

# Trusting God



**A Reminder of God's Incredible Love for Christians**

# Trust

What silly creatures we are. We expend so many calories agonizing over things that have never been in our control. We are afraid for our jobs, worried about relationships, terrified with illness, apprehensive of change, and paranoid by loss. We squirm and writhe and cower at everything that falls into our lives.

There is a constant boing, boing of little dreads bouncing around like balls in our heads. Boing, "No money." Boing, "She hates me." Boing, "Do I have cancer?" We brood, and fret, and anguish, and suffer vexation. Really, we are our fears. They become our lives.

This is no way to live. It cannot be that this is how we were created to exist. The loving God of our Bibles wants us to thrive and live abundant lives.

*JN 10:10 "I came that they might have life and have it abundantly."*

Lives free of mental agony. Lives deluged with inner peace and saturated with tranquility, calm, confidence. He desires that we dwell in assurance that all is well deep in our souls. Knuckleheads that we are, we worry ourselves right out of these abundant lives.

God so loves us. He is not remote. Rather, every hair on our heads is accounted for and he listens for your next heartbeat. Sparrows never fall without his notice and problems never enter our lives without his care.

*Mat 10:[29] Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from the will of your Father. [30] And even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. [31] So don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.*

You can trust him. In every way and every moment he is, as he promised to be, "with you always, even unto the end of the world."

He is with you, even in your problems. He is not ignoring you nor is he only willing to intervene on some mystical spiritual level. His concern is with the physical and the spiritual. The Good Shepherd is using trials to teach reliance on him. He so desperately desires our fellowship, that he is willing to allow pain so that we will flee to him.

*PR 22:19 So that your trust may be in the LORD, I teach you today, even you.*

He allows our hurts, but he controls them so we can't be destroyed by them. "He will not let you be tempted beyond what you can endure." He only desires us to turn to him for help and spiritual learning. He is right there with you.

Like the child that cops a cookie then pouts when Mom happens to walk into the room, we ruin our lives then anticipate that God will shun us. Silly. His love is not fickle like ours. Heaven's love is like... well, its like Niagara Falls. The constant torrent of compassion that pours onto us is unstoppable. We can cover our heads, shout, or dance, none of that will detour one drop. We will be deluged by his excessive love just the same.

Our Father sees our going out and our lying down. He knows our words before they are on our tongues. In fact, he sees the vocal cord that emits the words, and he sees the cells that make up that cord. He not only sees all this but, by his will, he holds it all together. He is in control. God's love and God's control—this is a combination that makes all peace attainable. The One that controls all will use that control in our favor because of his great love.

*Jer 29: [11] For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.*

*RO 8:28 And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.*

God does not merely see our trouble and choose to stay out of it. Oh, he sees. He is beside himself to be involved and help us through. But his help is focused on the everlasting outcome and we only want an immediate, temporal fix. We pooh pooh his intervention and in doing so, forfeit peace.

Recalibrate. Accept that love and help which, with trust and time, will conquer both this life and eternal life. We must fall on our knees and repent of our shallow impatience. Yield wholly to his dominion and his timing. Recant of our anxiety and fretfulness.

We have limited his power and greatness. We have called him small and incapable. We have said, "you are uncaring," when nothing could be further from the truth. Shame is on us for this sin of miss-trust. Over and over Jesus made it clear saying, "Trust in God, trust also in me."

Repent now and trust God, never again to return to childish fears.

*PS 62:5 Find rest, O my soul, in God alone;  
my hope comes from him.*

*PS 62:6 He alone is my rock and my salvation;  
He is my fortress, I will not be shaken.*

*PS 62:8 Trust in him at all times, O people;  
pour out your hearts to him,  
for God is our refuge.*

*ISA 12:2 Surely God is my salvation;  
I will trust and not be afraid.*

*The LORD, the LORD, is my strength and my song; He has become my salvation."*

*NA 1:7The LORD is good,  
a refuge in times of trouble.  
He cares for those who trust in him,*

*PS 23:4 Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil,  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.*

*ISA 41:9 I took you from the ends of the earth,  
from its farthest corners I called you.  
I said, 'You are my servant';*

*I have chosen you and have not rejected you.*

*ISA 41:10 So do not fear, for I am with you;  
do not be dismayed, for I am your God.*

*I will strengthen you and help you;*

*I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.*

*ISA 41:13,14 For I am the LORD, your God,  
who takes hold of your right hand  
and says to you, Do not fear; I will help you.*

*do not be afraid, O worm Jacob,*

*O little Israel, for I myself will help you," declares the LORD, your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel.*

*ISA 43:1,3 But now, this is what the LORD says he who created you, O Jacob,  
he who formed you, O Israel:*

*"Fear not, for I have redeemed you;*

*I have summoned you by name; you are mine.*

*When you pass through the waters,*

*I will be with you;*

*and when you pass through the rivers,*

*they will not sweep over you.*

*When you walk through the fire,*

*you will not be burned;*

*the flames will not set you ablaze.*

*For I am the LORD, your God,*

*JER 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."*

*ZEP 3:15,17 The LORD has taken away your punishment, he has turned back your enemy.  
The LORD, the King of Israel, is with you;  
never again will you fear any harm.  
On that day they will say to Jerusalem,  
"Do not fear, O Zion;  
do not let your hands hang limp.  
The LORD your God is with you,  
he is mighty to save.  
He will take great delight in you,  
he will quiet you with his love,  
he will rejoice over you with singing."*

*MT 6:25 "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more important than food, and the body more important than clothes? [26] Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? [27] Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life?"*

*PS 56:3,4 When I am afraid,  
I will trust in you.  
In God, whose word I praise,  
in God I trust; I will not be afraid.  
What can mortal man do to me?"*

*Rev 1:17 "Do not be afraid. I am the First and the Last. [18] I am the Living One; I was dead, and behold I am alive forever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and Hades."*

*Jer 29: 11 For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. [12] Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. [13] You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. [14] I will be found by you," declares the LORD, "*

*RO 8:[15] For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship. And by him we cry, "Abba, Father."*

*Jn 14:[27] Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.*

*Matt 28:20 "...And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."*

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