

## NATIONAL COMMUNITY CHURCH

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Believing – Reboot  
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Well, hello, my name is Dick Foth and I'm gonna reboot to 28. When you listen to Pastor Mark what I often hear in him is precision 40 days seven fourteen so forth. Let me give you a precise date that's really important December 21st, 2017 Eugene, Oregon. Emma Jean, nine pounds five ounces was born and the importance of that, well there are probably a lot of people think it's important but that means that Ruth and I who have four children and twelve grandchildren now have our first great-grandchild. So here's the deal those of you who are grandparents you get this and there aren't many grandparents here but when you become a grandparent there's a sense of immortality because you're going past the next generation when you become a great-grandparent you are officially old, so there you are.

Two weeks ago last Wednesday had the privilege of being in Seattle, Washington, Kirkland to be exact speaking at a university, Northwest University and they were doing a chapel series called Rehearing the Scripture. And they said we're going to have these eight or ten chapels and we want to take a scripture verse that many people would know and we want to rehear it. Because sometimes when you know a scripture you know it just gets old to you. So, they sent me a list of scriptures and I chose one so I told Pastor Mark as we were preparing the series I said I feel like I'm supposed to share that same message. It's not exactly the same because it won't be exactly the same tomorrow morning I just got to tell you that's just how it works. This is the one I chose. So, the Redskins are playing the Cowboys right, I don't know if it's a real game or whatever depends on the season, doesn't it? And so they're out there at Landover and they have a chance, it's the fourth quarter they got three seconds the Redskins have the ball on the 23rd on the yard line you know, yard line 20, whatever it is. And they called in the field goal kicker and they've got that sky cam you know on a cable and so the kick goes up and it's dead center. It arcs up but as it arcs back down I don't know if you see it so much these days but back in the day is that ball would come down and the camera would follow it. There'd be some dude in the stands holding up a sign anybody remember what the sign was? John 3:16! Now, most of the crowd would have no idea like what is that a hashtag thing or is that a code to his girlfriend what is that? John 3:16.

John 3:16 comes from a Gospel one of the four and I want to set it up this way... The Gospel of John is a collaboration if you will between an old fisherman and the Holy Spirit. He's an old man who as a young man grew up on the Sea of Galilee, fished every night because they fish at night on the Sea of Galilee and he never stopped fishing. The only difference for him at age 80 or 85 or however old he was when he wrote the Gospel of John, wrote his story of Jesus was what he was catching. If I could take a snapshot or do it is it an Instagram where you take the picture and send it? If we did one of those this is what it would look like Matthew 4:18 - 22 Here's how the story goes. As Jesus was walking beside of the Sea of Galilee he saw two brothers Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew and they were casting a net into the lake, so they were fishermen. Come follow me Jesus said and I will send you out to fish for people, at once they left their nets and followed him. Going on from there he saw two other brothers James son of Zebedee and his

brother John they were in a boat with their father Zebedee preparing the nets and Jesus called them and immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him. So my core question here is so which Jesus was it that they were following like which Jesus is that is that the institutional Jesus like the Christian Jesus cause Jesus wasn't a Christian, sounds like heresy doesn't it, he was a Jew right. And if you go to the Encyclopedia Britannica it says that Jesus was the founder of Christianity. That's a lie, that's not true. He didn't come to found a system; he didn't come to do that. So how about well he's a good teacher well if you read C.S. Lewis he doesn't leave you much option he said Jesus just didn't come as a good teacher. He said if you follow me you have eternal life I mean he's I'll transform your life. He said somebody who says that either has to be true or he has to have the intellect of a poached egg something along that line is what he said. Maybe he's the denominational Jesus, maybe He's the Baptist Jesus or the Pentecostal Jesus or the Roman Catholic which Jesus is he that were being called to follow? Maybe he's the ATM Jesus when I need some Jesus I'll get me some, you know, maybe he's that Jesus. Or if you're on an airplane the life vest is under your chair Jesus, maybe he's the life insurance Jesus or maybe he's the friend of the family Jesus, well, our family has always gone to church maybe he's that Jesus. Why not some of those things are true. The problem with those Jesus' is they sell him short, that's the real big short. This is the Jesus that when you read Colossians 1:15 it says this is the firstborn among creation, this is the one who speaks galaxies into... That's the Jesus I'm following I don't want to follow one of these other lesser Jesus' if you will.

