



Monday's Scouting Report – "In His Mitt"

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Trust

In baseball, like any team sport, it is imperative that we trust our coaching staff, our players, and our philosophy. Without it we lose confidence in our own abilities as a coach, as well as those of our staff and players. We never reach the goal of becoming the best coach, staff, team, and program we are capable of becoming. In short, we fail to perform with excellence.

As coaches we know both the strengths and weaknesses of our players and the team. We are there to assist and build upon each our athletes skill-sets and to be encouragers. We see the heights that our players and the team are capable of reaching!

It is no different with our walk with God. He is our coach. He sees every detail of our lives. He knows exactly what we need and when we need it. He is not concerned with how we are today but in what we will become. He is the potter, we are the clay.

Paul David Tripp writes in his *New Morning Mercies Devotion* "*The joy or complaint of your heart always shapes your willingness to trust God and to do his will.*"

How often do you find yourself complaining, or grumbling, about a situation or difficulty in your life? It is worth pointing out that in the midst of our complaining we forget God's grace!

When we allow ourselves to be shaped by our complaining, the splendor of God's creation goes unnoticed. The gifts of his grace go unrecognized in our lives. We fail to trust in His plan and instead rely on our selfishness - our wants and desires. We allow our impatience and complaints to dominate how we think and act.

When this happens we no longer are trusting God and are unable to do His will. Instead, we are choosing to live a life of despair and longing.

Trust in God! Choose to look at your life with eyes of faith. Devote your life to Him, remembering his daily graces and allowing His will for your life to proceed as He plans. In this way, you will be ready at all times to live the life of abundance and joy that He has truly prepared for you.

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding"
(Proverbs 3:5)