**HEART OF THE MATTER**

Each week we have the opportunity to thank God for how He has provided for us in the past and trusting Him for what is to come. I read recently Henri Nouwens story about how trapeze artists function in relation to catcher and flyer.

Radleigh said, “As a flyer, I must have complete trust in my catcher. The public might think that I am the great star of the trapeze, but the real star is Joe, my catcher. He has to be there for me with split-second precision and grab me out of the air as I come to him in the long jump.’

‘How does it work?’ I asked.

‘The secret,’ Rodleigh said, ‘is that the flyer does nothing and the catcher does everything. When I fly to Joe, I have simply to stretch out my arms and hands and wait for him to catch me and pull me safely over the apron behind the catchbar.’

‘You do nothing!’ I said, surprised.

‘Nothing,’ Rodleigh repeated. ‘The worst thing the flyer can do is to try to catch the catcher. I am not supposed to catch Joe. It’s Joe’s task to catch me. If I grabbed Joe’s wrists, I might break them, or he might break mine, and that would be the end for both of us. A flyer must fly, and a catcher must catch, and the flyer must trust, with outstretched arms, that his catcher will be there for him.’

When we have given our lives to God we can be like the flyer and just reach out to God, our catcher, and trust our lives to His safe, strong hands.

This is our opportunity to honour and worship God by committing ourselves to Him anew and, as I said last week, a time of surrender and obedience. It’s not about what God wants from us, but what He wants for us. God doesn’t need anything from us but we need everything that God so freely wants to give us.

We are so blessed. And we can be blessings to others.

As we bring our tithes and offerings to God, Trust Him, reach out your hands completely trusting that God will catch you and not let you fall.

“My help and glory are in God —granite-strength and safe-harbor-God— So trust him absolutely, people; lay your lives on the line for him. God is a safe place to be.”

**PRAYER**