But what caused Jesus to drop or John to drop it all and follow Jesus? There's so much we don't know about this encounter. We don't know exactly how old Jesus is, we think he's about 30, we don't know how old John is I think I'm thinking he's a twenty-something you know maybe and had they met before? Had John taken Jesus out fishing because that happens you know? Why did he choose fisherman maybe it was the first former fisherman, maybe it's because their tenacity, get up every day and just do what they do. Because if you're going to follow him we need to get up every day and do what he calls us to do? On Tuesday well, on Monday I'm gonna pick up my grandson Sam Clements who is flying in from Eugene, Oregon. He's going to spend the week with me at the national prayer breakfast and stuff. And Sam is a sharp young man, he's a freshman in college, he's got bright red hair. I like him just cause he has hair and I'm going to pick him up and we're going to drive to Charlottesville and were going to go to a university student group called Chi Alpha where they have 700 students in small groups at UVA. And then afterwards we're going to drive to Newport News stay overnight, get up in the morning and drive to One Cheese, North Carolina. Anybody know where One Cheese, North Carolina is? Wow, really your only five hours away I would recommend you go there, it's Roanoke Island.

And in 1972 right on the tail and tail end of hurricane Agnes in June that year we had gone there for vacation. Ruth and I were pastoring a congregation sort of like this at the University of Illinois and I took the family down there but we can't do much because it's still windy and I'm sitting on the pier and this guy comes walking down the pier, mid-forties, handsome dude I have to say that he had deep-set blue eyes had his Dockers they didn't have Dockers then but he had his khakis rolled up and broad shoulder and as he comes by and said hi. And he said hi. And he had this accent that was like somewhere between the East End of London and Andy Griffith it was somewhere in that. And I said hi, I'm Dick Foth. He said I'm Charles Daniel. He said what are you doing Dick? I said I'm just down here on vacation. I said what are you doing are you a

fisherman? He said I am my whole life. He said what do you do in Illinois, Dick? I said I'm a pastor. He said you don't say I ain't no preacher but I've been saved fifteen years proud of it. Had a radio program at that time on CBS in the area where we were. Ten minutes on a Saturday morning between sports scoreboard and Charles Osgood's Newsbreak and I used to interview people it was just ten minutes and it was designed to bug pagans. And I just asked Charles if I could interview him because he said you want to go fishing with me? That's why I think Jesus may have gone fishing because when you don't you can just fill in the gaps I think with sanctified hopefully, imagination and you know sort of play it in your head. Like what I'm telling is not Bible but I'm telling you what could have been. And so I went fishing with Charles Daniel and they fished with long nets in the Sound, that area between the coast of Carolina and the outer islands. Its 100 miles long 30 miles wide 15 feet deep at the deepest and they string a mile of nets between two boats and just drag it and pull up the net and they fish barefoot. And so he took me out on his boat and I interviewed him with that diesel engine going in the background. And a first time I had grits in my life was on the Miss Molly which is the name of the boat that he built with a 250 horsepower Ford engine and all that kind of stuff.

When I saw Charles's feet it helped me understand in part what it must be like when Jesus said to Peter, the fisherman, I need, I need to wash your feet. You remember that? But when you fish barefoot for 30 or 40 or 50 years and you're down there waiting among the fish in the bottom of the boat you've got scars and scabs and all kinds of stuff on your feet and these guys sort of hang on to the edge of the boat like they have prehensile toes it's unbelievable. I wonder if one day John had said to him you want to go fishing because Jesus was a carpenter you know and so it would be unique. But why? Was it his look, his manner? If I had to choose why they follow Jesus I would say it was his voice and I had written this down before I actually remembered that Pastor wrote this book called Whisper and if you go to the first chapter you will see voice unpacked in 17 different it's really a profound thing. But there was something about that voice I've often said if I could have a Bible and add something to it which sounds heretical but if I could add something to it I'd like to add inflection. When you hear him say don't worry about tomorrow I think he sort of grins and says cause tomorrow is going to take care of itself and you know there's something about that. But I don't think it was his tone or a tamber, volume, his intensity. I think it was the authority, the voice of Jesus carries authority, originality author, originality he's the word that voice heals wounds, draws in the outcast, calls out the arrogant, quiets the storm blesses the loaves and fish. I mean when you go through John, when you go through his Gospel and others you have this fellow blind from birth and I can see him say come over here and he says now I'm going to put some on your eye and then I want you to go wash it out and be cool that's my paraphrase. She's not dead she's just sleeping. How about the guy who was dead Lazarus come out here! How about to the storm peace be still or at the tomb when they thought he was gone and Mary went to the tomb and she thought she could tell who he was she thought he was the gardener until he spoke and she'd heard it a hundred times maybe hundreds of times when he said, Mary. Or on the cross when he looks down at his mother and points to John the old fisherman and says son this your mother, mother behold your son. When he writes the Gospel he's probably we don't know again for sure but this is toward the end of the first century five decades after Jesus called them from the nets he's an old man now John is. About the same time the book of the Revelation, the last book in the Bible we understand something of the Gospel, we get to Revelations we say let's go back to the Gospel I don't understand all that you know. But Revelation 1:15 says it this way his feet because he sees the Christ in that chapter of

