

You Are My Everything (I Will Put My Trust in You)

Song Devotional Summary

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What is the upside-down kingdom?

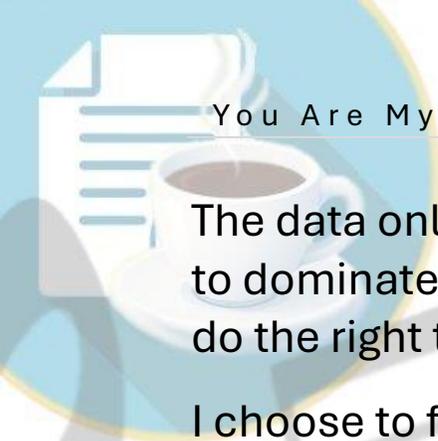
For many years I have wrestled with whether I trust my heart or whether I trust the data.

The truth is that I always look at both! The nerd that I am. I am an electronic technician by trade in the semiconductor industry. And I married a “trust but verify” woman.

But the heart always wins. Yes, the data set influences it. And the statistical rules that dominated my workday are always front of mind. But I have decided that the message of the upside-down kingdom of Jesus Christ is the decider for my brain and heart.

What is the upside-down kingdom of Jesus Christ? Let me put it this way. The Kings of Israel and the leaders of the Roman Empire paraded into Jerusalem on a horse, showing weapons and power. Jesus arrived in Jerusalem on the back of a donkey!

Was Jesus a fool, just kidding and being snarky, or was he giving a definite message?



The data only might tell you to fight or give you the green light to dominate. But combine that with your heart and choose to do the right thing.

I choose to follow the ways of Jesus Christ.

Psalm 56

In the days of King David, he and the psalmists wrote a verse, now known as Psalm 56, describing the reaction of David when he had been taken prisoner by his enemies.

³When I am afraid, I put my trust in you.

⁴ In God, whose word I praise—

in God I trust and am not afraid.

What can mere mortals do to me?

In his world of war and seeking to survive, David evokes complete confidence that God will deliver him. These are powerful words for us as we navigate life today.

A Decision to Trust in God

We may or may not be in a war situation. The methods for us to survive our situations in life will be different from person to person and event to event. But what we have in common with the experience of David is a *decision* to have steadfast confidence in God to always lead us.

We may think we are in a war situation because our enemies figuratively take a shot across our bow. We have been



updated by Jesus in the New Covenant to pray for our enemies and those who persecute us.

He says this to us because He knows we'll have a more fruitful outcome by diffusing tense situations rather than escalating small matters.

Don't get me wrong. Abusive situations and the need to draw boundaries are separate issues from learning about the upside-down kingdom.

The need to have the power-over mentality of people can drive fear and division. But the want of the power-under philosophy of the upside-down kingdom drives the successes of love.

Decide to trust in Jesus, our Lord and God.

As the wise Dr. Martin Luther King stated:

"Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that ..."

Enjoy my song, You Are My Everything.

Prayer

Heavenly Father, how great is Your name. May Your upside-down kingdom come to earth. I pray that Your message to my heart ignites me to align my life with Your will. Thank you for the victory over sin and death so I can live my life to the full.