

# SERMON NOTES

HOW TO  
CONNECT WITH  
GOD

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**“When you connect with God, you trust God with your future.”**

## Hebrews 12: 2 (MSG)

<sup>2</sup> Do you see what this means—all these pioneers who blazed the way, all these veterans cheering us on? It means we’d better get on with it. Strip down, start running—and never quit! No extra spiritual fat, no parasitic sins. Keep your eyes on Jesus, who both began and finished this race we’re in. Study how he did it. Because he never lost sight of where he was headed—that exhilarating finish in and with God—he could put up with anything along the way: Cross, shame, whatever. And now he’s there, in the place of honor, right alongside God. When you find yourselves flagging in your faith, go over that story again, item by item, that long litany of hostility he plowed through. That will shoot adrenaline into your souls!

- Study how Jesus endured the cross.
- Take life lessons from Jesus and apply them to your life.
- Know what is on the other side.
- Jesus wants to take you from glory to glory.
- Focus on the finish and finish strong!

## 5 Benefits of What Jesus Did on the Cross:

1. Fulfilled what God had promised.
2. Satisfied God’s Justice.
3. Cancelled our debt of sin.
4. Defeated the fear of death.
5. Destroyed Satan’s power.

## Luke 23:44 – 46 (KJV)

<sup>44</sup> And it was about the sixth hour, and there was a darkness over all the earth until the ninth hour.

<sup>45</sup> And the sun was darkened, and the veil of the temple was rent in the midst.

<sup>46</sup> And when Jesus had cried with a loud voice, he said, Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit: and having said thus, he gave up the ghost.

- When you are in the valley, remember what God told you on the mountain top.
- In the dark season, remember what God told you in the light.
- No matter how hard it gets always keep your shout of victory!
- Put your trust in God.

**“Trust God with your future!”**

### **3 Benefits of Trusting God with Your Future:**

#### **1. Get to know God better –**

- Make time for God each day.
- Schedule your priorities.
- The better you know God, the more you will let go and let God be in control of your life.

**Psalm 31:3 – 5 (KJV)**

<sup>3</sup> For thou art my rock and my fortress; therefore for thy name's sake lead me, and guide me.

<sup>4</sup> Pull me out of the net that they have laid privily for me: for thou art my strength.

<sup>5</sup> Into thine hand I commit my spirit: thou hast redeemed me, O LORD God of truth.

#### **2. Get to know God’s promises better –**

- Speak God’s promises over your life.

#### **3. Get to know your purpose better –**

### **Discussion Questions:**

1. What Jesus did on the cross created benefits for believers. What are the five benefits and how have they changed your life?
2. What are the benefits that come from trusting God for your future?

### **Resources:**

If you would like to look at “**How To Connect With God**” sermon series in more depth, Church On The Rock bookstore has excellent resources available.

