

# Trust

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RECAP:	<p>So, last week Marc started us off in Hebrews 6:11-20.</p> <p>—He stopped at verse 15 so that is where we will pick up today.</p> <p>— —We looked at how we are to be imitators of those who came before us. We are not to be lazy but work diligently for God.</p> <p>— — —It was pointed out how we need to have a connection to the word of God that reveals our personal surrender.</p> <p>— — — —Then we looked at the covenant; the promise; God made with Abraham.</p> <p>— — — — —We saw in this covenant that God was the one who would complete the covenant because He knew that Abraham could not complete it. Just like God is the one who has completed the covenant with us because we; like Abraham; cannot complete the covenant.</p>
INTRODUCTION:	<p>This week we are going to talk about the unchanging-truthful nature of God.</p> <p>—We will see that He wants us to trust Him and He goes out of His way to get us to trust Him.</p> <p>— —We will also see that we are not spreading enough time thinking about God.</p> <p>— — —We will see that God is so different from us and we need to embrace His differences and enjoy them.</p>
Passage Begins	

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<p><b>Hebrews 6:16–20 (NASB95):</b> 16 For men swear by one greater than themselves, and with them an oath given as confirmation is an end of every dispute.</p> <p>17 In the same way God, desiring even more to show to the heirs of the promise the unchangeableness of His purpose, interposed with an oath,</p> <p>18 so that by two unchangeable things in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have taken refuge would have strong encouragement to take hold of the hope set before us.</p> <p>19 This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, a hope both sure and steadfast and one which enters within the veil,</p> <p>20 where Jesus has entered as a forerunner for us, having become a high priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.</p>	<p>One of the things we need to do before we get into the little things of a passage is look to see if there is a bigger picture that is being presented to us.</p> <p>—Verses 15-18 present something to us about God that we need to know.</p> <p>— — We see redundancy in verses 13-18. Looked at the language we are seeing: Verses 13-15: Promise, Verse 17: Oath (this is a confirmation of a promise), verse 18: God is truth and cannot lie.</p> <p>— — — — God gives His unchangeable promise, He confirms His promise with an unchangeable oath, and all of that is backed by God’s unchangeableness.</p> <p>— — — — — So what is the lesson? What do we learn from God, about God in this overview of these verses?</p> <p>— — — — — — What God has said, will come to pass, because God wants us to trust Him.</p>

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	<p>God is trustable; really the only trustable thing in our world.</p> <p>— <b><u>READ: Matthew 24:35 (NASB95): 35</u></b> “Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will not pass away.</p> <p>— — What God has said will come to pass. God is so different from us which is hard to understand but He is so different from us.</p> <p>— — — <b><u>READ: Numbers 23:19 (NASB95): 19</u></b> “God is not a man, that He should lie, Nor a son of man, that He should repent; Has He said, and will He not do it? Or has He spoken, and will He not make it good?</p> <p>— — — — God is not like man needing repentance, nor does He lie, but also He does not change His mind.</p> <p>— — — — — <b><u>READ: 1 Samuel 15:29 (NASB95): 29</u></b> “Also the Glory of Israel will not lie or change His mind; for He is not a man that He should change His mind.”</p> <p>— — — — — — He declares what will happen and has from before the beginning of time.</p> <p>— — — — — — — <b><u>READ: Isaiah 46:10 (NASB95): 10</u></b> Declaring the end from the beginning, And from ancient times things which have not been done, Saying, ‘My purpose will be established, And I will accomplish all My good pleasure’;</p> <p>— — — — — — — <b><u>READ: Psalm 33:11 (NASB95): 11</u></b> The counsel of the Lord stands forever, The plans of His heart from generation to generation.</p>

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<b>Promise, Oath, and truth (not lying).</b>	<p>Last week Marc told us about the promise made to Abraham but God has made promises to us as well.</p> <p>—God has made so many promises to us it would probably take a year....or two to look at all of them.</p> <p>— — But let’s see what the God of the universe has promised to us and will make happen.</p> <p>— — — <b>READ: John 16:33 (NASB95): 33 “These things I have spoken to you, so that in Me you may have peace. In the world you have tribulation, but take courage; I have overcome the world.”</b></p> <p>— — — — God has promised tribulation but He has also promised He has overcome the world (He is in control).</p> <p>— — — — — <b>READ: 1 Peter 2:21–24 (NASB95): 21 For you have been called for this purpose, since Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example for you to follow in His steps, 22 who committed no sin, nor was any deceit found in His mouth; 23 and while being reviled, He did not revile in return; while suffering, He uttered no threats, but kept entrusting Himself to Him who judges righteously; 24 and He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, so that we might die to sin and live to righteousness; for by His wounds you were healed.</b></p> <p>— — — — — If you are a believer in Christ you are part of the fulfillment of the promise to Abraham.</p> <p>— — — — — — <b>READ: Galatians 3:28–29 (NASB95): 28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free man, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. 29 And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham’s descendants, heirs according to promise.</b></p>

