

Truths to Live By – Part 3

Deuteronomy 4:15-16

Anything I trust or value more than God is an IDOL.

“For your own good...don’t sin by making an idol in any form.” Deuteronomy 4:15-16 (GN)

I. What happens when I trust anything else more than God?

1. I am disappointed.

“...those who make idols are disillusioned...”

Jeremiah 10:14 (GN)

“Of what value is an idol? For he who makes it trusts in his own creation.”

Hebrews 2:18 (NIV)

“The poor, deluded fool is trusting something that can give him no help at all. Yet he cannot bring himself to ask: is this thing, this idol...a lie?”

Isaiah 44:20 (NLT)

2. I am degraded.

“...you were controlled by dead idols, who led you astray.”

1 Corinthians 12:2 (GN)

“Those who make idols end up like them. So does everyone who trusts them.”

Psalms 115:8 (GWT)

II. Why don’t I trust God more?

Because I don’t really know God.

“Those who know the Lord trusts Him...”

Psalms 9:10 (NCV)

III. Why should I trust God completely?

1. Because He is the truth.

“We can completely count on Him, for it is impossible for God to lie.”

Hebrews 6:18 (LB)

“God will continue to be true even when every person is false.”

Romans 3:4 (NCV)

2. Because He loves me.

“We know how much God loves us, so we have put our trust in Him...because God’s perfect love drives out fear.”

1 John 4:16, 18 (NCV)

3. Because He is in control.

“And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love god and are called according to His purposes for them.”

Romans 8:28 (NLT)

4. Because He will help me.

“Trust the Lord with all your heart, and don’t depend on your own understanding. Remember the Lord in all you do, and He will give you success.”

Proverbs 3:5-6 (NCV)

“Jesus says, ‘Don’t be afraid. Just trust Me.’”

Mark 5:36 (NLT)