

# TRUST

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Our focus for the series is that all relationships get better when we do them God's way. The target mindset that we're looking for is Jesus. The best thing that can happen to you is not just that you're in church, but that Jesus is in you.

- Read **Proverbs 25:14**.
- Examining a person's character is important when building relationships. Are they a man or woman of their word? This is when it's important to have our eyes open, so we can keep a lookout for red flags. Is there a relationship you need to open or reopen your eyes to?
- Read **1 Corinthians 13:4-8**. Once we take the next step and trust people, we have to remind ourselves, they're human just like me. This means they aren't perfect and will eventually mess up. Paul wrote this passage to show how to **sustain trust**, with love. Once we have trusted and built that love, it will prompt a deeper trust, forgiveness and healing. So, if you are focusing on all the shortcomings and weaknesses of the other person, that is all you will see, and you will begin to lose trust. Is there a relationship in your life where you need to reposition your perspective and put the focus on the other person's strengths rather than their weaknesses?
- Read **Ephesians 4:32**.
- Jesus is the perfect example of forgiveness. He displayed this by becoming the ultimate sacrifice for me and you. Remember...
  - Forgiveness is past oriented... Trust is future oriented.
  - Forgiveness means letting go... Trust means holding on.
  - Forgiveness is undeserved... Trust is earned.
- Is there someone in your life you need to forgive? Or is there someone God is calling you to slow your trust with?

## APPLICATION

What relationship is God calling you to either slow your trust and get to know this person better, refocus your view of someone, or extend some forgiveness and grace?

## S.O.A.P.

- ( Scripture | Observation | Application | Prayer )

**Monday** Proverbs 25:14

**Tuesday** 1 Corinthians 13:4-8

**Wednesday** Ephesians 4:32

**Thursday** Matthew 6:14-15

**Friday** Colossians 3:12-13

