

## THE ESSENTIAL NATURE OF TRUST

I invite you to walk with me through the Old Testament and discover how God uses the stories of broken men—not perfect ones—to help us learn to trust Him. These lives aren't just ancient history; they are windows into our own struggles and hopes. Each story leads us closer to Jesus, the one in whom all trust finds its meaning. Along the way, your "trust muscle" will be stretched and strengthened as we explore what it means to truly follow the One who is trustworthy. Let's take the journey together.

## Men Living in Community!

Nothing in the world works without trust. Trust is established through relationship. Who do you trust? Who do you follow?

Highland Colony Men's Roundtable

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Scripture:

Music: No Longer Slaves by Zach Williams

If I Got Jesus by Ben Fuller

**Videos:** Video of Men's Coaching Adventure – Maine 2025

Resources: Hitchhiking with Prophets – A Ride through the Salvation Story of the Old Testament by Chad Bird

Trust - Knowing When to Give It, When to Withhold It, How to Earn It, and How to Fix It When It Gets Broken in Life and Business by Dr. Henry Cloud

# **BOOK: Practicing the Way by John Mark Comer**

## Welcome!

- "Most of us want the life of Jesus. Few of us want the lifestyle of Jesus."
- Jesus offers not just truth to believe, but a way to live.
- Christian life is not about striving or pretending, but practicing the way of Jesus.
- The journey of apprenticeship:
  - 1. Be with Jesus
  - 2. Become like Him
  - 3. Do what He did
  - 4. Sustain it with a Rule of Life
  - 5. Embrace the cost by taking up your cross

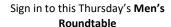
#### The 5 Essentials of Trust

- 1. Understanding You trust people who 'get you.' They listen, empathize, and validate your perspective without quick fixes.
- 2. <u>Motive -</u> Trust is built when the other person's heart is for you, not just for their own interests. You feel safe when someone genuinely wants your good.
- 3. Ability Good intentions aren't enough. We trust people who are competent—who have the skills, wisdom, or experience to follow through.
- 4. Character You trust those who do the right thing when it costs them. Integrity, humility, and consistency over time shape deep trust.
- 5. <u>Track Record Trust</u> is strengthened when someone has shown up again and again—when they've proven themselves trustworthy through real-life situations.

### Take Action! Journal This!

- 1. Call to Action: What can you do to practice the way of Jesus.
- 2. How would you like to be more like Jesus in this practice?
- 3. Where would you like to be in a year as you practice the way of Jesus?







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## "No Longer Slaves" - Zach Williams

I'm no longer a slave to fear Oh, I am a child of God I'm no longer a slave to fear Oh, I am a child of God You unravel me with a melody You surround me with a song Of deliverance from my enemies 'Til all my fears are gone And I'm no longer a slave to fear Oh, I am a child of God I'm no longer a slave to fear Oh, I am a child of God From my mother's womb You have chosen me Your love has called my name And I've been born again to your family Your blood flows through my veins I'm no longer a slave to fear Oh, I am a child of God

I'm no longer a slave to fear Oh, I am a child of God I'm no longer a slave to fear Oh, I am a child of God And I'm no longer a slave to fear Oh, I am a child of God I am surrounded By the arms of the Father And I am surrounded By songs of deliverance We've been liberated From our bondage We're the sons and the daughters Let us sing our freedom Oh, oh, oh-oh-ohhh Oh, oh, oh-oh-ohhh Oh, oh, oh-oh-ohhh Oh, oh, oh-oh-ohhh

So I could walk right through it My fears are drowned in perfect love You rescued me And I will stand and sing I am a child of God You split the sea So I could walk right through it You drowned my fears in perfect love You rescued me And I will stand and sing I am a child of God Yes. Lam I am a child of God Yes, I am I am a child of God I'm no longer a slave to fear Oh, I am a child of God Oh, I'm no longer a slave to fear (Oh, I am a child of God)

## "If I Got Jesus" - Ben Fuller

You split the sea

I've had a dollar to my name
I've had friends that walked away
And I've even lost myself a time or two
There were bridges crossed and burned
But through all the wreckage I have learned
There is one thing that I can never lose
If I've got Jesus
I've got all that I could ever need
Take the world away from me
And I'll be ok
If I've got Jesus
There's a hope that's living deep inside
A joy that I could never hide
And a safe place to fall

Mmm...
I've seen weakness turn to strength
I've seen failures met with grace
And it's not from what I've done, it's Christ in me
A miracle I can't explain
Oh, He's given me His name
I'm the richest man that I could ever be

If I've got Jesus

I got it all

If I've got Jesus I've got all that I could ever need Take the world away from me And I'll be ok If I've got Jesus There's a hope that's living deep inside A joy that I could never hide And a safe place to fall If I've got Jesus I got it all Oh oh Someday that trumpet's gonna sound And the King of heaven will ride upon the clouds, coming down I'll hit my knees, oh Lord, then sings my soul I'm going home If I've got Jesus I've got all that I could ever need Take the world away from me And I'll be ok If I've got Jesus There's a hope that's living deep inside A joy that I could never hide And a safe place to fall If I've got Jesus I got it all If I've got Jesus I got it all Mmm... Mmm...

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