

Sermon Teaching Notes for Easter, April 16, 2017  
**THE WORD OF TRUST – LUKE 23:44-47**

**SERIES: JESUS' SEVEN WORDS OF LOVE – SERIES FINALE'**

<sup>54</sup> So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: "Death is swallowed up in victory."<sup>55</sup> "O Death, where is your sting? O Hades, where is your victory?"<sup>56</sup> The sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law.

<sup>57</sup> But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>58</sup> Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.  
*1 Corinthians 15:54-58 (NKJV)*

**JESUS IS A MODEL OF HOW TO DIE WELL**

1. He was at peace that it was His time
2. He wasn't afraid to die
3. He died with no unresolved relationships
4. He wasn't angry or bitter
5. He knew where He was going
6. He trusted God the Father with His future

➤ **JESUS GAVE UP HIS LIFE ...**

John 10:18

Luke 23:46

Psalm 31:5; Lk. 23:46

**EASTER'S MESSAGE FOR YOUR DARKEST HOUR**

**1. I HAVE A FATHER IN HEAVEN \_\_\_\_\_**

<sup>13</sup> As a father is kind to his children, so the LORD is kind to those who honor him. *Psalm 103:13 (TEV)*

<sup>46</sup> And when Jesus had cried out with a loud voice, He said, "Father, 'into Your hands I commit My spirit.'"  
"Having said this, He breathed His last. *Luke 23:46 (NKJV)*

**2. MY HEAVENLY FATHER CAN \_\_\_\_\_**

<sup>46</sup> Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Father, into your hands I entrust my spirit." After he said this, he died. *Luke 23:46 (GW)*

<sup>4</sup> For the word of the LORD holds true, and we can trust everything he does. *Psalm 33:4 (NLT)*

- What about babies and the mentally incapacitated who die?

<sup>6</sup> The LORD preserves the simple;. *Psalm 116:6a (NKJV)*

- What about believers who commit suicide?

<sup>13</sup> If we are faithless [do not believe and are untrue to Him], He remains true (faithful to His Word and His righteous character), for He cannot deny Himself. *2 Timothy 2:13 (AMP)*

**3. MY HEAVENLY FATHER IS TAKING \_\_\_\_\_ OF \_\_\_\_\_  
I CANNOT \_\_\_\_\_**

<sup>46</sup> And Jesus, crying out with a loud voice, said, "Father, INTO YOUR HANDS I COMMIT MY SPIRIT." Having said this, He breathed His last. *Luke 23:46 (NASB)*

<sup>9</sup> When he is at work in the north, I do not see him; when he turns to the south, I catch no glimpse of him. <sup>10</sup> But he knows the way that I take; when he has tested me, I will come forth as gold.

*Job 23:9-10 (NIV)*

<sup>17</sup> For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. <sup>18</sup> So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal. *2 Corinthians 4:17-18 (NIV)*

**4. MY HEAVENLY FATHER CAN \_\_\_\_\_ ANYTHING I  
ENTRUST \_\_\_\_\_ !**

<sup>46</sup> Then Jesus shouted, "Father, I entrust my spirit into your hands!". *Luke 23:46a (NLT)*

**GOD'S HANDS ARE ...**

 **BIG ENOUGH TO \_\_\_\_\_**

<sup>5</sup> You are all around me on every side; you protect me with your power. *Psalm 139:5 (TEV)*

 **STRONG ENOUGH TO \_\_\_\_\_**

<sup>28</sup> I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of my hand. <sup>29</sup> My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand.

<sup>30</sup> I and the Father are one."  
*John 10:28-30 (NIV)*

 **(JESUS)': \_\_\_\_\_, SO HE WON'T \_\_\_\_\_ ME**

<sup>15</sup> "Can a mother forget the baby at her breast and have no compassion on the child she has borne? Though she may forget, I will not forget you! <sup>16</sup> See, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands; your walls are ever before me. *Isaiah 49:15-16 (NIV)*

<sup>8</sup> We want to remind you, friends, of the trouble we had in the province of Asia. The burdens laid upon us were so great and so heavy that we gave up all hope of staying alive. <sup>9</sup> We felt that the death sentence had been passed on us. But this happened so that we should rely, not on ourselves, but only on God, who raises the dead. <sup>10</sup> From such terrible dangers of death he saved us, and will save us; and we have placed our hope in him that he will save us again. *2 Corinthians 1:8-10 (TEV)*

<sup>19</sup> If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are to be pitied more than all men. <sup>20</sup> But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

*1 Corinthians 15:19-20 (NIV)*