

**How do we Continue
to Trust God
in
Good Times and Bad?**

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Trusting God - Introduction

- Wal-Mart 1989
- Disease 1994
- Hospital 1999
- Medical Distributorship 2000
- Health, marriage, finances, children

What does it mean to Trust?

- **Trust-**
- Confidence, reliance, assurance, dependence, certainty, sureness
- **Hope-**
- Expectation, conviction, promise
- **Believe in-**
- Rest in and confide in

What does it mean to Trust?

- **To Consider Trustworthy-**
- Reliable
- Dependable
- Good at one's word
- To be counted on
- Responsible
- Tried and true!
- **To Accept His Word-** unquestioned & without doubt

What does it mean to Trust?

- **Faith-**
- 2 Corinthians 5:7 (NAS)
- *“For we walk by faith and not by sight.”*
- It is a conviction
- It is being persuaded
- It is taking God at His word and asking no questions

What does it mean to Trust?

- **Faith-**

Intellectual Belief and Volitional Will

Psalm 50:14,15 (Living)

“What I want from you is your true thanks; I want your promises fulfilled. I want you to trust me in your times of trouble, so I can rescue you, and you can give me glory.”

What does it mean to Trust?

- **By Faith-**
- The mind trusts God
- The heart responds to God
- The will submits to God
- The life obeys God

- Faith goes beyond reason. It believes without understanding why! It praises in tribulation. It accepts all things as part of God's will.

What does it mean to Trust?

- I Peter 1:8 (NIV)
- *“Though you have not seen Him, you love Him: and even though you do not see Him now, you believe in Him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, for you are receiving the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls.”*

What does it mean to Trust?

- **Faith-**

- Is God's guarantee in advance that we already possess the things that we asked for. They may still be in His hands waiting on a proper time for delivery.

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("God is in control and has my best interest at heart." - Gayle Jackson)

What does it mean to Trust?

- **Faith- Oswald Chambers**
- “Faith is more than an attitude of the mind. It is the complete, passionate, earnest trust of our whole nature in the gospel of God’s grace.”

Remember these Truths

1. God is Faithful-

Seek Him and He will never forsake you.

Deuteronomy 4:29

“But if from there you seek the Lord your God, you will find Him if you look for Him with all your heart and with all your soul.”

Exp: young lady on airplane heard God

Remember these Truths

2. God meets our needs. He alone fills our emptiness.

Ruth 1:20, 21- Naomi

“I went away full but the Lord has brought me back empty.”

Ruth 4:13,17-

“Naomi has a son.” And they named him Obed. He was the father of Jesse, the father of David.”

Remember these Truths

3. God keeps His promises-

2 Chronicles 6:15-

“You have kept your promise to your servant David my father; with your mouth you have promised and with your hand you have fulfilled it-as it is today.”

Remember these Truths

4. God fights our battles for us-

2 Chronicles 20:15, 17, 20

“This is what the Lord says to you: Do not be afraid or discouraged because of his vast army. For the battle is not yours, but God’s. You will not have to fight this battle. Take your positions; stand firm and see the deliverance of the Lord will give you...Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged. Go out and face them tomorrow and the Lord will be with you.”

Remember these Truths

5. God is Sovereign and all Powerful-

Job 1:21-

“Naked I came from my mother’s womb, and naked I will depart. The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away; may the name of the Lord be praised.”

Remember these Truths

6. God allows us to be tested-

Job 23:10

“but He knows the way that I take; when He has tested me, I will come forth as gold.”

Remember these Truths

7. God knows all things-

Proverbs 3:5,6 (Message)

“Trust God from the bottom of your heart. Don’t try to figure out everything on your own. Listen for God’s voice in everything you do, everywhere you go. He’s the one who will keep you on track.”

Remember these Truths

Proverbs 21:31 (Living)

“Do your best, prepare for the worst- then trust God to bring victory.”

Sovereign, All Powerful, All knowing, and He has my best interest at heart!!

Remember these Truths

8. God gives us Peace in the midst of a storm.

Proverbs 28:25 (Message)

“A grasping person stirs up trouble, but trust in God brings a sense of well being.”

Proverbs 29:25 (Message)

“The fear of human opinion disables; trusting God protects you from that.”

Remember these Truths

Isaiah 26:3, 4

“You will keep in perfect peace him whose mind is steadfast, because he trusts in you. Trust in the Lord forever, for the Lord, is the Rock eternal.”

Remember these Truths

9. Our Focus on God eliminates fear and worry

Jeremiah 17:7, 8

“But blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, whose confidence is in Him. He will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream. It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green. It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit.”

Remember these Truths

Matthew 6:25, 31, 34 (Message)

“Give your entire attention to what God is doing now, and don’t get worked up about what may happen tomorrow. God will help you deal with whatever hard things come up when the time comes.”

Philippians 4:6 (Message)

“Don’t fret or worry. Instead of worrying, pray.”

Remember these Truths

10. God sees the end from the beginning.

2 Corinthians 5:7 (Message)

“It’s what we trust in but don’t see that keeps us going.”

Hebrews 11:1 (Message)

“The fundamental fact of existence is that this trust in God, this faith, is the firm foundations under everything that makes life worth living.”

Remember these Truths

11. Faith allows us to go behind the curtain and know God.

Hebrews 11:6 (Message)

“It’s impossible to please God apart from faith. And why? Because anyone who wants to approach God must believe both that He exists and that He cares enough to respond to those who seek Him.”

Remember these Truths

I Peter 4:19 (Message)

“If you find difficult because you’re doing what God said, take it in stride. Trust Him. He knows what He’s doing, and He’ll keep on doing it.”

Remember these Truths

Psalm 37:25 (Message)

“I once was young, now I’m a graybeard and not once have I seen an abandoned believer, or his kids out roaming the streets. Every day he’s out giving and lending, his children making him proud.”

Remember these Truths

Psalm 44:6, 7 (NIV)

*“I do not trust in my **bow**, my **sword** does not bring me victory, but you **give us victory** over our enemies, you put our adversaries to shame.”*

Bow (my business? Bank account ?)

Sword (my talents, gifts, background, education, training?)

