

where I call out why?
But I know who I'm
talking to, in Jesus, my
loving heavenly Dad. I
don't claim to know it
all, I simply trust in the
one I know; Jesus.

His birth, life, death and
resurrection call me to
trust him; to trust him
with my life, with my
decisions. And today
I'm called to trust him
with Jayne.

Trust that the promise
he made at her
baptism, he'll keep.
There, in Jesus, Jayne
was claimed as one of
Father's loved children,
in whom he delights.

The devil might whisper
doubts, and raise
questions to confuse, to
kill and destroy my trust
in Jesus. But I don't
trust this liar, I know
who he is.

And thankfully in Jesus,
we know who God is,
not some remote being,
but our loving, heavenly
Father, who we can

trust with our lives, just
like Jesus.

We can trust or
heavenly Father,
trusting Jesus' promise,
that Jayne has a place
in Father's heart, and
even death can't rob
her of that. Jesus' life
was spent preparing
this place for Jayne to
discover life in, a life
rich and full in Father's
loving presence.

In life I still have many
questions, but one thing
I know, I know God as
my loving heavenly
Father, I know this
personally through
Jesus, my brother, I
know this for in the
Spirit God has come
and lives personally
with me now. In Jesus,
I know God personally,
so I trust him, I trust
him more than what I
don't know.

Today Jesus invites
you to trust him; to trust
that he is the Lord of

the living and the dead.
That he can do what he
says. That he does hold
you in his hands, hands
of love, and care, and
truth. Today Jesus
invites you to trust
Jayne in his hands, to
trust his word more
than your doubts.

I trust this person.

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Romans 14:7-9
For none of us lives for
ourselves alone, and
none of us dies for
ourselves alone. If we
live, we live for the
Lord; and if we die, we
die for the Lord. So,
whether we live or die,
we belong to the Lord.
For this very reason,
Christ died and
returned to life so that
he might be the Lord of
both the dead and the
living.

John: 14:1-6
"Do not let your hearts
be troubled. You
believe in God; believe
also in me. My Father's
house has many
rooms; if that were not
so, would I have told
you that I am going
there to prepare a place
for you? And if I go and
prepare a place for you,
I will come back and
take you to be with me
that you also may be
where I am. You know
the way to the place
where I am going."
Thomas said to him,
"Lord, we don't know
where you are going,

so how can we know
the way?" Jesus
answered, "I am the
way and the truth and
the life. No one comes
to the Father except
through me."

The reading we had
today from Paul's letter
to the community of
believers in Rome is a
reminder to me that
Jesus is in control. Paul
wrote; "Christ died and
returned to life so that
he might be the Lord of
both the dead and the
living." (Rom. 14:9)
I'm sure that includes
Jayne as well as you
and I. Jesus is lord of
both the dead and the
living. Death hasn't
whisked Jayne away
and now holds her in its
grasp.

No, Jesus, still holds
Jayne in his grasp. He
is Lord of both the dead
and the living. Which
also means Jesus
holds us, today, in his
grasp. Jesus holds
Jayne and he holds us
in his hands. Jesus is

inviting us to trust him
with our lives. Jesus is
inviting us to trust him
with Jayne's life.

Isn't that the big
question in life; who
can you trust? Who do
you trust?

That lies at the heart of
the story of Adam and
Eve and there
encounter with the
serpent.

God, the one who had
created them; but more
than that had placed
them in paradise. This
God, whom they knew,
said not to eat of the
tree of 'Good and Evil'.
He even warned them
that if they ate it they
would die.

I don't know if Adam
and Eve really knew
what this meant. They'd
never experienced
death; but they did
know the one who
warned them.

Then the serpent
comes along, and
suggests that God, their

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Jesus' disciples multiplying disciples

Father, doesn't know what he's talking about. He even suggests that their Dad is a kill-joy keeping the best for himself. And then he invites them to eat and enjoy.

Who would you trust?

Today we are in the same boat; who do we trust? Today we're faced with death; who am I going to trust?

