

**TELECAST SERMON FOR
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“TRUSTING JESUS CHRIST, WHEN LIFE DOESN'T MAKE SENSE”
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Thank you, Jose!

What a privilege and honor it is to share God's Word, and the wonderful Gospel of the Kingdom of God, with those who need the Lord Jesus Christ because they are ill, or because someone in their family has gone home to be with Him.

To many, life just doesn't make sense. However, trusting Jesus Christ through prayer, and committing all into His Hands will cause the power of God to heal both body and soul. Jesus Christ is our Divine Comforter in times of illness, sorrow, and tribulation. With that said, let us begin today's sermon entitled, "Trusting Jesus Christ, When Life Doesn't Make Sense."

A lovely child came one day, and asked this question, "Why did my father have to die? It doesn't make sense." On another occasion the doctor walked from the Intensive Care Unit and said to the mother of a 15 year old girl, "I'm very sorry, we did all we could, but it seems it wasn't enough...It just doesn't make any sense."

A recent newspaper headline flashed around the world saying, "Missionaries Raped, Tortured and Slain by the Natives." Immediately questions entered the minds of people, "Why and how can this be? Would the Lord Jesus Christ permit such a thing to happen? It just doesn't make sense."

Sufferings, and sorrow, have all become a part of life, and there are many problems plaguing our society today. The frustrations are quite intense as shown by the fact that no one really seems to have any answers that make sense.

Today we witness over the media of television, the homes that have been devastated and destroyed by earthquakes, tsunamis, and catastrophic flooding due to current disasters. Children are being set aside by family dissension, and divorce. Suicide, especially among young people, has come to epidemic proportions.

Not surprising why people today are saying, it doesn't make sense. However, trusting Jesus Christ as true born again believers, in this upside down world, will make sense to what others feel, makes no sense at all...That's the dilemma facing every man, woman, and child today.

The question then becomes, "How can we cope with things in our lives that just don't make sense?" The best remedy for this predicament is to trust in the Lord Jesus Christ, and the Word of God, to find a solution when life doesn't make sense.

We must recognize life's frustrations, and leave them in the hands of the Lord Jesus Christ. There are many things in this life that the Lord Jesus Christ will help us to understand, when others feel lost, and just cannot understand it right now, because at present life just doesn't make sense.

I Corinthians 1:25 explains it this way, "Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men; and the weakness of God is stronger than men." Trying to deal with frustration is like trying to eat flour alone, or eating a meal of milk and salt. Separately, they taste bad, and do not amount to anything.

But when all ingredients are mixed together in the right proportions and baked, they make a wonderful blessing of delicious biscuits. The Lord Jesus Christ has a way of putting such things like biscuits, into a recipe for life, and when they come out of the oven, they meet the taste test, and satisfy our taste buds.

Romans 8:28 explains the process, "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are called according to his purpose." We must not be like the Ostrich, and bury our heads in the sand. Instead, we must call upon the name of Jesus Christ, and plead for the Blood of Jesus Christ to help us meet each challenge head-on, that we encounter in this present life.

II Corinthians 4:8-10 offers this encouragement, "We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; Persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed;

Always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body." The Apostle Paul instructs mankind that frustration can be overcome by prayer, for it is prayer that moves the mighty hand of God that moves the world.

Philippians 4:6-7 also relates this caution, "Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your request be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."

Keeping this Spiritual encouragement in mind will enable us to deal with every frustration by putting Jesus Christ first in our daily lives. It is also best, though we do not always understand everything, to trust in the Lord Jesus Christ, because He has a perfect understanding of everything.

Let us examine Martha's frustration over the death of her brother Lazarus. She is a typical example of the person who does not understand, but yet believes in the Lord Jesus Christ knowing He has all the answers.

John 11:21-24 explains, "Then said Martha unto Jesus, Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died. But I know, that even now, whatsoever thou wilt ask of God, God will give it thee. Jesus saith unto her, Thy brother shall rise again. Martha saith unto him, I know that he shall rise again in the resurrection at the last day."

Martha realized her limitations, and therefore, petitioned Jesus Christ for a specific answer. Just because things don't make sense to us, does not mean, that it does not make sense at all.

