

Trusting God

Hebrews 11 is often called the “Hall of Faith” because faith was the source of the strength to accomplish their mighty deeds. All through the chapter we see “by faith” God’s heroes rose to incredible levels.

Without trust it is impossible to build faith and without faith it is impossible to please God (Hebrews 11:6). To grow strong, biblical faith we need to build within ourselves the prerequisite of **trust**. Trust is so important that faith cannot exist without it. Trusting God is connected to a number of important items that build mature Christian faith. For example, Psalm 37:5 teaches us that trust is necessary if we are to expect God to honor our commitment to Him, “Commit your way to the Lord, **Trust** also in Him, and He will do it.”

Is your heart a little short on rejoicing? Memorize Psalm 33:21, “*For our heart rejoices in Him, Because we **trust** in His holy name.*”

Is fear stealing your joy? Remember Psalm 56:3-4, “When I am afraid, I will put my **trust** in Thee. In God, whose word I praise, In God I have put my trust; I shall not be afraid. What can mere man do to me?”

Is earth-bound thinking road blocking a refreshing spirit in you? Camp out on Proverbs 3:5-8:

*“**Trust** in the Lord with all your heart, And do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He will make your paths straight. Do not be wise in your own eyes; Fear the Lord and turn away from evil. It will be healing to your body, And refreshment to your bones.”*

You start with trust and progress to healing and refreshment.

One of the worst sorrows of ancient Israel was 40 years of wilderness wandering after allowing fear of giants to stop them in their tracks. The problem? Lack of trust. Read carefully the first chapter of Deuteronomy. It is painfully clear that even though God had been profoundly powerful and faithful toward them, they failed in this matter of trusting His way. The result was 40 years in the desert and the loss of all over 20 years old. The specific reason is clearly stated in verses 30-32:

*The Lord your God who goes before you will Himself fight on your behalf, just as He did for you in Egypt before your eyes, and in the wilderness where you saw how the Lord your God carried you, just as a man carries his son, in all the way which you have walked, until you came to this place. But for all this, you did not **trust** the Lord your God....”*

Have you been headed for the desert? Are you wandering around on the sands of life void of the joy and victory Jesus died to deliver? Then rebuild your trust, restore your faith and remember His word.

When Satan unleashes the forces of hell against you and your family, remember the trust of Job. In the midst of physical pain and spiritual confusion, he held fast to his trust. “Though he slay me, yet will I trust in him,” Job 13:15.

With trust in Him,
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