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John 14:1-14

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Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

¹ For everything there is a season, a time for every activity under heaven. ² A time to be born and a time to die. A time to plant and a time to harvest. ³ A time to kill and a time to heal. A time to tear down and a time to build up. ⁴ A time to cry and a time to laugh. A time to grieve and a time to dance.

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⁵ A time to scatter stones and a time to gather stones. A time to embrace and a time to turn away. ⁶ A time to search and a time to quit searching. A time to keep and a time to throw away. ⁷ A time to tear and a time to mend. A time to be quiet and a time to speak. ⁸ A time to love and a time to hate. A time for war and a time for peace.



John 12 and 13

1. Jesus told them he was departing from them.
2. Jesus implied that he would suffer death by crucifixion.
3. He predicted that all his disciples would forsake him and Peter would deny him.
4. He pointed out that 1 of the 12 had decided to betray him.
5. Jesus portrayed a troubled demeanor, and they did not understand why.
6. The disciples could not follow him until a later date.

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John 14:1-4

¹ “Don’t let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God, and trust also in me. ² There is more than enough room in my Father’s home. If this were not so, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you?

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³ When everything is ready, I will come and get you, so that you will always be with me where I am. ⁴ And you know the way to where I am going.”

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John 13:21

After he had said this, Jesus was troubled in spirit and testified, "Very truly I tell you, one of you is going to betray me."

Even though your heart is troubled, trust in God, and trust also in me.

You believe in God; believe also in me.

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Believe or Trust

Understanding the difference between "trust" and "belief" is essential because they have different implications for our relationships, decisions, and actions. While both are important, they should not be confused or used interchangeably.

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"Belief" is the acceptance that something is true or real, often without evidence or proof. "Beliefs" can be formed through personal experience, cultural and societal influences, and education. "Beliefs" can be positive or negative, and can shape an individual's thoughts, feelings, and behaviors.

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"Belief" can also be influenced by emotions, biases, and other external factors, and it can change over time.

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"Beliefs" can be deeply ingrained and difficult to change, even in the face of contradictory evidence. "Beliefs" can also be irrational and illogical, and may not be supported by empirical evidence. "Beliefs" can be powerful motivators and can influence an individual's decision-making processes.

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Believe or Trust

At its core, "trust" is the belief that someone or something is reliable, truthful, and competent. Trust is built over time through consistent behavior and actions that prove one's trustworthiness.

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"Trust" can be broken by a single action or event that goes against the expectation of the trustor. Once trust is broken, it can be difficult to regain, and may require significant effort on the part of the individual who broke it to rebuild. "Trust" is often associated with feelings of security, safety, and comfort, and is a fundamental component of human interaction.

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Mark 8:34

Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.

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John 14

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Proverbs 3:5 - 8

⁵ Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. ⁶ Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take. ⁷ Don't be impressed with your own wisdom. Instead, fear the Lord and turn away from evil. ⁸ Then you will have healing for your body and strength for your bones (then you will gain renewed health and vitality).

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