORD OF TRUST

The Seven Greatest Words of Love – Part 7

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“By this time it was noon, but DARKNESS fell across the whole land until three o'clock. The light from the sun was gone. And suddenly, the thick veil hanging in the Temple was torn apart. Then JESUS SHOUTED, ‘FATHER, I ENTRUST MY SPIRIT INTO YOUR HANDS!’ And with those words he breathed his last breath. When the captain of the Roman soldiers handling the executions saw what had happened, he praised God and said, ‘Surely this man was innocent!’” Luke 23:44-47 (NLT)

JESUS IS A MODEL OF HOW TO DIE WELL

1. He was at peace that it was his time
2. He wasn't afraid to die
3. He died with no unresolved relationships
4. He wasn't angry or bitter
5. He knew where he was going
6. He trusted God with his future

JESUS GAVE UP HIS LIFE . . .

John 10:18

“shouted”

Psalms 31:5

4 TRUTHS TO REMEMBER IN YOUR DARKEST HOUR

1.

“As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who honor Him . . .” Psalm 103:13 (NIV)

“FATHER, I entrust my spirit into your hands!”
2.

“Father, I entrust my spirit into your hands!”

“For the word of the Lord holds true, and everything he does is worthy of our trust.” Psalm 33:4 (NLT)

• What about babies & those mentally incapacitated who die?
“The Lord protects the simple hearted” Psalm 116:6a (NIV)

• What about believers who get confused & stop believing?
“Many deceivers . . . have gone out into the world . . . Watch out that you do not lose what you have worked for, but that you may be rewarded fully.” 2 John 1:7-8 (NIV)

- What about believers who commit suicide?
“If we are faithless, he will remain faithful, for he cannot disown himself.” 2 Timothy 2:13 (NIV)

3.

“Father, I entrust MY SPIRIT into your hands!”

“When he is at work in the north, I do not see him; when he turns to the south, I catch no glimpse of him. But he knows the way that I take; and when he has tested me, I will come forth as gold.” Job 23:9-10 (NIV)

“Our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.” 2 Corinthians 4:17-18 (NIV)
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“Father, I entrust my spirit INTO YOUR HANDS!”

GOD’S HANDS ARE . . .

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“You both precede and follow me. You place your hand of blessing on my head.” Psalm 139:5 (NLT)

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“I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish . . . My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand.” John 10:28-29 (NIV)

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“Can a mother forget the baby at her breast and have no compassion on the child she has borne? Though she may forget, I will not forget you! I have engraved you on the palms of my hands!” Isaiah 49:15-16 (NIV)

“I think you ought to know, dear brothers, about the hard time we went through in Asia. We were really crushed and overwhelmed, and feared we would never live through it. We felt we were doomed to die and saw how powerless we were to help ourselves; but that was good, for then WE PUT EVERYTHING INTO THE HANDS OF GOD, who alone could save us, for he can even raise the dead.” 2 Corinthians 1:8-9 (LB)