the book of Revelation his feet were like bronze glowing in a furnace and his voice, was like the sound of rushing waters. His voice was like Niagara his voice was that way like crashing surf. So he calls the four disciples Jesus does and says come with me I'll show you how to fish for people. Whatever the reason John believed Jesus and followed him, he believed Jesus and followed him.

So I'm sitting at the Old Ebbitt Grill years ago, many of you have heard me tell the story one of my favorite ones and I'm sitting with an attorney here in town very prominent served in several administrations very bright Yale Law and all that. And one day he said, Dick if a fellow wanted to be a renaissance man should he know something about the Bible? I said well you know it's a best seller and he said where would I a fellow start? I said well there's an old part and a new part. In the new part, there's these four fellows and they tell the story of Jesus. I said why did you just check that out and then we can talk about it. So he said I'm going on vacation to Martha's Vineyard next week I'll just... Two weeks later we meet at the Old Ebbitt again and I said so what do you think? He said you know I didn't read every word but I read all four of them and he said you know those first three or really a lot of like and if you go to seminary or go to a class here or something they'll tell you, you know Matthews for a Jewish community generally and Mark is sort of the paperback Penguin edition for Roman Soldiers and Luke is the historian is for the larger group but John, he said he's really different. Because John has an agenda. When he pens his account under the anointing of the Holy Spirit he has an aim. Because John really did believe Jesus promised that he'd make him fishers of people he never stopped believing what he heard that day, never stopped acting on what he believed, never lost sight of that goal and the other folks didn't either but there's something there was something that happened with John that when he writes his account he wants us to believe what he found to be true. He wants us to trust the Jesus he trusted, he wants us to experience what he had experienced, he wants to persuade us to believe. And so when he tells the story he describes the catch moment after moment, encounter after encounter from the opening lines of John 1:1, in the beginning, was the word and the word was with God and the word was God to the closing sentences of John 21:25. Jesus did many other things as well if every one of them were written down I suppose that even the whole world would not have room for the books that would be written John is saying look what happens when you believe, look what happens when you trust this Jesus. And he has the incidents their water to wine, the clearing of the temple, Nicodemus who's a bright guy, the woman at the well who's got other challenges, the royal official's son is healed, the pool of Bethesda healing, the feeding of the five thousand, the walking on the water, woman caught in an act of adultery set free, Lazarus raised from the dead and right in the middle there is this verse John 3:16. John 3:16 is sandwiched between the story of Nicodemus at the start of that chapter. Nicodemus was like a leader in culture he was a thought leader if you will, he was a political-religious leader in the Jewish community. If he had degrees he'd have a PhD and a ThD and all kinds of things he was brilliant. And Jesus just tosses out little somethin' says so what you need Nicodemus is to be born again. And he says say what? And again that's Foth paraphrase.

But what Jesus does with us is he comes along and challenges the lesser gods in our life. Intellect is tremendous but it's not big enough to be God. And then there's the woman at the well in chapter 4 of John and she's not an up and outer like he is she's sort of a down and she's an outcast in a culture of outcasts according to Jewish people, Samaritans. And she can't even come to the well apparently when other people do and Jesus tosses this piece out; he says why don't you go

tell your husband and she says, this conversation they're having, and she says well, I don't have a husband and he says, that's right you've had five husbands and the guy you're living with now is not your husband. And her next line is wonderful sir I perceive your prophet. So you've got people at both ends of the spectrum and Jesus brings life to both cause she thinks if she can get the right relationship then her world will be cool it'll all be good. And relationship is tremendous you folks have heard me know that I'm all over that in terms of how I think about it but a relationship in and of itself is not big enough to be God, it's not.