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	<p>Now the idea of an oath seems kind of weird but we see oaths being taken all the time.</p> <p>—When someone is elected to a political office, put into service in the community, and even the church has a type of oath in ordaining.</p> <p>— —The oath that we are most familiar with is the one that happens in court.</p> <p>— — —The person that is testifying has to put their hand on the Bible and swear to tell the truth. They are swearing by one who has a higher status than they have.</p> <p>— — — —This action of swearing by something or someone greater than them is supposed to give credibility to the witnesses testimony.</p> <p>— — — — —So what does God making an oath after a promise mean?</p>
	<p>It means that God is doing something that we would understand (swearing an oath), to show us that He is ready and willing to do all that He has promised.</p> <p>—God wants to show us what His unchangeable purpose is.</p> <p>— —He wants to give us the blessing that He has promised those who went before us, if we would trust Him.</p> <p>— — —Andrew Murray wrote, “He wants us to have such more abundant proof of it, that we may, as we had in Chap. 2:1, take more abundant heed (pay much closer attention to what we have heard), and see that there can be no possibility of a doubt: God will do it.”</p> <p>— — — —As God has promised and then taken an oath surely our doubt has disappeared, right?</p> <p>— — — — —Surely all His promises, work in revealing Himself, and His word is enough for us to trust Him.</p>

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	<p>Murray again said, “Oh, if we would but take time to tarry in the presence of this God, and to listen to Him searing to us that He will be faithful, surely we should fall down in confusion that we ever harbored for a moment the doubt, which thinks it possible that He may be untrue and not keep His word.”</p> <p>—When we act in defiance of God, and question the validity of His promises and oaths is when we enter into sin; and when we enter into sin we refuse to accept the oath that God has given.</p> <p>— —We see God’s word to be un-trustable.</p> <p>— — —In deeming God un-trustable we commit perjury in the only court that really matters; God’s.</p> <p>— — — —This is why we need Jesus in our lives so much; in our mini rebellions, in our perjurious moments, and our doubt; Christ redeems us and make us righteous through it all.</p> <p>— — — — —<b><u>READ: Romans 3:21–26 (NASB95):</u> 21 But now apart from the Law the righteousness of God has been manifested, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, 22 even the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all those who believe; for there is no distinction; 23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, 24 being justified as a gift by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus; 25 whom God displayed publicly as a propitiation in His blood through faith. This was to demonstrate His righteousness, because in the forbearance of God He passed over the sins previously committed; 26 for the demonstration, I say, of His righteousness at the present time, so that He would be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.</b></p> <p>— — — — —Murray wrote, “Shall we not kneel and vow that by His grace we will rather die than again make such a God a liar?”</p>

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	<p>It seems in our time and in the church in America today, that there is a lack commitment and hard work for God; which is a direct reflection of our lack of knowledge of God.</p> <p>— If we truly knew God and His unchanging nature we would trust Him.</p> <p>— — As verse 18 tells us that God can not lie; which means: He will not deviate from the truth.</p> <p>— — — So, with those 2 massive truths about God combined we know that God is unchanging from the truth.</p> <p>— — — — Albert Mohler wrote, “The Faithfulness of God and the certainty of his promises are not theoretical propositions. They are unchangeable realities. Like Abraham, we can stake our live on God’s promises because God is the One who have promised them.”</p>
	<p>Because we can trust God, He has proven that, we can hold on to the hope we have in Him.</p> <p>— We can turn from our old life of self trust and rebellion from God to a complete trust and reliance on Him.</p> <p>— — This is why we can, in the midst of chaos, have hope and be peaceful.</p> <p>— — — This is why we can enjoy an easy and light yoke even with a mountain piled on our shoulders.</p> <p>— — — — Taking hold of this hope should not be half hearted but we should cling to our hope in the truth.</p>

Scripture:	
	<p>So, what is our practical application? What is our take away? How do we apply this to our lives?</p> <p>—Well, first we need to see the bigger picture before we get into the details; especially in God’s word.</p> <p>— —God wants us to trust Him. He goes out of His way to show us that He is trustable; so; TRUST HIM!!!!</p> <p>— — —God is so different from us; we need to stop thinking about God like we think about humanity.</p> <p>— — — —His promises are always true, His oaths are always done and upheld, and He is truth.</p> <p>— — — — —We need to think about often, the perfection of God and the truthfulness of God which should help us in our doubt and in our sin issue.</p>
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