# TRUSTING GOD AT ALL TIMES




**In the book of Jeremiah we read,**

"Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, And whose hope is the Lord. For he shall be like a tree planted by the waters, Which spreads out its roots by the river, And will not fear when heat comes; But its leaf will be green, And will not be anxious in the year of drought, Nor will cease from yielding fruit." **(Jeremiah 17:7-8)**

- Often people will say to us “just TRUST God”




- Today I want to firstly briefly share on WHY this statement is so true and WHY we <u>can</u> trust God at all times and in all circumstances.
- I will then share on how we should live our lives as believers given that we can trust God with our lives and future at all times
- I will begin though with just two personal examples of God’s faithfulness before sharing some biblical truths about why we can trust God at all times

- FIRSTLY, When God called Marian and myself to leave everything in Melbourne in 2006 to pioneer a new work in Kings Cross, we left Melbourne with no jobs to go to, no money in the bank and a house to rent which cost $250 a week waiting for us in Parramatta

- But we left based on a promise that God impressed upon my heart that if we would respond to His call upon our lives, He would bless us




- 20 years later all I can say is God was so faithful to His promise

- SECONDLY, When God called us to India to commence our church’s overseas missions work back in 2007, we needed $17,000 to cover all of the mission's trip expenses as we were about to spend 49 days in India doing workshops and evangelism outreaches in Andra Pradesh and Bangalore

- For months leading up to the missions trip we had no money but the Lord simply said prepare for the trip




- As time drew near to leave for India, I heard a message from another preacher about faith

- As he shared the following Scripture faith ignited in my heart that I just knew that the money was on the way to meet the $17,000 expenses




**The Apostle Paul wrote,**

"And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work." **(2 Corinthians 9:8)**

- Just prior to going to India all of the money came in to meet every one of the mission's trip expenses




- Since that first trip I have seen God provide for a further 29 extended missions trips to India, Africa, Sri Lanka and Pakistan and recently South Korea

- TRULY WE CAN TRUST GOD TO MEET OUR EVERY NEED IN LIFE. SO MAY I ENCOURAGE EVERYONE TODAY TO NOT LIMIT GOD, BUT TO FULLY EMBRACE ALL THAT GOD HAS PLANNED FOR YOUR LIFE IN THIS COMING SEASON

**I will begin by saying that trusting God at all times is the key to:**




- Maintaining our peace at all times
- Seeing God's favour and blessing upon our lives
- To consistently making right choices in life, and
- To fulfilling our God given destiny here on earth

# SO QUICKLY WHY, BASED ON THE WORD OF GOD, CAN WE TRUST GOD AT ALL TIMES!




## 1) BECAUSE NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE WITH GOD

**The Angel Gabriel said to Mary the mother of Jesus,**

"For with God nothing will be impossible." **(Luke 1:37)**

- **We have a God of the impossible who can do the impossible. We just need to ask for His help and trust Him**

**The Psalmist wrote,**

"God is our refuge and strength, A very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, Even though the earth be removed, And though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea." **(Psalm 46:1-2)**



## 2) BECAUSE GOD PROMISES TO MEET OUR EVERY NEED IN LIFE WHEN WE PUT CHRIST AND THE THINGS OF THE KINGDOM FIRST IN OUR LIFE




**Jesus Himself said,**

"Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' Or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you." **(Matthew 6:31-33)**

## 3) BECAUSE AS BELIEVERS WE CAN BE ASSURED THAT GOD BOTH HEARS AND ANSWERS ALL OF OUR PRAYERS THAT ARE IN LINE WITH HIS WILL FOR OUR LIFE




**The Apostle John wrote,**

"Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him." **(1 John 5:14-15)**

## 4) BECAUSE GOD IS ALWAYS WILLING TO GIVE US THE WISDOM THAT WE NEED TO MAKE RIGHT CHOICES IN LIFE

**In the book of James we read,**

"If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him." **(James 1:5)**




**The LORD said to Jeremiah,**

"Call to Me, and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things, which you do not know." **(Jeremiah 33:3)**

**5) BECAUSE NOTHING CAN EVER HAPPEN TO US APART FROM GOD'S WILL FOR OUR LIFE WHEN WE SIMPLY WALK IN <u>HUMBLE OBEDIENCE TO HIS WILL</u> AND PLAN FOR OUR LIFE. <u>TRULY HE IS SOVEREIGN IN THE AFFAIRS OF THIS LIFE</u>**




