

Settle the Issue of Trust

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We can certainly look back in our lives and recount instances where God undertook for us. Yet unless we settle the issue of trust, we lapse back to worry and distress whenever a new challenge crops up. It's time to grow up and trust, because that is what separates us from everyone else when trouble strikes.

Build your trust in God from what you have seen him do for you and others. Don't be troubled by trouble. You have seen God make a way for you time and time again. When a problem comes, remind yourself of that and remain steadfast in your faith. Daniel had seen God nourish him and his friends supernaturally. He then knew God could take care of him if he continues seeking him against the King's orders.

Daniel had settled the issue of trust from what he had seen God do for him. He defied the King's orders and continued to seek God as he had always done. Having withstood a trial before by refusing to eat food offered to idols, he knew he could withstand the consequences of not bowing down to idols. He trusted that God could take care of him even if he ended up in the lion's den.

Daniel's friends also had no problem trusting God. They didn't care whether God would choose to deliver them or let them perish in the hot furnace. That did not matter. What mattered was that they knew in whom they had trusted, and it didn't matter whether they lived or died. Their conviction was so deep they told the King, *"Your threat means nothing to us. If you throw us in the fire, the God we serve can rescue us from your roaring furnace and anything else you might cook up, O king. But even if he doesn't, it wouldn't make a bit of difference, O King. We still wouldn't serve your gods or worship the statute you set up."*

It wasn't a subject for deliberation or discussion, the issue was settled for them. Now, that's the kind of trust we should aim for.

Note that Daniel's friends said *"God can"*, not *"God will"*. Trusting God is leaving the matter in God's hands, and being content with how he chooses to answer. Things don't always turn out the way we want them to, but God makes all things work together for good for those who love him.

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David wrote that all his years on earth, he had never seen the righteous forsaken. So why do we fret when we should be knowing this? Unless these are just words and not revelation for us. These words are true. I have faced different troubles over time, but not once has any trouble overtaken me. I don't always get what I think I want, but God makes all things work together for good.

God has a track record of keeping his word. Just like you, I have seen God do amazing things – making a way, working miracles, keeping promises, rescuing, delivering, protecting, healing, mending, restoring, promoting. Oh, I wish I had a wall of remembrance for answered prayers and all, but I keep records on my journals. We may face many troubles, but God has promised to deliver us from them all, if we trust him.

I have come to appreciate that I am not smart enough to run my life. So I leave it to the one who knows all things, and enjoy my life while God works on whatever problem I may be facing. Worrying implies that if you think hard and long enough, you will figure out how to solve your problem. You settle the issue of trust when you realize you are not smart enough to solve your problems.

Where do you see your situation taking you? Does it look completely hopeless? God is not God only in the not-so-difficult situations. God is God in small and big challenges alike. A friend of mine recently told me something life changing. She said, *"You trust God for a million shillings the same way you trust him for a hundred shillings"*. This applies in every situation in life. Don't pick and choose what God can or cannot do. He is God.

Call back on what God has done for you and seen you through in the past and choose to trust him completely. It doesn't matter how complex your situation is. Nothing could possibly be too big or too small for God. Settle the issue of trust once and for all, and turn your back on worry.

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