

THE WORD OF TRUST

The Seven Greatest Words of Love, Part 7: Luke 23:44-47

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*“By this time it was noon, but DARKNESS fell across the whole land until three o'clock. The light from the sun was gone. And suddenly, the thick veil hanging in the Temple was torn apart. Then JESUS SHOUTED, ‘FATHER, I ENTRUST MY SPIRIT INTO YOUR HANDS!’ And with those words He breathed His last breath. When the captain of the Roman soldiers handling the executions saw what had happened, he praised God and said, ‘Surely this man was innocent!’”
Luke 23:44-47 (NLT)*

MEMORY VERSE

*“As a father has compassion on his children,
so the Lord has compassion on those who honor Him...”
Psalm 103:13 (NIV)*

JESUS IS A MODEL OF HOW TO DIE WELL

1. He was at peace that it was His time
2. He wasn't afraid to die
3. He died with no unresolved relationships
4. He wasn't angry or bitter
5. He knew where He was going
6. He trusted God with His future

JESUS GAVE UP HIS LIFE . . .

VOLUNTARILY

John 10:18

CONFIDENTLY

“shouted”

TRUSTING GOD

Psalm 31:5

4 TRUTHS TO REMEMBER IN YOUR DARKEST HOUR

1. MY FATHER IN HEAVEN LOVES ME

“As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who honor Him...” Psalm 103:13 (NIV)

“FATHER, I entrust My spirit into Your hands!”

Luke 23:46 (NLT)

2. MY FATHER IN HEAVEN CAN BE TRUSTED

“Father, I ENTRUST My spirit into Your hands!”

Luke 23:46 (NLT)

“For the word of the Lord holds true, and everything He does is worthy of our trust.”

Psalm 33:4 (NLT)

3. MY FATHER IS TAKING CARE OF THINGS I CAN'T SEE

“Father, I entrust MY SPIRIT into Your hands!”

Luke 23:46(NLT)

“When He is at work in the north, I do not see Him; when He turns to the south, I catch no glimpse of Him. But He knows the way that I take; and when He has tested me, I will come forth as gold.”

Job 23:9-10 (NIV)

“Our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.”

2 Corinthians 4:17-18 (NIV)

4. MY FATHER CAN HANDLE ANYTHING I PUT IN HIS HANDS

“Father, I entrust My spirit INTO YOUR HANDS!”

Luke 23:46 (NLT)

GOD'S HANDS ARE . . .

• BIG ENOUGH TO BLESS ME

“You both precede and follow me. You place Your hand of blessing on my head.”

Psalm 139:5 (NLT)

• STRONG ENOUGH TO KEEP ME ETERNALLY SECURE

“I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish... My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of My Father's hand.”

John 10:28-29 (NIV)

GOD'S HANDS ARE . . .

- **SCARRED SO THAT HE CANNOT FORGET ME**

“Can a mother forget the baby at her breast and have no compassion on the child she has borne? Though she may forget, I will not forget you! I have engraved you on the palms of My hands!” Isaiah 49:15-16 (NIV)

“I think you ought to know, dear brothers, about the hard time we went through in Asia. We were really crushed and overwhelmed, and feared we would never live through it. We felt we were doomed to die and saw how powerless we were to help ourselves; but that was good, for then WE PUT EVERYTHING INTO THE HANDS OF GOD, who alone could save us, for He can even raise the dead.”
2 Corinthians 1:8-9 (LB)

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

Father, Thank You for loving me unconditionally and showing me great compassion! Thank You that You can always be trusted and everything You do is worthy of our trust. Thank You for taking care of the seen and unseen things in my life, even those things that I am not aware of right now but are waiting for Your help just around the corner. Thank You for reminding me that You can handle anything I entrust into Your hands.

Father, You say in Your Word that You are Abba, which means Daddy. As my loving Abba, Daddy, You promise to catch me when I need to jump into Your arms of safety and out of harms way. Even when I don't understand it all, You promise You know all, so in simple humility I entrust my life into Your hands. That includes ALL of my life . . . everything. Thank You for receiving me. In Jesus' name I pray, Amen.