**Jesus Himself said,** "Are not two sparrows sold for a copper coin? And not one of them falls to the ground apart from your Father's will. But the very hairs of your head are numbered. Do not fear therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows." **(Matthew 10:29-31)**

## 6) BECAUSE GOD IS ABSOLUTELY FAITHFUL AT ALL TIMES




**King David wrote in Psalm 37,**

"Trust in the Lord, and do good; Dwell in the land, and feed on His faithfulness. **Delight yourself also in the Lord**, And He shall give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the Lord, Trust also in Him, And He shall bring it to pass." **(Psalm 37:3-5)**

7) **Because we can be assured that if we remain faithful to God all that He has planned for our life will come to pass**




**The Apostle Paul wrote,**

"Being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ." **(Philippians 1:6)**

**AND**

## 8) BECAUSE GOD HAS SUCH A GREAT LOVE FOR ALL PEOPLE AND TRULY DESIRES TO SEE US DOING WELL IN LIFE




**Jesus Himself said,**

"For God *so loved the world* that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." **(John 3:16)**

"… I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly." **(John 10:10)**

- So given that we can trust God at all times how should be live our lives as believers




**The answer is in Proverbs 3:5-6**

"Trust in the LORD with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths." **(Proverbs 3:5-6)**

In Proverbs 3:5-6 we see some great principles on how we should live our lives as Christians:

i. That we continually trust the LORD with all of our heart and that we do not allow temporary circumstances to stop us from trusting God completely in every area of our life




ii. That we do not lean on our own ability and understanding to try and work out our own future. That our desire is always to allow the Lord to lead, and

iii. That we continually commit all of our plans to the Lord in prayer. Not my will but Thy will be done

- It is in living this way that we will always be at the right place at the right time doing the right things. “And He shall direct your paths.”



- Truly God has so much planned for every believer's life




**The Apostle Paul wrote,**

"Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us," **(Ephesians 3:20)**

- **SO, AS CHRISTIANS WE NEED TO SIMPLY JUST TRUST AND OBEY FOR THERE IS NO OTHER WAY**

- **TRULY WE CAN TRUST GOD AT ALL TIMES AND IN ALL CIRCUMSTANCES**

**So <u>how</u> do we trust God at all times and how should we live our lives as believers given that we can trust Him at all times:**

1) **We must simply CHOOSE to trust God at all times and in all circumstances. This must be a continual choice**




**Again, in the book of Jeremiah we read,**

"Blessed is the man <u>who trusts</u> in the Lord, And whose hope is the LORD." **(Jeremiah 17:7)**

**King David wrote,**




"The LORD is my strength and my shield;
My heart trusted in Him, and I am helped;
Therefore my heart greatly rejoices,
And with my song I will praise Him." **(Psalm 28:7)**

**In the book of Isaiah we read,**

"Behold, God is my salvation, I will trust and not be afraid;
'For YAH, the LORD, is my strength and song;
He also has become my salvation.'" **(Isaiah 12:2)**

## 2) We let the LORD lead us at all times (Not my will, but Thy will be done)




**Again, in the book of Proverbs we read,**

"Trust in the LORD with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths." **(Proverbs 3:5-6)**

**The Apostle Paul who achieved so much during his time here on earth wrote,**

"I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me." **(Galatians 2:20)**




- **We need to simply allow the LORD to be sovereign in all that we do in life. His ways are higher than our ways**

## 3) We choose to always build our lives on the foundation of the word of God by being both hearers and doers of God's word




**The LORD said to Joshua,**

"This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success." **(Joshua 1:8)**

- **It is so important that we do not continually keep focusing on our problems but that we meditate on the promises of God in His word. WE NEED OUR FAITH CONTINUALLY BUILT UP**



- We must learn to continually give our cares to the Lord in prayer and build our lives based on what God says about our lives in His word

- We have a God who is both willing and able to help us in time of need

**The Psalmist wrote,**

"God is our refuge and strength, A very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, Even though the earth be removed, And though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea." **(Psalm 46:1-2)**



- Building our lives based on the promises of God in His word is such a great key to continually maintaining peace and stability in our lives