Another example is the Apostle Peter who had fished all night, and caught nothing. It made no sense to him, but at the instruction of Jesus Christ, he threw his net on the right side of the ship and experienced the miracle of netting a great multitude of fish as described in Luke 5:4-6, "Now when he had left speaking, he said unto Simon, Launch out into the deep, and let down your nets for a draught."

And Simon answering said unto him, Master, we have toiled all the night, and have taken nothing: nevertheless at thy word I will let down the net. And when they had this done, they enclosed a great multitude of fishes: and their net brake.”

There's no doubt that the understanding of the natural man is very limited, and we only know in part; But when Jesus Christ Who is Perfect is come, He will make us understand it all, through His loving guidance. Sometimes Jesus Christ will allow certain things to defy our own understanding to remind us that, His ways are not our ways, and His ways are best.

Once again, the example of Lazarus teaches us that it made no sense for Jesus Christ to know Lazarus was sick, and yet let him die. It just didn't add up at all in the eyes of His disciples. However, because it did not make sense to them, does not mean that it does not make any sense at all.

Let us read on in John 11:39-44, “Jesus said, Take ye away the stone. Martha, the sister of him that was dead, saith unto him, Lord, by this time he stinketh: for he hath been dead four days. Jesus saith unto her, Said I not unto thee, that, if thou wouldest believe, thou shouldest see the glory of God?

Then they took away the stone from the place where the dead was laid. And Jesus lifted up his eyes, and said, Father, I thank thee that thou hast heard me. And I knew that thou hearest me always: but because of the people which stand by I said it, that they may believe that thou has sent me.

And when he thus had spoken, he cried with a loud voice, Lazarus, come forth. And he that was dead came forth, bound hand and foot with grave-clothes: and his face was bound about with a napkin. Jesus saith unto them, Loose him, and let him go.” Jesus Christ called Lazarus by his name, and he arose from the dead, and came forth.

I Peter 1:24-25 teaches us, “For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass: The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away. But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you.”

When things make no sense to our human reasoning, we must turn to the Lord Jesus Christ and consult God's Word to obtain His Spiritual reasoning, and the correct sense of things.

In Mark 16:15-18, Jesus Christ commissioned His disciples to evangelize the world, and gave them specific instructions on what to do, what to say, and where to go, “Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.

And these signs shall follow them that believe: In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; they shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; They shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.”

Today, it is of the utmost importance for every man, woman, and child to come to Jesus Christ in full repentance. True repentance is defined as professing Godly sorrow for our sins.

Repentance is the initial step towards full salvation in Christ Jesus. The next step is to be baptized by immersion in water in the name of Jesus Christ, and filled with God's Holy Spirit which is to speak in an unknown tongue or language according to God's Word..

Nicodemus, being a Pharisee and very learned religious leader of that time, was commanded by Jesus Christ to be born again, or baptized by immersion in water in the name Jesus Christ. John 3:5 provides detailed instructions Nicodemus received from Jesus Christ, "Verily, verily I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the Kingdom of God." And in the 7th verse it reads, "Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again."

If you have not been baptized according to John 3:5, the Lord's Way, you must be re-baptized. Some may say, we did not realize there was such a thing as, "the Lord's Way," in water baptism for the salvation of one's soul. That is why we preach the Gospel of the Kingdom of God on every telecast presentation, to apprise every one of the importance for the salvation of their soul.

Acts 2:38 lists the process that every man, woman, and child must follow for the salvation, and Spiritual healing of their soul, "Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost."

This significant scripture presents the entire cycle for the salvation of one's soul which includes repentance, water baptism, the remission of sins, and the gift of God's Holy Ghost.

Acts 4:12 confirms the correct baptism to be administered in the name of Jesus Christ, "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved."

Paul provides this edification for using the name Jesus Christ in water baptism in Philippians 2:9-11, "Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."

King David shares this exhortation in Psalm 73:1-4, "Truly God is good to Israel, even to such as are of a clean heart. But as for me, my feet were almost gone; my steps had well nigh slipped. For I was envious at the foolish, when I saw the prosperity of the wicked. For there are no bands in their death: but their strength is firm."

The wicked are proud and fearless in their defiance of God; and criminals often face eternity with a reckless indifference, and pay little or no attention to eternal life, and eternal damnation to come to those who are not saved.

Job shares his experiences with us in Job 42:1-6, "Then Job answered the Lord, and said, I know that thou canst do every thing, and that no thought can be withholden from thee. Who is he that hideth counsel without knowledge? therefore have I uttered that I understood not; things too wonderful for me, which I knew not.

