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**A TIME FOR...**

**“Building Trust”**

**“Trust is the glue of life. It's the most essential ingredient in effective communication. It's the foundational principle that holds all relationships.”**

*Stephen Covey*

# Our God Given Challenge?

**1 Cor.12:12, 15-18** NLT

<sup>12</sup> The human body has many parts, but the many parts make up one whole body. **So it is with the body of Christ.**

<sup>15</sup> If the foot says, “I am not a part of the body because I am not a hand,” that does not make it any less a part of the body. <sup>16</sup> And if the ear says, “I am not part of the body because I am not an eye,” would that make it any less a part of the body? <sup>17</sup> If the whole body were an eye, how would you hear? Or if your whole body were an ear, how would you smell anything? <sup>18</sup> But our bodies have many parts, and **God has put each part just where he wants it.**

# Why is Trust So Important?

- Our Inward Relationships grow Stronger
- Our Speed of Movement becomes FASTER
- Our Outward Impact reaches Wider

# Trust Brings Opportunity & Testing !

**Genesis 39:2,4, 6-9** NLT

<sup>2</sup> The Lord was with Joseph, so **he succeeded in everything he did as he served** in the home of his Egyptian master...

<sup>4</sup> This pleased Potiphar, so he soon made Joseph his personal attendant. He **put him in charge of his entire household and everything he owned**.

<sup>6</sup>...Joseph was a very handsome and well-built young man,  
<sup>7</sup> and Potiphar's wife soon began to look at him lustfully.

"Come and sleep with me," she demanded.<sup>8</sup> But Joseph refused. "Look," he told her, "**my master trusts me with everything** in his entire household... <sup>9</sup>... How could I do such a wicked thing?"

# 1pm, Thurs. 15<sup>th</sup> Oct 1987



Weatherman: Michael Fish

“Earlier on today, apparently, a woman rang the BBC and said she heard there was a hurricane on the way; well, if you're watching, don't worry, there isn't, ....

...but having said that, actually, the weather will become very windy...

*Q. What happened within 24hrs?...*

# Fri., 16<sup>th</sup> Oct 1987 – 'The Great Storm'

120 mph 'Hurricane'



15 million trees down (inc. Chartwell)



Sealink 'Hengist' grounded, Folkestone

# What Builds Trust-worthiness?

- 1. Develop good judgement!** – Prov. 4:5
- 2. Do what I say I will do** – Matt 5:37
- 3. Consider others** – Phil 2:3-4
- 4. Carry responsibility well** – Col 3:23
- 5. Live my life in truth** – Prov. 12:22

# We Choose Where to Put Our TRUST

Psalm 56:3-4 NIV

<sup>3</sup> When I am afraid, **I put my trust in you.** <sup>4</sup> In God, whose word I praise, in God I trust and am not afraid. What can mere mortals do to me?

# What Happens as I Put My Trust in God...?

- 1. I will See and Understand** **John 12:46** NLT I have come as a light to shine in this dark world, so that all who put their trust in me will no longer remain in the dark.
- 2. I will Prosper** **Prov. 28:25** NIV The greedy stir up conflict, but those who trust in the Lord will prosper.
- 3. I will Discover Perfect Peace** **Isaiah 26:3** NLT You will keep in perfect peace all who trust in you, all whose thoughts are fixed on you!
- 4. I will Find New Strength** **Isaiah 40:31** NLT But those who trust in the Lord will find new strength.
- 5. I will Not be Shaken but Endure** **Ps.125:1** NIV Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion, which cannot be shaken but endures forever.

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