

Trust in God!

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Introduction

Faith is the cornerstone of our Christianity. It's why we're here.

We as Christians have faith that...

- God exists (**Rom 1: 20**); we see obvious evidence of this every day
- He sent his Son Christ, who died, was buried, and rose again (**1 Cor. 15:1-8**)
- Through our faith in Christ and through God's grace, we can have eternity (**2 Cor. 4:17 – 5:4**)

And yet walking by faith (**2 Cor. 5:7**) is so much more than an intellectual recognition of these facts. This recognition alone would be what's called a *dead faith* (**Jas. 2:14-18**)

So what exactly *is* "walking by faith?"

- Walking by Faith involves living not just by what we see, but by what we read in God's word.
- Walking by Faith involves *trusting in God's judgment over our own*

I. Trusting in God – Beyond the Facts

a. We must know that God exists, AND come to know him (**Titus 1:16**) (**1 Jn. 4:6-8**)

- Do you see the difference between the two beliefs?
 1. Many claim to know God, but have in reality created their own god
 2. They say "god would want me to be happy" "my god is like...." (**Rom. 1:20**)

b. Knowing God involves an intimate relationship and a *living faith* (**Jas. 2:14-18**)

II. Why Trust God?

a. He alone is blameless and right (**Psa. 18:30; 22:4-5; 36:7**)

1. Trusting in others will only lead to disappointment (**Gal. 2:11**)

b. He himself is faithful

1. God is constant. God is truthful. God keeps his promises.
2. You know what you're getting every time you go to him (**Psa. 22:4-5**)

In Trusting God we must....

III. Go against our own understanding

1. We're not always going to understand (or even receive) a "why?"

- a. The Bible is filled with examples where one plainly knew what God said, but from their experience it made no sense. Still they obeyed.
 - Remember Peter (**Lk. 5:4-8**)
 - Remember Joshua (**Heb. 11:30**)
- b. Trust is based on confidence in God, whose ways I do not understand (**Isa. 55:8**)
- c. Abraham hoped against hope that he might be given a son (**Rom. 4:17-24**)

IV. Be willing to put ourselves at risk

- 1. Look at what is said about Abraham's sacrifice in the NT (**Heb. 11:17-19**)
 - a. He trusted in God to be faithful to his promises. Even into the realm of seeming impossibility!
- 2. Some say "God would never let this happen to me" ... That is wrong! (**1 Pt. 1:5-9**)
- 3. Your faith can cost you...
 - a. Your Marriage
 - b. Your Family (**Matt. 10:32-37**)
 - c. Your Job
 - d. Your Life
- 4. Why should I put myself at risk? I can do a lot of good for people in this job. So what If they're making me work on Sundays and Wednesdays.
 - a. You put yourself at risk because you trust God (**Matt. 10:28-31**)
- 5. What I need to ask: *Is This God's Will?*

Have you surrendered your will to God?

V. Conclusion: Have you ever *really* trusted God?

- 1. Think about it for a while... (Ex. Music Career)
- 2. God is faithful to us, and has promised to take care of us. All we have to do is let go.