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Antioch CELEBRATION Message: "Trusting God in Trials"

Sermon Series: "How to Have a Perfect Christmas"

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LEARN about each other!

Do you feel a certain pressure to be happier than you feel during the holidays?

Share a joy or a struggle that is on your mind and heart this time of year.

LEARN about Trusting God in Trials!

God's timing is perfect!

But when the right time came, God sent his Son, born of a woman... **Galatians 4:4a**
(NLT) After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod...
Matthew 2:1a (NIV)

Evil is at work in three ways:

- 1) Above us (see Ephesians 6:12)
- 2) Around us (see 1 John 2:15)
- 3) Inside of us (see James 1:14-15)

What does it mean to follow Jesus "during the time of King Herod"?

- 1) I trust that God will provide for me (see Matthew 4:3-4)
- 2) I trust that God will protect me (see Matthew 4:5-7)
- 3) I trust that God will be enough for me (see Matthew 4:8-10, 3:16-17)

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What surprises you about evil?



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How does Jesus teach us to respond when we find evil inside our own heads and hearts?

What helps you trust God?

What is God teaching you right now—to trust His provision, to trust His protection, or to trust that He is enough?

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When God shows Himself to be faithful and trustworthy, what does that say about His love for you?

When God's people are faithful and trustworthy, what does that say about God's love for you?

When someone hurts you over and over again, do you respond in anger or love? How does God's response to your weaknesses (forgiveness) influence your heart for others?

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The qualities of being vulnerable and trusting—is that strength or weakness? Why?

Recovery from brokenness—both are required to be a spiritual leader. What good came from Jesus' own difficulties?

How is God calling you to lead honestly?

Pray!

Wow—what a paradox! How to Have a Perfect Christmas—Trusting God in Trials! Thank God for His provision, protection and power!