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Big Idea

Trust is when our ways match our words.

Definition of Trust: Firm belief in the reliability of truth, ability, or strength of someone or something.

Biblical Trust: A bold, confident, sure security or action based on that security.

Psalm 119:113-120 (NLT)

113 I hate those with divided loyalties, but I love your instructions.

114 You are my refuge and my shield; your word is my source of hope.

¹¹⁵ Get out of my life, you evil-minded people, for I intend to obey the commands of my God.

¹¹⁶Lord, sustain me as you promised, that I may live!

Do not let my hope be crushed.

¹¹⁷ Sustain me, and I will be rescued; then I will meditate continually on your decrees.

 $^{\rm 118}\,{\rm But}$ you have rejected all who stray from your decrees.

They are only fooling themselves.

¹¹⁹ You skim off the wicked of the earth like scum; no wonder I love to obey your laws!

¹²⁰ I tremble in fear of you;

I stand in awe of your regulations.

- Love is the context.
- Commitment is the promise.
- *Trust* is the anchor.

1 Samuel 18:1-5 (NLT)

¹ After David had finished talking with Saul, he met Jonathan, the king's son. There was an immediate bond between them, for Jonathan loved David.

² From that day on Saul kept David with him and wouldn't let him return home.

- ³ And Jonathan made a solemn pact with David because he loved him as he loved himself.
- ⁴ Jonathan sealed the pact by taking off his robe and giving it to David, together with his tunic, sword, bow, and belt.
- ⁵ Whatever Saul asked David to do, David did it successfully. So Saul made him a commander over the men of war, an appointment that was welcomed by the people and Saul's officers alike.

Trust is always *challenged* when it *costs* us something.

1 Samuel 19:1-7 (NLT)

- ¹ Saul now urged his servants and his son Jonathan to assassinate David. But Jonathan, because of his strong affection for David,
- ² told him what his father was planning. "Tomorrow morning," he warned him, "you must find a hiding place out in the fields.
- ³ I'll ask my father to go out there with me, and I'll talk to him about you. Then I'll tell you everything I can find out."
- ⁴ The next morning Jonathan spoke with his father about David, saying many good things about him. "The king must not sin against his servant David," Jonathan said. "He's never done anything to harm you. He has always helped you in any way he could.
- ⁵ Have you forgotten about the time he risked his life to kill the Philistine giant and how the Lord brought a great victory to all Israel as a result? You were certainly happy about it then. Why should you murder an innocent man like David? There is no reason for it at all!"
- ⁶ So Saul listened to Jonathan and vowed, "As surely as the Lord lives, David will not be killed."
- ⁷ Afterward Jonathan called David and told him what had happened. Then he brought David to Saul, and David served in the court as before.

What are we supposed to do with broken trust?

Trust requires:

- 1. Sacrifice
- 2. Boundaries
- 3. Consistency
- 4. Faith

Psalm 119:137-144 (NLT)

¹³⁷ O Lord, you are righteous, and your regulations are fair.

138 Your laws are perfect and completely trustworthy.

¹³⁹I am overwhelmed with indignation, for my enemies have disregarded your words.

- ¹⁴⁰ Your promises have been thoroughly tested; that is why I love them so much.
- ¹⁴¹ Though I am lowly and despised, I do not forget your precepts.
- ¹⁴² Your righteousness is everlasting and your law is true.
- ¹⁴³ Trouble and distress have come upon me, but your commands give me delight.
- ¹⁴⁴ Your statutes are always righteous; give me understanding that I may live.

John 3:16 (NLT)

¹⁶ For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.