



Boundless #3
Trusting God when life is out of control
1 Chronicles 29:10-13

"Everything in the heavens and earth is yours, O Lord, and this is your kingdom. We adore you as being in control of everything." 1 Chronicles 29:11 LB

"I am the one who made the earth and created people to live on it. With my hands I stretched out the heavens. All the millions of stars are at my command." Isaiah 45:12 NLT

"I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like me. I make known the end from the beginning, from ancient times, what is still to come. I say: My purpose will stand, and I will do all that I please." Isaiah 46:9-10 NIV

"You (God) have decided the length of our lives. You know how many months we will live, and we are not given a minute longer." Job 14:5 NLT

1. Because God is in control, my _____ have a limit.

"Many are the plans in a man's heart, but it is the Lord's purpose that prevails." Proverbs 19:21 NIV

"We may make our plans, but God has the last word." Proverbs 16:1 GN

"Now listen, you who say 'Today or tomorrow we will go to this or that city, spend a year there, carry on business, and make money. Why, you don't even know what will happen tomorrow! ... Instead, you ought to say, 'IF it is the Lord's will, we will live and do this or that...'" James 4:13-15 NIV

"We should make plans -- counting on God to direct us." Proverbs 16:9 LB

2. Because God is in control, my _____ have a purpose.

"At present, you may be temporarily harassed by all kinds of trials. This is no accident -- it happens to prove your faith, which is infinitely more valuable than gold."

1 Peter 1:6-7 JBP

"The Lord gave me everything I had, and they were His to take away. Blessed be the name of the Lord." Job 1:21 LB

"This is the reason we never lose heart... These troubles (which are temporary) are winning for us a permanent, glorious, and solid reward out of proportion to our pain."

2 Corinthians 4:16-17 JBP

"So we don't look at the troubles we can see right now; rather, we look forward to what we have not yet seen. For the troubles we see will soon be over, but the joys to come will last forever." 2 Corinthians 4:18 NLT

3. Because God is in control, my _____ have an impact.

"(God)... is able to do far more than we would ever dare to ask or even dream of -- infinitely beyond our highest prayers, desires, thoughts, or hopes." Ephesians 3:20 LB

"And we can be confident that he will listen to us whenever we ask him for anything in line with his will. And if we know he is listening when we make our requests, we can be sure that he will give us what we ask for." 1 John 5:14-15 NLT

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SMALL GROUP SERMON DISCUSSION

Each week we will produce the Talk It Over sermon discussion questions, as we would do normally. But as these aren't normal times, we encourage you to use the Talk It Over sermon discussion questions in a different way. Here are some suggestions:

- Immediately after the online experience has ended, grab a cuppa and then sit and discuss the questions with your husband/wife/family. If you are on your own, arrange to ring another person and chat through the questions over the phone or Skype etc.
- If you are able, meet virtually as a small group through the various free online conference resources such as Microsoft teams, Skype, Zoom etc.
- Personally, take some time through the week to quietly reflect and go through the questions on your own and apply the message to your life.

Discussion Questions:

1. How do we get the balance between Proverbs 19:21 and Proverbs 16:1?
2. How should we apply Proverbs 16:9 when it comes to making plans in life?
3. How is trusting God with your life one of the signs you are becoming spiritually mature?
4. How should we pray in light of Proverbs 16:9?

5. According to 1 Peter 1:6-7, the things that happen in life are not an accident. In light of that how does that make you feel?
6. What are some ways that we can look past our pain and see God's purpose?
7. When someone we know is going through a problem, it is important that we offer emotional support. What are some of the things we should and shouldn't say to someone going through a problem? What is the central truth we need to gently remind them of during a problem?
8. How should we pray and approach prayer in light of Ephesians 3:20?
9. What are some of the things we can do that will ensure that prayer is our first response?
10. Look at 1 John 5:14. How can we understand this verse in the right way and how can this verse be used in the wrong way?