Will I trust death? In many ways it makes a powerful claim, Jayne is dead, and both she and we are powerless to make a difference. If we could we would have by now, wouldn't we!

Or will I trust Jesus? He makes the claim to be 'Lord of the living and the dead'. In the Gospel of John Jesus also invites us to trust him. He talked about preparing a place for us. Not just any place but the image is that we have a room, our own place in 'Fathers' home. And Jesus promises to 'come back and take us there, so we may be where he is'.

Did you notice that Jesus uses the image

of 'Father'? I'm not sure what that word brings to your mind, but for Jesus, it is the person he trusts with his life. For Jesus this is the person he has the most intimate relationship with. He and the Father are one. He and the Father exist in a relationship of total trust, of affection, totally committed to each other. To sum up their

Who do you trust?

relationship in one word, it is a relationship of 'love'.

Jesus whole life is an act of trust in his Father. Jesus claims to do what he sees his Father doing, and to say what he hears his Father saying. Jesus in so many ways tries to describe for us this wonderful relationship of trust that he lives in with the Father.

At the end of Jesus' life he was faced with the trust question. He's hanging on the cross, the Roman governments chosen

form of capital punishment, to totally humiliate and discredit a person.

They didn't only want to execute the person, they wanted the mere suggestion of the person's name to be repulsive. Who would ever trust a person so discredited, so shamed and rejected.

Jesus hangs on the cross; will he trust his Father or not?

Jesus hanging on the cross is goaded to come down off the cross, and then

people say they will believe in him. Jesus hanging on the cross is even directly tempted to lose trust in his Father. So we hear him cry from the cross; 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me'.

Has anyone here today ever felt like that? Felt like God had let them down, that God was remote, distant, not there when you needed him. Has anyone ever cried out to God? God, why? God, I don't understand! God, help!

I have. I've felt confused, frustrated,

angry, hurt, lost. I've cried out why.

I'm sure at times Jayne did too. Why this disease? What did I do to deserve it? If you're god, take it away. God, it's all too much, help! I'm sure there were times where Jayne joined Jesus in his gut wrenching cry; 'My God, my God, why have you abandoned me.'

And then amazingly Jesus dies; actually what Jesus does is place his life into his Father's hands. Without all the questions being answered; he chooses to trust the one he knows.

Jesus cry of agony is real, but he doesn't trust the lies being whispered in his ear. I can hear the devil whispering in Jesus' ear; 'see you can't trust him, he's let you down'. Can you hear the devil whispering; 'take control, do it yourself, you can't trust him'. 'Jesus, take control and save yourself, jump off this cross and live.'

What would have happened to Jesus if

he'd have taken his life into his own hands; if Jesus had taken control for himself? What would have happened if Jesus had jumped off the cross?

Death!

The death of his relationship of love and trust with his Father. It would have died, and Jesus would have been

Jesus places his life into his Father's hands.

left with an eternity of regret, of feeling abandoned, of not being able to trust anyone.

Death is much more than not breathing. The ultimate death is being abandoned, left regretting, with no way to change, trapped, with no hope.

Jesus stays on the cross, and at this point he gives his life into his Father's hands. Here are his words; "Father, I entrust my spirit into your hands!" And with those words he

breathed his last." (Luke 23:46)

Jesus places his life into his Father's hands, trusting that his Father will raise him to new life. Now that's a big call, isn't it!

Today that's what we are doing; placing Jayne into Jesus' hands, trusting that he will raise her to new life.

A new life with a glorified body, where she will be free to live out this wonderful relationship of love and trust Jesus has created with the Father. Living it out person to person, experiencing the love of the Father for herself, person to person.

Jesus claims to have the power and the authority to do it. He's the Lord of the living and the dead. His whole life is a call to trust him, to place our lives in his hands, just as he lived and died trusting his Father; who by the way, in Jesus is our Father, is Jayne's loving Dad.

I don't claim to have all the answers. I still have my times of despair