



For Sure!

Part 2



Introduction: Abraham and Sarah began to seriously doubt God after He promises them He would give them a child, and out of that son would come nations and kingdoms blessed by God. **Genesis 17:15-21** God assures Abraham that when He makes a promise and a plan: It is For Sure! Abraham and Sarah laugh at the thoughts of this (showing that they had already allowed their doubts to be more prominent than their faith.) Don't bet against God...because even if it is the last min. (to us) God is going to come through! Don't give up! God's timeline is not our timeline...but I can tell you this FOR SURE: God's will WILL be done! And it will be for your good and His glory!

Proposition: Times can be difficult. And sometimes we don't understand why things happen. But our position is to be found IN CHRIST and to allow ourselves to be Sealed by God. Believe in His sovereignty! Believe in His Word! Believe in His Promises! I want us to learn together to put our trust and faith in what is **For Sure!**

Text: Romans 8:28 (NLT); Luke 16:16 (NKJV) Philippians 3:14 (NASB)

Outline:

I. God Established!

A. King Saul vs. King David: God's will was to be their King.

God does not want popular or status quo. He want's what is SURE. What will bless and benefit all. This brings Him glory!

→ When King David was chosen, the Bible says: God established him to be King. This word Established means: To set and fix unalterably; there is a permanence to it. When God sets something or someone in place, it is not just for a temporary purpose.

- God as King vs. Man as King? Who is the sure thing?

B. Trust that God is Sure!

- If God does something, He is For Sure!

- Sometimes we struggle with why things happen. How are we supposed to see these things?

- God does not cause accidents or diseases...but He is sovereign, He takes

it...and places it in the realm of Good and His Glory! He somehow steers things so that His plan is not thrown off. I don't know how! I don't understand how it all plays out for Good or His glory! But I'm not meant too! I am meant to trust God! Trust what is For Sure!

2 Corinthians 1:21-22 (The Voice)

II. God Sealed! (Seals)

A. God does not Rub things in...

- God does not rub things in our face. Our failures, our past, our sins, or our doubts. God offers His Guarantee, by identifying us.

- We are no longer identified by our mess ups and life disasters... We are sealed and identified by Christ's Righteousness, gifted to us by God through the Holy Spirit.
- God lives in us through His Spirit, and He is Holy! He paid a high price to purchase you away from your sins... He takes it...turns it around for your good and His glory! So, you can have a new identity! You do not belong to yourself anymore. **1 Corinthians 6:19-20** (the Voice)
- God literally tabernacles, or lives in us, by His Holy Spirit; who not only establishes us (takes us, and turns things around for us) but also Seals or identifies us. Say it with me..."I've been marked by God". He has authenticated ownership with His signature. **Ephesians 1:13-14** (NLT) **SEALED ILLUSTRATION** (UMBRELLA)

B. Know that God is Sure.

- **Joshua 5:13-14 (NLT)** Joshua approaches the borders of Jericho and he rounds the corner and looks up to see someone: it startles Joshua; and Joshua asks: "are you for us or against us" "friend or foe". It is an angel of God or might have been Jesus Himself. He replies: "Neither". "I'm not for you or against you."
- Why would God say this? Because when you start thinking or talking in terms of God taking a side; you are assuming that God has a side. **GOD IS THE SIDE!** There is no side but God's side.
 - God does not change His mind, make a mistake, or choose sides. **ALL OF MANKIND HAS TO MAKE A CHOISE:** "Am I going to take God's side or not?" His side is the only side.
 - Jesus said it like this: "I am the way, the Truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father, except by Me." **John 14:6** (NLT)

- People today talk about "my truth". "That is your truth, but it is not my truth." I understand why they say that and where they are coming from; because I know they are living with a trust in themselves with all their heart; based on their own understanding; they are their own god. They are the beginning and the end of their own ideas and thoughts. But when we surrender your life to God: God is your GOD and KiNG. You Trust in God with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. God is the Beginning and end of their thinking! Because it is not just based on what you think or believe...It is based on what God has spoken! (Proverbs 3:5-6 NKJV)
- When God Speaks: It is a SURE THING!
- God is and always will be FOR SURE! Hebrews 11:1 "Now Faith is the substance of things Hoped for and the Evidence of things not seen."

III.