- The bible is full of promises for all believers



**The Apostle Paul wrote,**

"For all the promises of God in Him are Yes, and in Him Amen, to the glory of God through us." **(2 Corinthians 1:20)**

- **If we continually focus on the problems in our life and the negative things going on in our world, we will begin to become discouraged and defeated in our walk with the Lord**



- God wants us to trust Him at all times and to build our lives on what He says about our lives in His word

**Jesus Himself said,** “Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ Or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.” **(Matthew 6:31-33)**



- Building our lives on the promises in the word of God will help us to live an overcoming life no matter what may be happening in the world around us. AS CHRISTIANS WE ARE OF A DIFFERENT KINGDOM

- **If ever there is a time to build our life on the firm foundation of the word of God now is the time. The truth will set us free**



4) **We need to learn to always pray first when problems arise in our life. We need to depend entirely on God's wisdom and help at all times. In short, that we are God dependent and people of Prayer**




**In the book of James we read,**

"If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him." **(James 1:5)**

**The Apostle Peter wrote,** "casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you." **(1 Peter 5:7)**




**The Apostle Paul wrote,**

"Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus." **(Philippians 4:6-7)**

- **The simple fact is that as Christians we have a God who both hears and answers ALL of our prayers that are in line with His will for our lives**




**The Apostle John wrote,**

"Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him." **(1 John 5:14-15)**

5) **We need to continually allow the Holy Spirit to direct our steps in life. God's ways are higher than our ways and so often different to our ways**




**Jesus Himself said,** "But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you." **(John 14:26)**

**Jesus Himself also said,**

"However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come." **(John 16:13)**




- **Being continually guided by the Holy Spirit is such a great key to becoming all that God has planned for our lives and is a great indicator of our total trust and dependence upon God**

## 6) We need to be prepared to take steps of faith as the LORD leads




- God's plan for our life will always involve taking steps of faith

- But we can be assured that as we step out by faith to do those things that God is calling us to do, He will never fail us

**In the book of Hebrews we read,**

"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." **(Hebrews 11:1)**

"But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him." **(Hebrews 11:6)**




- **Our trust in God is evident when we are continually prepared to take steps of faith as the Lord leads**

## 7) We need to simply just accept the FACT that NOTHING is impossible <u>WITH</u> God (When we walk with Him)




- We serve a God of the impossible
- There is no better place than in the will of God for our lives
- As we place our dependence upon God, truly He is able to make a way even where there seems no way

**The Angel Gabriel said to Mary the mother of Jesus,**

"For with God nothing will be impossible." **(Luke 1:37)**




**Jesus Himself said,**

"If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes." **(Mark 9:23) AND**

## 8) We are continually committed to fulfilling God's plan for our life and to never giving up on what God has called us to do in life




- Those that trust God completely will continually remain committed to following God's plan for their lives

- They are prepared to endure trials and challenges at times, knowing that in the long run they will never come second putting God first in their lives and plans




**The Apostle Paul wrote,**

"Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might." **(Ephesians 6:10)**

"Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labour is not in vain in the Lord." **(1 Corinthians 15:58)**

- **Those that trust God will continually remain committed to fulfilling His assignment for their lives here on earth, even during the wilderness seasons of their lives when God's calling upon their lives is put to the test**

- So, my encouragement to everyone today is to fully surrender your lives and plans to the LORD so that all the He has planned for your life in the coming days will come to pass

- **That you would simply trust Him in every area of your life in the coming days and let Him lead at all times**






**I will begin to conclude this message with two passages Scripture;**




**King David wrote,**

"Trust in the Lord, and do good; Dwell in the land, and feed on His faithfulness. **Delight yourself also in the Lord**, And He shall give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the Lord, Trust also in Him, And He shall bring it to pass." **(Psalm 37:3-5)**

**AND**

**The Apostle Paul wrote,** "Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us," **(Ephesians 3:20)**




- **CONTINUALLY TRUSTING GOD AT ALL TIMES AND IN ALL CIRCUMSTANCES AND ALLOWING HIM TO CONTINUALLY DIRECT OUR STEPS IN LIFE, IS THE KEY TO FULLY EMBRACING ALL THAT GOD HAS PLANNED FOR OUR LIVES.**
- **We must simply choose to trust God at all times**