Hear, I beseech thee, and I will speak: I will demand of thee, and declare thou unto me. I have heard of thee by the hearing of the ear: but now mine eye seeth thee. Wherefore I abhor myself, and repent in dust and ashes."

Many often ask the question, "Why do the righteous suffer?" This may serve to answer their question...Suffering is correct; it purifies the righteous. Job was godly and possessed a wonderful faith, which his afflictions could not shake.

But he was not humble enough and was inclined to be self-righteous. When brought into the presence of God, He realized his sinfulness and judged himself and this opened the doors to restored happiness, and greater fruitfulness.

Every true born again believer may also have a similar problem, which can be solved in the same manner. The highest lesson we can ever learn is to trust the Lord Jesus Christ no matter what the circumstances may be.

If everything made sense to our human understanding, we would not need any faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. However, when these senseless times come, people may react in several different ways. 1) They may grow bitter, murmur and complain about the Lord; or 2) They can reach out to the Lord Jesus Christ in faith, and let Him work things out for their own good.

Joseph, in the Old Testament, did this in Genesis 45:1, 5, and 7 "Then Joseph could not refrain himself before all them that stood by him; and he cried, Cause every man to go out from me. And there stood no man with him, while Joseph made himself known unto his brethren."

Now therefore be not grieved, nor angry with yourselves, that ye sold me hither; for God did send me before you to preserve life. And God sent me before you to preserve you a posterity in the earth, and save your lives by a great deliverance."

Joseph's revelation helped him to understand that his experience which was intended for his harm was turned around by the Lord Jesus Christ, and ultimately used for good to his family and others.

In John 2:9-10, Jesus Christ performed His first of many miracles in turning water into wine, "When the ruler of the feast had tasted the water that was made wine, and knew not whence it was: (but the servants which drew the water knew;) the governor of the feast called the bridegroom, And saith unto him, Every man at the beginning doth set forth good wine; and when men have well drunk, then that which is worse: but thou has kept the good wine until now."

It would not have made sense to the servants at Cana to fill the pots with water when wine was what they needed. Nor could they understand why they should take the water, and carry it to the guests. But they were obedient, and thus witnessed the wonderful miracle when Jesus Christ turned the water into wine.

The Apostle Paul gives us his powerful testimony in II Timothy 1:12, "For the which cause I also suffer these things: nevertheless I am not ashamed: for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day."

When things do not make sense, Paul made reference in Hebrews 5:12-14 to teach us accordingly, "For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat.

For every one that useth milk is unskillful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe. But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.”

The Lord Jesus Christ has created every man, woman, and child with five unique human senses...1) Sight - which is the eye-gate; 2) Smell - which represent the nose-gate; 3) Hearing - which signifies the ear-gate; 4) Taste - which fulfills the mouth-gate; and finally 5) Touch - which is the feel-gate.

The Lord Jesus Christ Jesus instructs all mankind in Matthew 13:14-17, “And in them is fulfilled the prophecy of Esaias, which saith, By hearing ye shall hear, and shall not understand; and seeing ye shall see, and shall not perceive:

For this people’s heart is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes they have closed; lest at any time they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and should understand with their heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them. But blessed are your eyes, for they see: and your ears for they hear.

For verily I say unto you, That many prophets and righteous men have desired to see those things which ye see, and have not seen them; and to hear those things which ye hear, and have not heard them.”

The Apostle Paul reminds all mankind in Romans 8:18, “For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.” Whatever we may go through in this life is less than nothing when compared with the awesome future the Lord Jesus Christ has planned for us.

The life we now live is only for a moment, and then the real living begins which will be out of this world. And we will see Jesus Christ as He is, and when we see Him, we will be like Him. Titus 2:13, provides this Spiritual encouragement, “Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God, and our Savior Jesus Christ.”

This life may be filled at times with things that just don't make sense. However, let us always remember to trust Jesus Christ Who is the Author, and Finisher of our faith Who will soon return to call us home to victory saying, “Come up Hither, Come up Hither, Come up Hither.”

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Until our next telecast, this is your host, Head Pastor William Han, Jr. expressing my sincerest appreciation to each of you, who have allowed us to come into your homes. May the good Lord bless and keep you all in the hollow of His hands.

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