

Trusting the Instruments

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SUMMARY

Does an airplane pilot panic when he can't see the runway because of the weather? No, he expects occasional bad weather, and he knows that when weather hits, he must trust his instruments so he can land safely.

When your senses are no help...when your feelings are all over the place, the way not to crash is to totally trust the instruments. Not just in an airplane, but in the daily flight we call life. Maybe for you right now, everything is spinning. It's a bumpy ride...you can't see through the fog...you don't know where you're going...all the reference points you might normally depend on aren't there for you. Your environment is up for grabs...your feelings - they're all over the place.

God says "Keep your eyes on the instruments. My Word hasn't changed. My promise hasn't changed. Trust what I say...and only what I say."

NOTES

To use your instruments well, you must:

1. _____ the instruments.
2. Use the instruments even when it _____.
3. Use your _____.

DISCUSSION POINTS

- ❖ Tell of a time in your life when you needed to depend on your instruments.
 - How well did you depend on them?
 - How was your faith affected by using (or not using) your instruments during that time?
- ❖ Describe a time when you were prompted by the Holy Spirit to do something you felt inadequate to do.
 - How did you respond?
 - What was the result?
 - How did your response affect your faith?
- ❖ On what do you base your faith and trust in God?
 - What you see in your life and others?
 - How you feel about something?
 - What others say (pastors, TV, news, etc)?
 - What God says about Himself in the Bible?

APPLICATION

- ❖ Read the Bible every day. If only for 5 minutes. You need to **KNOW** it so you can **DO** it. (Joshua 1:8)
- ❖ Take 30 minutes this week to remember – then write down – specific times that God has been faithful to you through your storms. (Psalm 26:2-3)
- ❖ Place Scripture reminders of His faithfulness on your bathroom mirror, your dashboard, your desk, and any other place that will force you to stop and remember. (Deuteronomy 6:8-9)

ON YOUR OWN

Please Read & Meditate On The Word:

Joshua 1:1-9	"After the death of Moses..."
Psalms 26:2-3	"Test me, Lord, and try me..."
Deuteronomy 6:8-9	"Tie them as symbols..."
Psalms 119:9-16	"How can a young person stay on the path..."
Hebrews 4:12	"For the Word of God is alive..."
2 Timothy 3:16-17	"All Scripture is God-breathed..."
Hebrews 11:1	"Now faith is confidence..."