

The Power of Trust

Jeremiah 17:7 (NAS95) "**Blessed** is the man **who trusts in the LORD** And whose trust is the LORD.

Psa 62:8 (NAS95) **Trust in Him at all times**, O people; Pour out your heart before Him; God is a refuge for us. Selah.

Psa 115:11 (NASB) You who fear the LORD, **trust in the LORD**; He is their help and their shield.

Pro 3:5 (NASB) **Trust in the LORD with all your heart** And do not lean on your own understanding.

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TRUST: *refuge; the act of confiding; to put confidence in; to be secure; to lean on; opposite of doubting; to hope IN ADVANCE of other confirmation*

A Story of Trust:

Job 1:13-22 (NASB) 13 Now on the day when his sons and his daughters were eating and drinking wine in their oldest brother's house,

14 a messenger came to Job and said, "The oxen were plowing and the donkeys feeding beside them,

15 and the Sabeans attacked and took them. They also slew the servants with the edge of the sword, and I alone have escaped to tell you."

16 While he was still speaking, another also came and said, "The fire of God fell [?] from heaven and burned up the sheep and the servants and consumed them, and I alone have escaped to tell you."

17 While he was still speaking, another also came and said, "The Chaldeans formed three bands and made a raid on the camels and took them and slew the servants with the edge of the sword, and I alone have escaped to tell you."

18 While he was still speaking, another also came and said, "Your sons and your daughters were eating and drinking wine in their oldest brother's house,

19 and behold, a great wind came from across the wilderness and struck the four corners of the house, and it fell on the young people and they died, and I alone have escaped to tell you."

20 Then Job arose and tore his robe and shaved his head, and **he fell to the ground and worshiped**.

21 He said, "Naked I came from my mother's womb, And naked I shall return there. The LORD gave and the LORD has taken away. Blessed be the name of the LORD."

22 Through all this Job did not sin **nor did he blame God**.

Job 2:9 (NASB) Then his wife said to him, "Do you still hold fast your integrity? Curse God and die!"

Job 3:25 (KJV) For the thing which I greatly feared is come upon me, and that which I was afraid of is come unto me.

Job 13:15 (KJV) Though he slay me, yet will I trust in him: but I will maintain mine own ways before him.

Job 42:10 (NASB) The LORD restored the fortunes of Job when he prayed for his friends, and the LORD increased all that Job had twofold.

Faith vs. Trust

They are VERY close but not exactly the same.

Sometimes people use them interchangeably because they are so close.

- **Faith: choosing to believe** that God will give fruit based off of a specific thing (promise, scripture or nature of God) that is hoped for
 - **Heb 11:1-3 (KJV)** Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. **2** For by it the elders obtained a good report. **3** Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.
 - **Faith should always bring something into being!**
- **Trust:** knowing & being fully persuaded that God is always faithful & can be 'trusted' in every practical scenario (*peace, confidence, wisdom, tasks, how-to, etc*)
 - **His name is Faithful! Rev 19:11 (NASB)** And I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse, and He who sat on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and wages war.
 - **Psa 37:5 (NASB)** Commit your way to the LORD, Trust also in Him, and He will do it.
 - Faith is trust in God on a specific promise; Trust is basically just overall faith in God
 - Trust will uphold you in the middle of a faith project
 - We need BOTH trust & faith to accomplish faith projects!

If we like trust, our lives and emotions and mental state will go up and down with the events of our world.

True trust in God stabilizes us!

Thru trust WE KNOW that a Word is coming that will deliver us, RIGHT ON TIME!

- Faith should ALWAYS overcome & bring a victory (*a manifestation; bringing it into your hands*)
 - **1Jn 5:4 (KJV)** For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, *even our faith*.
- Trust puts you on the path of faith & goodness & brings the confidence & security of victory
 - **Psa 125:1-2 (NASB) A Song of Ascents.** Those who trust in the LORD Are as Mount Zion, which cannot be moved but abides forever. **2** As the mountains surround Jerusalem, So the LORD surrounds His people From this time forth and forever.
 - Trusts helps us know that there is a way of faith EVEN when we aren't aware of the starting point of that path
- Trust roots us, nourishes us & removes anxiety in the middle of a faith project & secures it
 - **Jer 17:7-8 (NASB)** "Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD And whose trust is the LORD. **8** "For he will be like a tree planted by the water, That extends its roots by a stream And will not fear when the heat comes; But its leaves will be green, And it will not be anxious in a year of drought Nor cease to yield fruit.
 - Therefore, ***Trust uphold fruitfulness!*** (*manifestation, victory, faith*)
 - **1Pe 4:19 (NASB)** Therefore, those also who suffer (*those denying the flesh on the way to victory in faith*) according to the will of God shall entrust their souls to a faithful Creator in doing what is right.
 - **Heb 11:11 (NASB)** By faith even Sarah herself received ability to conceive, even beyond the proper time of life, **since she considered Him faithful** who had promised.
- Trust generally needs to be built, like, 'as a trusted source'. God is definitely a trusted source & has ALREADY produced the fruit for trust.
- When we lose trust we stop looking at who He is & who He has been
- When something looks wrong and we don't know the how & why, HE can be trusted.
- ***He is trustworthy, so I trust Him!***
- THEN I choose to believe His specific promise or nature, I choose to believe & put on faith.

