

Trust

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Trust is foundational to experiencing the incredible life God offers us in relationship with Him. Trust is a product of the heart that is only truly given when someone or something proves itself trustworthy. I can only trust you to the measure that I believe you are trustworthy. I can only trust my car to the extent that I believe it will get me somewhere safely.

Scripture makes powerful declarations about those who choose to place their trust in God over the world or themselves. Psalm 22:4-5 says, *"In you our fathers trusted; they trusted, and you delivered them. To you they cried and were rescued; in you they trusted and were not put to shame."* Isaiah 40:31 says, *"But they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint."* And Jeremiah 17:7 says simply, *"Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord."*

We serve a God who is perfectly trustworthy. We serve a God who *"so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life"* (John 3:16). God has already given us everything. He has done enough to earn our trust. But no matter how trustworthy God is, we still must make the decision to trust Him. And no more important decision could be made.

To place our trust in God is to fix our lives on the unshakable, powerful, loving, and resourceful character of our heavenly Father. He alone has the ability to provide for us, heal us, love us, empower us, and save us. He alone is one to trust. When we place our hope in Him, we anchor our lives, emotions, finances, relationships, and future in a God who wholly cares for us, loves us, and promises to provide for us.

God promises in Isaiah 41:10, *"Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."* We do not have to go through life on our own. We do not have to carve out our own way. We do not have to work to be loved, liked, or provided for. When we place our trust in God, give Him our heart, and follow Him, we will discover a wealth of abundant life unseen by those living for the world. The Creator of all, the Author and Perfecter of our faith, is beckoning us to place our trust in Him alone. He is beckoning us to stop looking to the world and ourselves for that which only He can truly and consistently provide. Place your trust in Him alone and experience a peace and joy that come from casting off the weight you were never made to carry.