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Luke 13:10-21/ Luke 6:6-11/ Luke 14:1-6

THE PRINCIPLES: A Closer Look At . . .

❶ SATAN'S POWER

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Luke 13:11 & 16/ Daniel 10:12-14/ Jude 9-10
- But, it's also **limited**
1 John 4:4/ Job 1-2/ 2 Corinthians 12:7-10/ Romans 8:37-39
- And most of it we experience **indirectly**
Genesis 3:13-19/ Ephesians 2:1-3/ 2 Corinthians 4:4
- By far, his most powerful & dangerous weapon has always been a simple **lie**
Genesis 3:1-6/ John 8:44/ John 8:32

❷ GOD'S POWER, TIMING & KINGDOM

- His power is **absolute**
Genesis 1:1/ Revelation 4:8-11
- But his timing will always be **his** not **ours**
Isaiah 55:8-9/ 2 Peter 3:8-9
- And that's the reason **faith** is such a big deal!
Hebrews 11:6/ Hebrews 11:32-40/ Romans 8:28/ Matthew 16:18/ Luke 13:18-21

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- An Electrician's **caution**
Don't fear the enemy – but don't take him lightly either
- A Pilot's **trust**
Trust your gauges – more than your senses

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Food for Thought for the week of June 12, 2011

(Questions and Scriptures for further study)

1. Satan's favorite lie is to try and convince us that God is holding out on us and therefore can't be trusted. Are there some areas of your life that are more difficult than others to trust God with or put in his hands? Circle any below or jot down your own areas.

Marriage School Future Work/Job Friends Children
Forgiveness Health Finances Safety Other _____

How can the directives and the promise found in Proverbs 3:5-6 help you trust God with any of these areas you struggle with?

2. We heard this weekend that while God's power is absolute, the timing of when things happen will always be his, not ours. This is why faith is so important. The Bible gives us many reasons to have faith (trust) in God. Read the following verses and write down as many reasons for trusting God as you can find.

Deuteronomy 31:7-8

Psalms 136:1-12

Psalms 146:1-10

Jeremiah 17:5-8

Is there anything you need to put into practice from these verses?

3. Isaiah 40 is one of the best chapters in the Bible for gaining a perspective on God's power because the passage compares it to things we can understand. Take some time to read through Isaiah 40:9-31, jotting down all it says about how big and powerful God is.

In what ways can a greater understanding of God's absolute power help you to trust him and his perfect timing more?