So and here's this guy with John 3:16 in the end zone well he couldn't have done that like in the year one thousand because it wasn't till the eleventh or twelve centuries I think it's the Archbishop of Canterbury said why do we take these scrolls because how do we find the place so he put them into chapters. And then it wasn't till 1551 as I understand it that somebody came along and said we really need smaller divisions why don't we put verses in. So you couldn't you couldn't even know what John 3:16 was until 1500 years after Jesus. And so here's this guy with John 3:16 in the end zone. Here's the verse for those of you who may not be acquainted with it; "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only son that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." It's a statement framed in action verbs, God so loved the world, the cosmos that's the word, that he gave his one and only son that whoever hears the word believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. So my question for you is how does that verse read in your life? How does that read in your life? I'll tell you how it reads in mine, many of you have heard me over the years know that I have a favorite definition of love it's not original. But this is the definition; love is the accurate estimate and the adequate supply of another person's need, love is the accurate estimate and the adequate supply of another person's need. Ruth and I used to do marriage retreats back in the day when we been married 20 or 25 years and now we've been married 55 and we don't know as much as we did then so we don't do retreats anymore but we... She would always say when I would say that she'd said Dick you need to tell folks that they need the third party of Jesus in there for that relationship because no human being can absolutely meet the needs of another human being you cannot fully do that. So I read it this way according to that for God so loved Richard Foth, that's me, that he accurately estimated that he was a creep and needed a redeemer so he adequately supplied a redeemer in the person of Jesus Christ of Nazareth so that Foth can be set free and live with him forever. That's the Foth version of John 3:16 my favorite verse.

I mean you can get all kinds of Bibles online you can get the King James, you can get the New International, you can get the American Standard version, you can get The Message you can... But one of my favorite versions is the one that Wickliffe Bible translators brought out in 2000 it's the Hawaiian Pidgin version. And I shared this once before but it reads like this, "God wen get so plenny love an aloha fo da peopo inside da world, dat he wen send me, his one an ony Boy, so dat everybody dat trus me no get cut off from God, but get da real kine life dat stay to da max foeva." I shared that at Timberline Church back in Fort Collins where we lived one time and they had a run on Hawaiian Pidgin Bibles.

Anyway when John says for God so loved the world or when the Holy Spirit says it through him he's accurately reflecting the words of Jesus. Jesus wants us to trust him, he wants us to believe if you don't hear anything else this weekend from me if you can't remember it believe me I understand you don't remember, I don't remember okay but if you don't hear anything else hear

this who you choose to trust, in your life who you choose to trust determines your whole life. Who you choose to trust and what you believe about that person shapes your entire destiny. I mean think about it in a world of ten thousand voices on that phone which voice do I choose to trust? Which one? You're saying to me Foth why are you so obsessive on this, why you so insistent? I'm insistent because he is. Listen in John 6:25 - 29 some people follow Jesus, he's fed five thousand, he's done all these miracles and in verse 28 it says, 'then they asked him what must we do to do the work God requires, the works God requires and Jesus answered the work of God is this, to believe in the one he sent.' We say I want to do I want to do kingdom work, good trust him, that's the work. You say isn't it fantastic that we've got Ebenezers and we got this side of Barracks Row and we got Echostage and we got George Town and we got all these things and we got that square block down there that property going to do stuff down the road and isn't that was tremendous that's the work. No, no that's not the work that's the result of somebody trusting. The Miracle Theater is not an end in itself, this place is the result of a bunch of somebody's believing, trusting for things to happen. When you go on this mission trips whether you're going to the Congo or were the other place whatever it is you're going the key part of that is trusting God as you go that lives will be touched for his glory, so that somebody will hear why don't you come and go fishing with me? Want to go fishing?

