



SERVICE TIMES:

Sunday: 9:30 AM
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Trusting in Him

I find comfort in being able to control the outcome of a situation. I am learning that life is full of experiences which I may have a measure of influence, but the final outcome is out-of-my hands. When the future is uncertain, my natural inclination is to feel stressed, burdened, and anxious. God is teaching me to trust in Him, though I can be stubborn at times. He never intends for me to carry the burdens of life alone, but to cast it on Him and to surrender to His almighty care and protection.

Here is one example that God is currently helping me with. As a father, I recognize that I can have a huge impact on the lives of my children. But there is going to be a day, when they are going to choose what they believe, and how they are going to live. And that choice will be beyond my control. I can easily be consumed by fear for them because of the world and all of the evil influences. Instead, God is teaching me to live one day at a time and to trust Him as my Shepherd. He will help me and equip me for the challenges that are in front of me today.

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It is one thing to say that we trust in God, but it's another to believe it, when we are in right in the middle of an uncertain time. It can be hard to fully hand over our concerns to the Lord, especially when we don't know when or how He may answer us. But it is so comforting when we do. The scriptures powerfully speak of the blessings of putting our trust in the Lord. Here are a few scriptures as a reference:

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all of your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths" (Proverbs 3:3-5)

"The Lord is my strength and my shield; in Him my heart trusts, and I am helped; my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to Him" (Psalm 28:7)

"And those who know your name put their trust in you, for you, O Lord, have not forsaken those who seek you" (Psalm 9:10)

We may be tempted to trust in our own judgement, but Proverbs 28:26 tells us that is foolish.

"Whoever trusts in his own mind is a fool, but he who walks in wisdom will be delivered."

Psalm 52:7 teaches us to not look to wealth or material goods as our refuge - instead look to God.

"See the man who would not make God his refuge, but trusted in the abundance of his riches and sought refuge in his own destruction!"

The story of King Asa reveals that we should not seek man's help first, because the Lord is our trust (2 Chronicles 16:12)!

"In the thirty-ninth year of his reign Asa was diseased in his feet, and his disease became severe. Yet even in his disease he did not seek the LORD, but sought help from physicians."

No ruler or nation should be our source of hope or comfort, but in God in whom there is salvation (Psalm 146:3).

"Put not your trust in princes, in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation."

I don't know all that you are facing in your life right now. Whatever it may be, I hope that you are encouraged to look to God as your source of trust. You will be blessed when you do. He promises to make straight your paths, to help you, and to not forsake you when you look to Him. Disappointment will surely follow, if you look to yourself, riches, or any man as the answer to your problems!

Delight yourself in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him, and he will act. He will bring forth your righteousness as the light, and your justice as the noonday (Psalm 37:4-6).

- Derek Anderson



"I heard the crash on the highway, But I didn't hear nobody pray"

If you were around in the 50's, you'll recognize this lyric sung by Roy Acuff. My Dad used to sing this to me in fun, using his best Acuff voice. Yes, my father had an active sense of humor, perhaps he's where I got mine. More importantly, my father was a righteous man, who prayed often and fervently. I have no doubt, that it was my father's prayers for me, that set me on the pathway to a good life as a Christian man. - Danny Pickett

"The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." Jas 5:16

"Prayer is the right and privilege of one who can address God as "Father," a child of God, one who worships God and does His will....man must never cease to pray, he must never give up because of discouragement or disappointment; he must never falter at this point." - Homer Hailey