TRUST

- Think of the child growing up in a home with a parent who is an addict or abusive
- Think of the young girl taken advantage of by her boyfriend
- Think of the young man whose bride leaves him for another
- Think of the couple who loses their life savings by loaning it to a family friend
- Think of the congregation that discovers one of its leaders is teaching error or living in sin

Are We To Trust Everyone Equally?

- Would you let a total stranger babysit your kids?
- Would you buy a portable TV from a man on the street who was out of breath?
- Is it easier to loan a person $1 or the total balance of your bank account?
- This would be a very naive trust!

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- Trust is not an "all or nothing" proposition
- Some people are not to be trusted - Proverbs 20:6; 2 Timothy 4:14-15; Matthew 10:17; Philippians 3:1-2; Jeremiah 9:1-6
- Some are to be proven first - Matthew 25:14-30; 1 Timothy 3:10

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- We should examine things from all angles and then assign the appropriate level of trust - Ephesians 5:15; 2 Thessalonians 5:21; Acts 9:26-28; Luke 16:10-12
- Wisdom and trust go hand in hand!
- THIS IS NOT UNLOVING! 1 Corinthians 13:4-8; John 2:23-25

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- Usually show up on time.
- When they say something will happen, it usually does.
- Rarely lie and don't expect you to lie for them.
- Are rarely hypocritical.
- Usually give real apologies.
- Their behaviors match their actions.

Does Forgiving Mean All Trust Is Restored?

- Forgiveness is given, trust is earned.
- Forgiving does not mean denying reality.
- It is appropriate to hold others accountable for their actions - Proverbs 22:3
- Changing the relationship does not mean there has been no forgiveness.

How Can Trust Be Restored?

- Trust can be restored
  - Acts 15:36-39
  - Proverbs 25:19; 24:16
  - 2 Timothy 4:11
- Jesus accepted Peter back!

How Can Trust Be Restored?

- Too many expect trust as a right
- It's also unreasonable to assume everyone is out to get you either
- BOTH parties must be committed to rebuilding the trust that was lost
- Risk is involved - Philemon

Do You Trust
The One Who
Will Never Fail
You?