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He IS Faithful & Worthy to be Trusted!

- **1Co 10:13 (NASB)** No temptation has overtaken you but such as is common to man; and God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will provide the way of escape also, so that you will be able to endure it.
- **Deu 7:9 (NASB)** "Know therefore that the LORD your God, He is God, the faithful God, who keeps His covenant and His lovingkindness to a thousandth generation with those who love Him and keep His commandments;
- **Psa 89:33-34 (NASB)** "But I will not break off My lovingkindness from him, Nor deal falsely in My faithfulness. **34** "My covenant I will not violate, Nor will I alter the utterance of My lips.
- **Psa 36:5 (NASB)** Your lovingkindness, O LORD, extends to the heavens, Your faithfulness reaches to the skies.
- **Lam 3:22-23 (KJV)** *It is of the LORD'S mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. **23** They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness.*
- **1Co 1:9 (NASB)** God is faithful, through whom you were called into fellowship with His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
- **2Th 3:3 (NASB)** But the Lord is faithful, and He will strengthen and protect you from the *evil one*.
- **2Ti 2:13 (NASB)** If we are faithless, He remains faithful, for He cannot deny Himself.
- **Heb 10:23 (NASB)** Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful;
- **1Th 5:24 (NASB)** Faithful is He who calls you, and He also will bring it to pass.

Trust Will Help You Do Good & Receive Good:

- **Psa 37:3-6 (NASB)** Trust in the LORD and do good; Dwell in the land and cultivate faithfulness. **4** Delight yourself in the LORD; And He will give you the desires of your heart. **5** Commit your way to the LORD, Trust also in Him, and He will do it. **6** He will bring forth your righteousness as the light And your judgment as the noonday.
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- **Jer 17:5-8 (NASB)** Thus says the LORD, "Cursed is the man who trusts in mankind And makes flesh his strength, And whose heart turns away from the LORD. **6** "For he will be like a bush in the desert And will not see when prosperity comes, But will live in stony wastes in the wilderness, A land of salt without inhabitant. **7** "**Blessed** is the man who **trusts** in the LORD And **whose trust is the LORD**. **8** "For he will be **like a tree planted by the water**, That extends its roots by a stream And **will not fear** when the heat comes; But its leaves will be **green**, And it **will not be anxious** in a year of drought **Nor cease to yield fruit**.

How To Trust:

- **Bless the Lord & Don't Forget His Benefits & Works:**
 - **Psa 103:1-8 (NAS95) A Psalm of David. Bless the LORD [kneel & adore; praise; salute]**, O my soul, And **all that is within me, bless His holy name**. **2** Bless the LORD, O my soul, And **forget none of His benefits**; **3** Who pardons all your iniquities, Who heals all your diseases; **4** Who redeems your life from the pit, Who crowns you with lovingkindness and compassion; **5** Who satisfies your years with good things, *So that* your youth is renewed like the eagle. **6** The LORD performs righteous deeds And judgments for all who are oppressed. **7** He made known His ways to Moses, His acts to the sons of Israel. **8** The LORD is compassionate and gracious, Slow to anger and abounding in lovingkindness.
 - **Psa 77:11-20 (NAS95)** I shall **remember the deeds of the LORD**; Surely I will remember Your wonders of old. **12** I will **meditate on all Your work** And muse on Your deeds. **13** Your way, O God, is holy; What god is great like our God? **14** You are the God who works wonders; You have made known Your strength among the peoples. **15** You have by Your power redeemed Your people, The sons of Jacob and Joseph. Selah. **16** The waters saw You, O God; The waters saw You, they were in anguish; The deeps also trembled. **17** The clouds poured out water; The skies gave forth a sound; Your arrows flashed here and there. **18** The sound of Your thunder was in the whirlwind; The lightnings lit up the world; The earth trembled and shook. **19** Your way was in the sea And Your paths in the mighty waters, And Your footprints may not be known. **20** You led Your people like a flock By the hand of Moses and Aaron.
 - ◆ ***Meditate on things worthy of praise; How God has come thru***

