

PRISON TIME TRUST...

"For I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope." JER 29:11

- ❖ Trust is a _____; it's not a _____
- ❖ Trust is a _____ of the will
- ❖ Trust is a _____ that God's in charge

*"My thoughts are nothing like your thoughts," says the Lord. "And my ways are far beyond anything you could imagine. For **just as the heavens are higher than the earth, so my ways are higher than your ways and my thoughts higher than your thoughts.**"* ISA 55:8-9

PRISON TIME PATIENCE...

PATIENCE Defined: *The capacity to accept or tolerate delay, trouble, or suffering without getting angry or upset; to wait, to continue doing something despite difficulties, to suffer without complaining or becoming annoyed*

The BIBLE on PATIENCE

"Rejoice in our confident hope. Be patient in trouble, and keep on praying." ROM 12:12

"Wait patiently for the Lord. Be brave and courageous. Yes, wait patiently for the Lord." PSA 27:14

"The Scriptures give us hope and encouragement as we wait patiently for God's promises to be fulfilled." ROM 15:13

"God blesses those who patiently endure testing and temptation. Afterward they will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love him." JAS 1:12

WE CHOOSE HOW WE RESPOND TO OUR CIRCUMSTANCES...

- ❖ Following Jesus is _____ the straightest and easiest path because we live in a fallen world
- ❖ Following Jesus doesn't _____ immediate success

"We are pressed on every side by troubles, but we are not crushed. We are perplexed, but not driven to despair. We are hunted down, but never abandoned by God. We get knocked down, but we are not destroyed." 2 COR 4:8-9

- We may be _____, but we will not be _____
- We may be _____, but we will not _____
- We may be _____, but we will not be _____
- We may be _____ down, but we will _____

- ❖ Patience involves two things:

1. _____ God = _____ Trust
 - When things look hopeless, we **STAND** in faith, **BELIEVING** and **ALLOWING** God to **SHOW UP**, **STEP IN**, and **SHOW OFF**
2. _____ on God = _____ Humility
 - Often the **SOLUTION** has nothing to do with us and everything to do with God

"The Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control." GAL 5:22-23