



Uncertainty ... Not New

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The Christian and Uncertainty ... Mark 14:17-42

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When evening came ... vs. 17

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Let's Be Reminded ...

I. Uncertainty in life is _____

II. God has seen _____ before us through their uncertainty ... and _____ see us through.

III. Uncertainty is an invitation to transfer our trust from the _____ that are uncertain to our Father who is _____.

IV. Will you _____ ?

Truth for Life

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(Questions and Scriptures for further study)

1. Think back through your life, what has been the greatest struggles you have ever faced? Provided it is previous to the current crisis, how did God see you through the difficulty? What did you learn about yourself? About God?
2. Powerful emotions tend to be a part of our life. When you think through your own life, is there an emotion that you struggle with the most? (anxiety, fear, anger, stress, or another) How have you seen this emotion get the best of you? Have you found any resource to help you deal with your own emotions?
3. There's no question that at times it can seem like our "faith" isn't working. Fortunately for us, God remains the same. Remembering who he is, how he works and what he's done is all part of keeping perspective in life's ever-changing expectations. What hope, promise and/or directive to live by do the following verses give us as we deal with life's circumstances while following Jesus?

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Psalm 147:11	1 Corinthians 1:11-13	2 Corinthians 4:16-18
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4. The Psalms are a great resource for us in times of uncertainty and difficulty. Read Psalm 42 and 42 and hear the heart's cry of the Psalmist in his difficulty.

How does the Psalmist describe his difficulty?

Can you find any source of strength that the Psalmist was leaning in to?

Consider this ... is it wrong to struggle? Even for a season? What about if you were never able to get through your struggle?
5. God is Certain, even though our circumstances may be uncertain ... He is Sovereign ... even over our current crisis. Have you come to trust Him? If your anxiety was a measuring stick of your ability to trust Him, how are you doing? Consider the verses below and consider what steps you need to take to trust Him more fully.

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