



Pirates of the Caribbean 2: Rusted Trust

Reminders:

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Goal:

To begin taking the risk of trusting God and others.

Setting the Stage:

Bring two similar household items to your group such as two hammers, two screwdrivers, or two door hinges. One of the items is to be old or rusted and the other is to be in excellent condition. Pass the two items around and ask your students how these objects are similar and different. Ask which one they would rather use. Also ask which object they would trust more to fulfill its intended purpose. Discuss how each of these objects is like trust in that the more neglected, misused, and unpracticed something is, the more difficult it is to put it to use.

Pirates of the Caribbean 2 Overview:

Captain Jack Sparrow is back and being chased by cannibals and sea monsters in this high seas adventure. Seeking to pay back a debt owed to Davy Jones, Jack and his friends embark upon a quest to retrieve a chest full of dark secrets that may be the key to saving them all.

IMPORTANT NOTE: *Pirates of the Caribbean 2: Dead Man's Chest* is rated "PG-13" for "intense sequences of adventure violence, including frightening images." Leaders should preview clips prior to showing them to the group. Also, it would be helpful if the leader has seen the entire movie.

Scripture:



John 14:1–3

Jesus' desire for His followers is that they would trust Him unconditionally. He foreshadows His leaving them, but He does so with a promise: He will be back! Goodbyes can be really difficult, but can you imagine the confusion, frustration, and sadness the disciples may have felt as Jesus spoke these words? Many wondered what He was taking about, where He would be going, and when He would be coming back. To answer those questions, Jesus makes a request that is both simple and hard: *trust*. Where are you going, Lord? *Trust me*. What will you be doing? *Trust me*. When will you return? *Trust me*. What about us? *Trust me*. We live in a time when people are consumed with predicting Jesus' return, debating over what the next life will be like, and worrying themselves into medical conditions with everyday circumstances. Two thousand years ago, Jesus gave us a challenge we can live out today: *trust*.

Movie Clip:

“I Have Faith in You”

DVD Time: Start the clip at the beginning of chapter five (time: 19:10) as the guard says, “You can't be here.” End the clip near the beginning of chapter five (time: 20:08) after Will says, “And then I intend to return here to marry you.”

Introduction to Clip

Will Turner visits Elizabeth Swann in jail and, as her father looks on, promises her that he will do whatever it takes to free her.

Key Comments and Principles from Clip

- Will Turner: “Is that a lack of faith in Jack or in me?”



- Elizabeth Swann: “I have faith in you...both of you.”

What Did You See?

After viewing the clip, ask the group these questions:

- What spiritual elements did you see?
- Which words, phrases, or images were the most powerful to you? Why?
- Where did you observe the “trust issues” in this scene?
- What relational connections would make it difficult for Governor Swann to trust Will?
- How does Will feel in response to Governor Swann’s comments?
- Why does Elizabeth trust Will?
- What risks seem to be connected with trusting in this situation?

What Did You Read?

After reading the scripture for today, ask the following questions:

- What are the key elements in this scripture?
- Why does Jesus emphasize not only trusting in Him but also in God?
- Is there a difference between faith and trust? If so, what is it?
- Why would Jesus’ followers possibly have a difficult time placing their trust in Jesus as God?
- How does a statement by Jesus concerning our trust in Him affect us two thousand years later?



- How does it make you feel that Jesus knew way back then that we would have struggles trusting Him today, and that He would still prepare a place for us to be with Him for eternity?

What Does It All Mean?

Tie the movie clip and scripture together by asking the following questions:

- Would you describe yourself as a trustworthy person? Why or why not?
- Do you find trusting other people easy or hard? Why?
- Tell of a time when you trusted someone blindly and share how it turned out.
- Do you have “trust issues”? If so, why do you think that is the case?
- Is it easier for you to trust friends or family? Strangers or acquaintances?
- If you have a secret, who are you most likely to tell? Why?
- When you can tell someone doesn’t trust you, how does it make you feel? How do you react?
- What is the biggest risk you have taken by trusting someone else? How did it turn out?
- Do your parents trust you? Why or why not?
- What does it take to earn someone’s trust back after it’s been lost?
- How does it make you feel when someone says they trust you or have faith in you?
- Do you trust Jesus today? Why or why not?
- How does your trust in Jesus (or lack thereof) impact your life as a whole?

Creative Activity:



With your group, lead a mini version of the trust fall called a “trust lean.” Pair students up or take turns with each person in the group. Directions and safety precautions can be found online: <http://wilderdom.com/games/descriptions/TrustLean.html>. Make sure everyone in the group understands that this is a fun activity but can also be dangerous if people don’t take it seriously. After you have finished the activity, join back together as a group to process through the moments of trust each person found themselves experiencing as they had to choose whether or not to fall back on the other person. Ask your students what would have made this activity easier or harder. Have them compare this activity to our relationship with God, encouraging them to consider how we have to make little decisions each day to lean into God with trust.

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