



## Message Study Guide

### Introduction

Today, we begin a new message series called Why? - Trusting God When Life Doesn't Make Sense. The three messages will focus on Why Me? Why Now? and Why This?

Why? This question, more than any other, plagues Christians and makes sleepless nights seem like an eternity. When God doesn't respond immediately to our emergency, when He doesn't answer our prayers instantaneously, when we are not delivered from our adversaries, we naturally wonder why. When we need a miracle and one doesn't come, we ask why?

As Christians, we know God's Word is true. And we know that God never fails, but sometimes life simply doesn't make sense and life cannot be explained. Sometimes, we even find ourselves asking, what happened? Did I fail to have enough faith, or did God fail me in my time of need? Naturally, we want everything in life to make sense to us. We want logical answers to our questions. Would things be better if we knew why? Probably not. When it comes down to it, "why" questions are really not the best kind of questions to ask because it doesn't solve anything. The wiser question may be "How?" "How" can I trust God more so I can ask "Why" less? When we can't answer the "Why's" of life, we can still answer the "Who" of life. As Charles Spurgeon said, "When you can't trace God's hand, trust His heart."

In today's message, Pastor Ron McCurry will examine the importance of trusting God because God always does right, even when it doesn't seem like it is right in part one of this series called, Why Me?

### Discussion Points

The doctrine of the Sovereignty of God is one of the most important, most profound, and one of the hardest doctrines in the Bible to practice on a daily basis. One of my favorite things to say about Romans 8:28 is that it is easy to read, easy to preach, but hard to practice. When life doesn't make sense, we must believe that God is working everything in our lives after the counsel of His own will.

### Discussion Questions

1. As Christians, why do you think it is so difficult to believe and trust God implicitly when circumstances of life bear down on us so hard?
2. When we say that God is sovereign, we are saying that God is in everything that touches our lives. Nothing can touch us without God's permission. Why do so many Christians reject that truth as if it is an unbiblical doctrine?
3. The key to getting through the "why's" of life is to have a firm grasp on the truth of "trusting" as it is explained in the Bible. Make a list of the ten greatest verses of Scripture in the Bible that talk about trusting God.
4. How difficult is it to view life through the eyes of faith and trust rather than through sense. Why is this true?

### Think About It

The beginning of trust is understanding that God is God, and that He is in total, absolute control of all of His affairs on earth including us. God is more concerned about us than we are about ourselves. Everything that happens in our lives is according to His great plan and purpose, even when we don't understand it.

### Do Something About It!

Believe it or not, there is something we can do when life doesn't make sense. We can ask "How" rather than "Why". We can trust God when we can't trust anything else.

### Be Willing To Change

"For verily I say unto you, that whosoever shall say unto this mountain, be thou removed and be cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith." (Mark 11:23)