APPLICATION

- Where do you have a hard time trusting God at times? How can you trust Him more starting this week?
- How can you go deeper in your understanding of God and His Word every day?
- Think of one person who is going through a difficult season and needs encouragement. How can you help the person hold on to God's Word and trust Him through the difficulty?

PRAYER

- Thank God for His sovereignty, His unchanging nature, and His reliable Word.
- Declare that you will trust God even when you don't understand or when things don't go your way.
- Pray for those you know who are going through challenging situations. Ask God to use you to encourage them and be a channel of His blessing.



WEEK 3

In Control

NOTES		

WARM-UP

- If you could change one thing about your life or circumstances, what would it be? Why?
- Who is the most trustworthy person you know?
 What makes him/her worthy of your trust?
- Recall a time when something didn't go your way. How did you respond?



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As you do not know the path of the wind, or how the body is formed in a mother's womb, so you cannot understand the work of God, the Maker of all things. **ECCLESIASTES 11:5**

There are many things about life we don't understand and can't control. However, God is always sovereign. That means He sees what is ahead for us—beyond what we can—and He is in control. When we are faced with circumstances outside our ability and control, with our limited understanding and strength, we can hold on to these three truths from God's Word.

1 God knows what He is doing.

⁸"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the LORD. ⁹"As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts." ISAIAH 55:8,9

Because God is God, we can't completely understand His ways and His work. And because He is God, He is completely in control of our lives and He always knows what He is doing. As His children, we don't have to understand Him to follow and trust Him. Recall a time when you didn't understand what was happening in your life but you trusted God through it.

2 God's purposes will prevail.

9". . . I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like me. 10 make known the end from the beginning, from ancient times, what is still to come. I say: My purpose will stand, and I will do all that I please." ISAIAH 46:9,10 (READ ALSO PROVERBS 19:21.)

God not only made everything; He also sustains everything and holds all things together. His purpose will stand—no matter what the obstacles may be—for your life, family, and nation, throughout all generations. How have you seen God's purpose prevail in your life?				
God's Word can be trusted.				
¹⁰ "As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, ¹¹ so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it." ISAIAH 55:10,11				
" You know with all your heart and soul that not one of all the good promises the LORD your God gave you has failed. Every promise has been fulfilled; not one has failed." JOSHUA 23:14				
Amidst the uncertainties of life, God and His Word remain the same. God can always be trusted and He always does what He says. He keeps and fulfills His every promise, and His Word will accomplish His purpose. Our response is to trust Him completely. How can you hold on to Joshua 23:14 in your own life?				