for you

♦ *Start a Testimony list to review on a regular basis*

- **Listen, Hear, Meditate & Speak the Words Of God's Wisdom & Knowledge**
 - **Pro 22:17-19 (NAS95)** Incline your ear and hear the words of the wise, And apply your mind to my knowledge; **18** For it will be pleasant if you keep them within you, That they may be ready on your lips. **19** So that your trust may be in the LORD, I have taught you today, even you.
 - ♦ *Be in the anointed word & anointed preaching & teaching & ASK:*
 - ♦ *'How does this apply to me today?'*
 - ♦ *'What changes do I need to make?'*
- **Purpose Yourself to Wait & Trust & Believe in Him**
 - **Psa 62:5-8 (NAS95)** My soul, wait in silence for God only, For my hope is from Him. **6** He only is my rock and my salvation, My stronghold; I shall not be shaken. **7** On God my salvation and my glory rest; The rock of my strength, my refuge is in God. **8** Trust in Him at all times, O people; Pour out your heart before Him; God is a refuge for us. Selah.
 - **Isa 12:2 (NASB)** "Behold, God is my salvation, I will trust and not be afraid; For the LORD GOD is my strength and song, And He has become my salvation."
 - ♦ *Recognize that trust is a choice*
 - ♦ *Make the choice to trust in Him instead of anything else (facts, feelings, others opinions, etc)*
- **Recognize All Good Comes From God, We Need Him Alone; Set Our Hope & Prayers on Him**
 - **James 1:17 (KJV)** Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.
 - **2Co 1:8-11 (NASB)** For we do not want you to be unaware, brethren, of our affliction which came *to us* in Asia, that we were burdened excessively, beyond our strength, so that we despaired even of life; **9** indeed, we had the sentence of death within ourselves so that [*as a result*] we would not trust in ourselves, but in God who raises the dead; **10** who delivered us from so great a *peril of death*, and will deliver us, He on whom we have set our hope. And He will yet deliver us, **11** you also joining in helping us through your prayers, so that thanks may be given by many persons on our behalf for the favor bestowed on us through *the prayers of many*.

- ♦ *Recognize that it is GOD ALONE that I must trust, even if I have a good supply already*
 - ♦ *Purpose myself to NOT trust in my ability*
- **Keep a Strong Mind, Destroy Speculations & Take Every Thought Captive**
 - **Isa 26:3-4 (NASB)** "The steadfast of mind You will keep in perfect peace, Because he trusts in You. **4** "Trust in the LORD forever, For in GOD the LORD, we *have* an everlasting Rock.
 - **2Co 10:3-6 (NASB)** For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh, **4** for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses. **5** We are destroying speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God, and we are taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ, **6** and we are ready to punish all disobedience, whenever your obedience is complete.
 - ♦ *A lack of trust breaks down our mental battle & a lack of taking thoughts captive breaks down trust*
 - ♦ *Purpose myself to strengthen both trust & taking thoughts captive*

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The Trust of Thanksgiving:

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 (NASB)

16 Rejoice always;

17 pray without ceasing;

18 in everything give thanks; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

From Ps. JB:

- In everything give thanks
- In the midst of everything regardless of what it is like give thanks

- Thanksgiving should be:
 - A Personal Practice - Each of us must give it
 - A Perpetual Practice - Continuing & Everlasting
 - A Purposeful Practice - This is the Will of God for us
 - This is the Will of God for you

- Thanksgiving & Worry cannot abide together

- Worry leads to thinking & thinking leads to worry
- Thanksgiving leads to worship & worship leads to thanksgiving

It's TIME For Absolute Trust:

- **Rom 3:3-4 (NASB)** What then? If some did not believe, their unbelief will not nullify the faithfulness of God, will it? **4** May it never be! Rather, let God be found true, though every man *be found* a liar, as it is written, "THAT YOU MAY BE JUSTIFIED IN YOUR WORDS, AND PREVAIL WHEN YOU ARE JUDGED."
- **Rom 4:21 (KJV)** And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform.
- **Rom 5:3-11 (NASB)** And not only this, but we also exult in our tribulations, knowing that tribulation brings about perseverance; **4** and perseverance, proven character; and proven character, hope; **5** and hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us. **6** For while we were still helpless, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. **7** For one will hardly die for a righteous man; though perhaps for the good man someone would dare even to die. **8** But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. **9** Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him. **10** For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life. **11** And not only this, but we also exult in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation.
- **1Jn 4:18 (NASB)** There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves punishment, and the one who fears is not perfected in love.
- **Jos 1:5 (NASB)** "No man will *be able to* stand before you all the days of your life. Just as I have been with Moses, I will be with you; I will not fail you or forsake you.
- **Heb 13:5 (KJV)** *Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said,* I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.
- **1Co 10:13 (NASB)** No temptation has overtaken you but such as is common to man; and God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will provide the way of escape also, so that you will be able to endure it.

- **2Co 2:14 (NASB)** But thanks be to God, who always leads us in triumph in Christ, and manifests through us the sweet aroma of the knowledge of Him in every place.
- **Jas 1:17 (NASB)** Every good thing given and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shifting shadow.
- **Rom 8:31-39 (NASB)** What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who is against us? **32** He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him over for us all, how will He not also with Him freely give us all things? **33** Who will bring a charge against God's elect? God is the one who justifies; **34** who is the one who condemns? Christ Jesus is He who died, yes, rather who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us. **35** Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? **36** Just as it is written, "FOR YOUR SAKE WE ARE BEING PUT TO DEATH ALL DAY LONG; WE WERE CONSIDERED AS SHEEP TO BE SLAUGHTERED." **37** But in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us. **38** For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, **39** nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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