

# Trusting God



**Prelude:** Jesus, I Love Thee

**Welcome:**

**Message:**

Hello Friends... We have a subject that will illuminate and resonate whether a believer really believes in our great God. Are you ready to go on a ride that will challenge you to the very edge? Let us pray...

**Opening Prayer**

What does it mean to trust someone?

To me to trust means you surrender risk, and fear to someone capable of handling the situation. For some of you this is your family member, a lawyer, Judge etc... For all of us this should also include our Great God. God should be the first person we trust.

Do you know that God is not a distant God who does not care and has His back to His creation. God is always watching...

Open your bibles to 2 Chronicles 16:7-14. Let scripture speak to you regarding the Lord.

7And at that time Hanani the seer came to Asa king of Judah, and said unto him, Because thou hast relied on the king of Syria, and not relied on the LORD thy God, therefore is the host of the king of Syria escaped out of thine hand.

8Were not the Ethiopians and the Lubims a huge host, with very many chariots and horsemen? yet, because thou didst rely on the LORD, he delivered them into thine hand.

9For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to shew himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward him. Herein thou hast done foolishly: therefore from henceforth thou shalt have wars.

10Then Asa was wroth with the seer, and put him in a prison house; for he was in a rage with him because of this thing. And Asa oppressed some of the people the same time.

11And, behold, the acts of Asa, first and last, lo, they are written in the book of the kings of Judah and Israel.

12And Asa in the thirty and ninth year of his reign was diseased in his feet, until his disease was exceeding great: yet in his disease he sought not to the LORD, but to the physicians.

13And Asa slept with his fathers, and died in the one and fortieth year of his reign.

14And they buried him in his own sepulchres, which he had made for himself in the city of David, and laid him in the bed which was filled with sweet odours and divers kinds of spices prepared by the apothecaries' art: and they made a very great burning for him.

Scripture is loaded with examples of people trusting and not trusting God. The results always favor those who fully trust the Lord.

A few examples by name: Abraham, Noah, Joseph, Joshua, David, Mary, the Apostles after Jesus resurrection etc...

It is one thing to say "I trust God" and not have it tested. The question is will you trust God not matter what?

Please take a look at the following video. During the video do a spiritual inventory on where you stand. Put yourself in the Pastor's role in the movie. Ask yourself, do you trust with an unwavering trust or is your trust at a lesser level?

**Video:** Are you ready to die for your Faith?

Wow... That was a strong and to the point video....

So how did you do? Please know that if you think you would respond as the preacher did, you can change this.

### **Action Steps:**

1. Read your bible daily
2. Pray and allow time to listen for the voice of God. Ask God to strengthen your faith beyond measure...
3. Confess your sins daily...
4. Remind yourself of God's Goodness, His Unfailing Love and His willingness to die for you...
5. Forgive those who hurt you.
6. Surrender fully to God's will in your life
7. Go to Church to be fed the word of God every week.
8. Fellowship with other believers.

9. Do daily reminders of what God delivered you and others from. This can simply be reminding you of what happened to the people in the bible.
10. Keep your mind focused on things of heaven. Stay in His grip...
11. Avoid worldly negative influences that may cause you to stray from your closer relationship with God.
12. Keep yourself immersed in God's word. Listen to biblical messages/sermons. Listen to and participate in worshipping God through music; where ever possible and throughout the day.
13. Strengthen your confidence in scripture being the very word of God.
14. Ask questions and educate yourself on how others are trusting God. Find a mentor!
15. Journal. When you journal and write down the results it can serve as a terrific reminder on how God really did come through for you...

This concludes my sermon on trusting God. May you use what you heard to boost your trust of God to new levels...

I leave you with this verse from the one whom we trust.

Deuteronomy 31:6

Be strong and of a good courage, fear not, nor be afraid of them: for the LORD thy God, he it is that doth go with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee.

Let's stand for closing prayer.

**Postlude:**

“How Great Thou Art”

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