“Choosing to Trust in the Lord”

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Isaiah 26:3-4

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A. “Never be afraid to trust and ________ future to a ________ God.” (Corrie Ten Boom)

B. The words of English poet, ________ ________, in his song “God Moves in a Mysterious Way” are so full of meaning and depth.
   1. I appreciate his candid statements about ________ clouds, ________ providence, and ________ taste.
   2. Yet, he was able to express hope and trust when he said the clouds are full of ________, and that God has a ________ ________.

C. Through lament, songs of sorrow are meant to move us from ________ to ________ in God.

D. The final step of lament is the step of trusting and it is a ________ - a ________.

E. Choosing to trust in the Lord is not a ________ and ________ decision, rather it is a decision we have to make each day of the week, and each ________ of the ________.

F. Psalm ________ is a great example of a lament that clearly moves into ________.

G. The first two steps of ________ and ________ are made up of four “how long” questions in verses 1 and 2.

H. In the next two verses, David brings his ________ to God as he boldly asks for ________.

I. In verses 5 and 6, David takes the last step as he expresses a series of ________-laden statements that are rooted in God’s character and actions.

J. David’s first affirmation of trust: “I have trusted in your ________ ________.”
   1. The Bible contains the record of God’s ________, ________ love.

K. David’s second affirmation of trust: “My heart will ________ in your ________.”
   1. Looking back on God’s history, we see that time and time again God ________ His people.
   2. In Romans 8, the apostle Paul shows the connection between ________ and the ________ of God’s redemptive plan.

L. David’s final affirmation of trust: “I will ________ to the Lord because he has treated me ________.”
   1. Lament helps to ________ the heart so it can ________ about trusting in the Lord.

M. Ultimately, lament leads to trust, but the path is not always ________ or ________, but if we keep turning to God, laying out our complaints, and boldly asking for God’s help, God will bring us to a place of growing ________ in Him.

N. An illustration from ________ ________, the famous tightrope walker.