

# A Parable Of Brokenness

## In God We Trust

### Series Recap:

**Week #1: Generosity** - If we trust God, then we have to have a heart of Generosity. Trust that God will provide.

**Week #2: Worry** - If God is in control, why do I worry? I cannot worry and trust God.

**Week #3: Uncertainty** - Life is like chocolate, you don't know what your are going to get. I must trust God no matter what.

### Area #1

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**Psalms 34:18** The Lord is close to the brokenhearted; he rescues those whose spirits are crushed. (NLT)

**Psalms 147:3** He heals the brokenhearted and bandages their wounds. (NLT)

\_\_\_\_\_ The Burden

**Galatians 6:2** Share each other's burdens, and in this way obey the law of Christ. **3** If you think you are too important to help someone, you are only fooling yourself. You are not that important.. (NLT)

**Romans 12:15** Be happy with those who are happy, and weep with those who weep. (NLT)

### Area #2

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**Isaiah 53:3** He was despised and rejected—a man of sorrows, acquainted with deepest grief. We turned our backs on him and looked the other way. He was despised, and we did not care. (NLT)

**Mark 3:5** He looked around at them angrily and was deeply saddened by their hard hearts. Then he said to the man, "Hold out your hand." So the man held out his hand, and it was restored! (NLT)

**Luke 19:41** But as he came closer to Jerusalem and saw the city ahead, he began to weep. **42** "How I wish today that you of all people would understand the way to peace. But now it is too late, and peace is hidden from your eyes." (NLT)

**Mark 14:33** He took Peter, James, and John with him, and he became deeply troubled and distressed. **34** He told them, "My soul is crushed with grief to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me." **35** He went on a little farther and fell to the ground. He prayed that, if it were possible, the awful hour awaiting him might pass him by. **36** "Abba, Father," he cried out, "everything is possible for you. Please take this cup of suffering away from me. Yet I want your will to be done, not mine." (NLT)

**Luke 22:45** At last he stood up again and returned to the disciples, only to find them asleep, exhausted from grief. (NLT)

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**Ephesians 4:30** And do not bring sorrow to God’s Holy Spirit by the way you live. Remember, he has identified you as his own, guaranteeing that you will be saved on the day of redemption. (NLT)

**Area #3**

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**John 11:33** When Jesus saw her weeping and saw the other people wailing with her, a deep anger welled up within him, and he was deeply troubled. **34** "Where have you put him?" he asked them. They told him, "Lord, come and see." **35** Then Jesus wept. **36** The people who were standing nearby said, "See how much he loved him!" (NLT)

**1 Thessalonians 4:13** And now, dear brothers and sisters, we want you to know what will happen to the believers who have died so you will not grieve like people who have no hope. **14** For since we believe that Jesus died and was raised to life again, we also believe that when Jesus returns, God will bring back with him the believers who have died. (NLT)

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**Psalms 30:11** You have turned my mourning into joyful dancing. You have taken away my clothes of mourning and clothed me with joy, (NLT)

**James 4:8** Come close to God, and God will come close to you. Wash your hands, you sinners; purify your hearts, for your loyalty is divided between God and the world. **9** Let there be tears for what you have done. Let there be sorrow and deep grief. Let there be sadness instead of laughter, and gloom instead of joy. **10** Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up in honor. (NLT)

**Area #4**

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## To God

- Asaph's duties are described in detail in 1 Chronicles 16.
- Asaph was a skilled musician and prophet or seer (2 Chronicles 29:30).
- The sons of Asaph were likely a guild of skilled poets and singers, modeling themselves musically after Asaph, their master. (1 Chronicles 25:1, 2 Chronicles 20:14, and Ezra 2:41)
- The Levite Jeduthun means "lauder" or "praising" was one of David's chief musicians (1 Chronicles 16:41–42; 2 Chronicles 35:15; Psalm 39:1).
- Another choir director mentioned in the Psalms and 1 Chronicles was Heman.
- Several psalms were designated for each of these three directors, which may indicate that each specialized in a different kind of music. Psalms 39, 62, and 77 are assigned to Jeduthun, indicating that his choir or musicians were to lead the congregation on those songs.

### *For Jeduthun, the choir director: A psalm of Asaph.*

**Psalm 77:1** I cry out to God; yes, I shout. Oh, that God would listen to me! **2** When I was in deep trouble, I searched for the Lord. All night long I prayed, with hands lifted toward heaven, but my soul was not comforted. **3** I think of God, and I moan, overwhelmed with longing for his help.

**4** You don't let me sleep. I am too distressed even to pray! **5** I think of the good old days, long since ended, **6** when my nights were filled with joyful songs. I search my soul and ponder the difference now. **7** Has the Lord rejected me forever? Will he never again be kind to me? **8** Is his unfailing love gone forever? Have his promises permanently failed? **9** Has God forgotten to be gracious? Has he slammed the door on his compassion?

**10** And I said, "This is my fate; the Most High has turned his hand against me." **11** But then I recall all you have done, O Lord; I remember your wonderful deeds of long ago. **12** They are constantly in my thoughts. I cannot stop thinking about your mighty works. **13** O God, your ways are holy. Is there any god as mighty as you? **14** You are the God of great wonders! You demonstrate your awesome power among the nations. **15** By your strong arm, you redeemed your people, the descendants of Jacob and Joseph.

**16** When the Red Sea saw you, O God, its waters looked and trembled! The sea quaked to its very depths. **17** The clouds poured down rain; the thunder rumbled in the sky. Your arrows of lightning flashed. **18** Your thunder roared from the whirlwind; the lightning lit up the world! The earth trembled and shook. **19** Your road led through the sea, your pathway through the mighty waters—a pathway no one knew was there! **20** You led your people along that road like a flock of sheep, with Moses and Aaron as their shepherds. (NLT)

**Psalm 40:1** I waited patiently for the Lord to help me, and he turned to me and heard my cry. **2** He lifted me out of the pit of despair, out of the mud and the mire. He set my feet on solid ground and steadied me as I walked along. **3** He has given me a new song to sing, a hymn of praise to our God. Many will see what he has done and be amazed. They will put their trust in the Lord. **4** Oh, the joys of those who trust the Lord, who have no confidence in the proud or in those who worship idols. (NLT)