



SERMON NOTES

September 15, 2024

Speaker: Dr. Brian Bennett

“First Things First”

First things first: “Trust Fund”

God’s trust fund for our lives _____ as we put Him first in _____.
[Proverbs 3:5-12]

- A good trust fund includes the _____ of the Lord, our _____, healthy discipline, and the _____ of the Lord.

What does God’s “trust fund” look like in action?

- Grace based giving that is _____ and starts with the _____.
[2 Corinthians 8:1-9]
- A Christ-centered perspective that owns our _____, _____, and _____ issues. [2 Corinthians 8:10-15]
- A _____ approach that ensures the “carrier” is _____ of our investment. [2 Corinthians 8:16-24]
- Overcoming our “trust fund” issues: [2 Corinthians 9:6-11]
 - Trust that we _____ according to seasons.
 - Trust that God loves a _____.
 - Trust that God’s grace will always _____ and meet _____.
 - Trust God’s provision and let it _____.

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Prioritizing God in Identity, Money, & Mission

Next Step Questions:

- Will you step out in faith and take the 90-day giving challenge?
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- Will you make Jesus first today and grow your trust fund with God?

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Pathway Group Discussion Questions:

Note: 1, 4-5 are general questions asked at Pathway weekly.

1. How is God at work in and around your life?
2. Read Proverbs 3:5-12 as a group. Pastor Brian made this statement, “God’s trust fund for our lives grows as we put Him first in all of life”. How do these verses illustrate this? How have you experienced this in your own life?
3. Pastor Brian shared what God’s “trust fund” looks like in action. Please review the points below and discuss them openly and honest as a group:

What does God’s “trust fund” look like in action?

- Grace based giving that is contagious and starts with the cross. [2 Corinthians 8:1-9]
 - A Christ-centered perspective that owns our focus, follow through, and entitlement issues. [2 Corinthians 8:10-15]
 - A stewardship approach that ensures the “carrier” is trustworthy of our investment. [2 Corinthians 8:16-24]
 - Overcoming our “trust fund” issues: [2 Corinthians 9:6-11]
 - Trust that we sow and reap according to seasons.
 - Trust that God loves a cheerful giver.
 - Trust that God’s grace will always supply and meet needs.
 - Trust God’s provision and let it produce thanksgiving.
4. How did you answer the “next step questions” from the message?
 - Will you step out in faith and take the 90-day giving challenge?
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Note for life group leaders: if you need additional support or resources due to the depth of the verses and topics covered don’t hesitate to reach out: zorom@pathwayvb.com

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September 1 – September 7, 2024

FINANCIALS

\$34,975 up 39.9% to budget for W/E 9/1/24

\$1,257,368 down 5.6% to budget for Year to Date

-\$63,435 Net Revenue after including other income through July 2024 (Reminder that summer months are lower giving so create more negative net revenue)

\$193,395 for Missions or 15.3% of General Giving YTD through August 2024

CONNECT

Total Worship Attendance: 1077

Online: 128

TWC Attendance Sunday: 549

Kids Sunday: 114

Students: 286

GROW

Baptisms (YTD): 44

Discipleship Groups: 47

Salvations (YTD): 77

SERVE

People Fed at Food Pantry: 28

Weekly Volunteers: 60