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SURE STEPS IN UNCERTAIN TIMES

"WHAT GOD IS UP TO FOR SURE"

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JAMES 1:3-4; MATTHEW 9:29; HEBREWS 11:6; ROMANS 14:23 (NASB)

TRUTHS IN THESE UNCERTAIN TIMES:

1. Be careful about your news sources.
2. Remember not everyone is at equal risk.
3. This will pass!
4. Focus on what's unchanging.
5. God will go with us through these days of uncertainty.

I. REMEMBER GOD IS ALWAYS TRUSTWORTHY.

REALITY: You can trust a person only to the degree you know them.

TRUTH: The more you know God, the easier it is to trust Him in the dark places of life.

Three requirements for trust:

1. They tell you the truth.
2. They must be fair.
3. They must be reliable (Psalm 33:4).

Three things God can't do:

1. God cannot do wrong.
2. God cannot lie.
3. God cannot break a promise (Joshua 21:45).

INSIGHT: I don't know if I follow God by faith till I don't have any feelings of blessing, favor, or His presence.

TRUTH: Faith is at the core of any walk and relationship with God (Matthew 9:29; Hebrews 11:6).

HOW DOES GOD BUILD FAITH?

II. GOD BUILDS OUR FAITH THROUGH DIFFICULTIES (1 Peter 1:6-7).

INSIGHT: For the child of God, COVID-19 is here to test and prove our faith (Romans 8:28; Jonah 2:7).

III. GOD BUILDS OUR FAITH WITH DOLLARS (Luke 16:11).

INSIGHT: Most people have no idea that God tests every one of His kids with money problems and challenges.

TRUTH: God will not anoint and bless a man like He would bless him if God cannot trust that man to do what God wants to do through him with money.

INSIGHT: What you do with your money determines how much God can bless your life (2 Corinthians 8:7-8 LB).

TRUTH: Tithing and giving prove our love for Christ. We tithe to obey, we tithe and give because we love, and we tithe to open the door of blessing to our daily lives.

IV. GOD BUILDS OUR FAITH WITH DELAYS.

TRUTH: God grows our faith during forced times of waiting (Deuteronomy 8:2; Isaiah 64:4).