I'm here in part this week because on Thursday will be the 66 National Prayer Breakfast. National Prayer Breakfast started 1953 when Ike was the president I won't go into the whole story but essentially Congress certain members of Congress, House in the Senate have these little groups. On Wednesday and Thursday mornings any Senator or House member can come and it came to their attention that it'd be great to pray for the first family of the United States so in February of 1953 they had their first National or Presidential Prayer Breakfast is what they call it. And Ike Eisenhower was a great friend of Conrad Hilton the hotel here and Conrad said why don't you have it at my hotel the Mayflower at that time and I'll pay for it. We wish he still paid for it but the fact there was 200 men only and all that and then they had a women's one and then they integrated them in the 60's under Kennedy Johnson and so forth. So on Thursday, they'll be 3500 people from a 150 nations at the Hilton in Washington. Some years ago somebody invited a young multi-multimillionaire from one of the Stans I don't know if it was Kazakhstan or Kurdistan or Belugastan, I don't know which Stan but because it had been controlled by the Soviet Union the Mosques, the Synagogues, churches were gone and so he was an atheist he just... And he came because he had a friend who invited him which is what the breakfast is about. The breakfast is a breakfast at Levi's house like all the wrong people show up it's a wonderful thing. And so they, this young man came he went and he heard the speaker I can't remember who the speaker was he came back up to the suite where his friend was staying and when he walked in the friend said so Achmed or whatever his name was, he said what do you think? And he stood for a moment in the doorway and then he said I think I believe. Well, that it's very dangerous to believe, very dangerous because it starts a chain of events that deepens that kind of trust. Believe and trust are the same word in the New Testament okay, faith, belief, trust are the same word.

What's interesting about John is that believe or trust is never used as a noun it's always a verb it's always an action believe or trust is used 98 times in the Gospel of John. Never as a noun always is an action verb because believing is a dynamic thing. And Jesus wants them due to the hard work of believing, he knows that miracles won't last very long, he understands that. I have a

friend named Steve Moore who was a speechwriter for a Governor and a Senator from the same state. He's a seminal thinker and he wrote this, he doesn't want us to be consumers endlessly sampling the benefits of faith God wants me to be convinced of who Jesus is. Once I do that once I'm convinced of who he is this Jesus I have no choice but to do what Jesus says. When I believe that way that's all I want to do is do what he says. So loving God with all of me and loving my neighbors all of them as the hardest work any human can do trusting God and trusting others.

So I would like to submit to you as we wrapped up this weekend this is not a simple end zone verse, this is an end game verse full of action verbs. If you were to come with me to Fort Collins, Colorado where I live it's a town of about a hundred and sixty thousand but the congregation we're associated with and I get to be part of the teaching team back in the day back 30 years ago was 80 people now it's like five thousand people. But there was a moment in time when something happened that changed the character of the church and very quickly I'll tell you what it was. It's a college town Colorado State University, 47,000 students, it's sort of a hidden gem it's a wonderful place. And one of the congregants and his wife were hair stylists in campus town and they had young women come in and do hair and the guy was a natural evangelist if you will. He easily talked about you know hairstyle and pizza and Jesus like all in the same tone you know just that sort of thing. And this very beautiful girl came in and they were having a conversation and she said to him could I have lunch with you sometime? He said why would you want to do that? She said well you're so different from the other guys I know you don't hit on me all the time and stuff like that. And he said okay. So they had lunch and then at lunch she said could I could I try that congregation where you go to that church? He said oh I don't I don't think you want to do that. She said well why not? Well, you probably wouldn't want to do that. She said I do want to do that. He said really I don't? She said well if you don't want to take me I'll just go. He said no, no, no I'll take you. What he hadn't, what she, what I know that you don't know is that what she did for work as a college student was she was an exotic dancer and he took her and she was dressed sort of and so he said why, why don't we sit in the balcony. And she said what are we doing up here? She got up and walked right down to the front row and he went down I sat beside her. And that day Dary Northrop the pastor started speaking and in the middle she looked over at the guy and said did you tell him I was coming because he's he's talking to me. And at the end when they gave an invitation to come to leave that and come do this she raised her hand and on Thursday the next Thursday the pastor got a call at his house had no idea how he how she got her number and said hi this is Janey, I was at your meeting that you had and at the end there I came down and got that book that you give out as a New Testament I got that book and I read it through, parts of it several times and I just had a couple of questions. Said what's that? She said well I read that one Corinthians part and in there it says that my body is a temple of the Holy Spirit and she said so like have you read that part where it said that? He said yeah, yeah, I read that. She said do you believe that? He said I do. She said well if that's true I probably shouldn't be doing what I'm doing but the only reason I'm doing it is because I'm trying to save money for law school and if some guys want to come and watch half naked women dance and stuff if they're dumb enough to do that I'm smart enough to take their money. She said but I need the money but I read this Matthew guy he said that I shouldn't worry about tomorrow because he's going to take it she said have you read that part? He said yeah I read that. And she said do you believe that? He said I believe that. She said then-then I'm in, what do I need to do? He said well why don't you be baptized he described what that was and so a couple of weeks later on a Sunday night they closed down the dance place where she was in Denver and everybody showed

up walking down the center aisle dressed as they were with the bouncers with pink panther whatever it was. And Dary said there were wives, covering their husband's eyes saying do not look you will go blind. And that night and she told her fellow dancers I love you I'm not making a judgment all I know is that I have believed what I read and the Holy Spirit lives in me and I can't do that anymore and that night six of the girls gave their... because somebody believed and it changed how the people thought about that congregation. They said here's a congregation that just anybody can come and it's about believing.

So for me, there are two times in my life when John 3:16 struck me. One when I was seven and I was in a British boarding school in South India and they had a chapel and the teacher said at the end of this chapel if you want to know more about Jesus just to go to the principal's office. Principal's office a huge hurdle to the kingdom of God. But the second the second one was when I was 31 pastoring in Urbana, Illinois and a young man we were recruiting to be campus pastor at the university suffered arrhythmic heart failure which is when your heart doesn't beat correctly and you lose blood to your brain and he was brain damaged he was in the hospital, they said he won't ever walk or talk again. And the pastor shares this story I think it's on page 71 in Whisper. And my friend Denny who was 28, brilliant, funny and I stood by his bed and when somebody's brain damage like that you're talking to him is like shouting into a cave and not getting anything back and you don't know where they went they look the same but you don't know where he went. And I can remember standing by his bedside saying to God I believe the spirit of man dwells in the cortex of the human brain and when the cortex is damaged that person is no longer human. I can almost hear the Lord say, Foth again you know I know he didn't vaporize me I'm still here. But he did start to walk again, he did start to talk he still as far as I know in a facility in Wisconsin and but there was a time there when he lost all of his memory his brain was just like Teflon. He didn't know his hands were connected to his body, he didn't know his wife, he didn't know his girl the only thing he knew was that he was born in Zion, Illinois. And I was his good friend and I'd walk in and he'd say hi what's your name I'd say my name's Dick Foth I'm your good friend. He said ah so what's your name? I'd say I'm Dick Foth. He says ah, have I asked you your name yet? And it just like that and it just makes you want to punch him you know and I just I was so frustrated this one day I walked in and the speech therapist was holding up a picture of a cup saying what is this Denny? He said I don't know. It's a cup. What's a cup? You put water in it. What's water? You drink it. What's drink? Sometimes we have hunches that turn out to be leadings of the Holy Spirit. Scripture says that the scripture the word of God plunges down through intellect and emotion deep into our spirit. I don't know where scripture hides in us, I don't know where it rests when we've brought it into our hearts, I don't know. But that day I had this thought I said Denny and again he doesn't know anything, he doesn't remember anything. I said Denny do you remember this? "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son." And he stops and he gets this far away look in his eyes and says that if I believe in him I won't die anymore. I said Denny do you remember this? (singing) "Jesus loves me this I know for the Bible tells me so." And he picked it up on key and sang it all the way to the end and the nurse about passed out and I started bawling and the Lord spoke to my heart and said my Spirit is deeper than the cortex of the brain and the scripture that's embedded in that spirit is there somewhere, it is this life giving thing that goes on and on this ain't just some old dude in the end zone saying John 3:16 this is Almighty God who speaks galaxies into existence that says I sent you my only son to redeem you from all the junk and I gave them to you and if you believe you get life that goes on forever.



I don't know where it is if there's a place in your own life and experience this weekend that you need to reboot trust. You say stuff happened and I blame God and I just it's not like it used to be, I don't know, but the Holy Spirit of God by his word I believe is calling us in this 2018 to reboot trust. We might be like the guy that says, Lord, I believe help my unbelief because it's not straight on but when we do when we trust him like we sit in these chairs when we put our weight on him it opens up all the possibilities in life.

Will you pray with me? Father thank you for your grace, thank you for the mercy that is poured out through your son Jesus. Help us to know that who we trust, who we listen to determines our entire destiny. In Jesus name. Amen.