

## Trusting God, Even When Life Hurts

by Jerry Bridges, pg. 18

Yet it is just as important to trust God as it is to obey Him. When we disobey God we defy His authority and despise His holiness. But when we fail to trust God we doubt His sovereignty and question His goodness. In both cases we cast aspersions upon His majesty and His character. God views our distrust of Him as seriously as He views our disobedience. When the people of Israel were hungry they spoke against God, saying, "Can God spread a table in the desert?...Can he supply meat for his people?" The next two verses tell us, "When the LORD heard them, he was very angry...for they did not believe in God or trust in his deliverance" (Psalm 78:19-22).

In order to trust God, we must always view our adverse circumstances through the eyes of faith, not of sense. And just as the faith of salvation comes through hearing the message of the gospel (Romans 10:17), so the faith to trust God in adversity comes

through the Word of God alone. It is only in the Scriptures that we find an adequate view of God's relationship to and involvement in our painful circumstances. It is only from the Scriptures, applied to our hearts by the Holy Spirit, that we receive the grace to trust God in adversity.

In the arena of adversity, the Scriptures teach us three essential truths about God - truths we must believe if we are to trust Him in adversity. They are:

- God is completely sovereign.
- God is infinite in wisdom.
- God is perfect in love.

Someone has expressed these three truths as they relate to us in this way: "God in His love always wills what is best for us. In His wisdom He always knows what is best, and in His sovereignty He has the power to bring it about."

### Events

#### TODAY

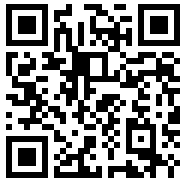
College & Career Lunch  
1 PM

9/15 Ladies Missionary  
Society 9 AM

9/16 7th/8th Dinner 7 PM

9/25-9/29 Directory Photos

#### Give



#### Upcoming Events



#### Pastors

Gary Hendrix	Stephen Byrd
Charles Fortner	Robert Fisher
Stu Johnston	Bob Prentice
Andy Dunkerton	Michael Lopes

#### Service Times

— Sunday School 9:30 am  
— Sunday Morning Worship 11:00 am  
— Sunday Evening Worship 5:30 pm  
— Wednesday Prayer Meeting 7:15 pm

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**Blessed are  
those whose  
STRENGTH  
is in You**

**Psalm 84:5**

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## Morning Worship

### Call to Worship

Nick Gaines

### Opening Hymn

Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder

Let us love, and sing, and wonder, let us praise the Savior's name!  
He has hushed the law's loud thunder, He has quenched Mount Sinai's flame;  
He has washed us with His blood, He has washed us with His blood,  
He has washed us with His blood, He has brought us nigh to God.

Let us love the Lord who bought us, pitied us when enemies,  
called us by His grace, and taught us, gave us ears and gave us eyes:  
He has washed us with His blood, He has washed us with His blood,  
He has washed us with His blood, He presents our souls to God.

Let us sing, though fierce temptation threaten hard to bear us down!  
For the Lord, our strong salvation, holds in view the Conqueror's crown,  
He who washed us with His blood, He who washed us with His blood,  
He who washed us with His blood, soon will bring us home to God.

Let us wonder; grace and justice join and point to mercy's store;  
When through grace in Christ our trust is, justice smiles, and asks no more:  
He who washed us with His blood, He who washed us with His blood,  
He who washed us with His blood, has secured our way to God.

Let us praise, and join the chorus of the saints enthroned on high;  
Here they trusted Him before us, now their praises fill the sky:  
"Thou hast washed us with Thy blood;  
Thou hast washed us with Thy blood;  
Thou hast washed us with Thy blood; Thou art worthy, Lamb of God!"

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### Scripture Reading

John 10:19-42, page 896

### Pastoral Prayer

### Offertory

#186 When I Survey

### Preparatory

My Chains are Gone

Amazing grace how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind but now I see.  
'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;  
how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.

**(Chorus) My chains are gone, I've been set free. My God, my Savior has  
ransomed me,  
and like a flood His mercy reigns, unending love, amazing grace.**

The Lord has promised good to me, His word my hope secures;  
He will my shield and portion be, as long as life endures.

### (Chorus 2x)

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow, the sun forbear to shine;  
but God, who called me here below, will be forever mine, will be forever mine.  
You are forever mine.

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### Sermon

Pastor Gary Hendrix

## Evening Worship

### Call to Worship

Pastor Bob Prentice

### Opening Hymn

#4 All Praise to God

### Scripture Reading

Isaiah 12, page 576

### Pastoral Prayer

### Offertory/Preparatory

Before the Throne

Before the throne of God above I have a strong, a perfect plea,  
a great High Priest whose name is "Love", who ever lives and pleads for me.  
My name is graven on His hands, my name is written on His heart,  
I know that while in heav'n He stands no tongue can bid me thence depart,  
no tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair, and tells me of the guilt within,  
upward I look and see Him there who made an end to all my sin.  
Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free.  
For God, the Just is satisfied to look on Him and pardon me,  
to look on Him and pardon me.

Behold Him there! The risen Lamb, my perfect, spotless righteousness;  
the great unchangeable I AM, the King of glory and of grace.  
One with Himself I cannot die, my soul is purchased by His blood;  
my life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ my Savior and my God.

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### Sermon

Pastor Andy Dunkerton

### Communion

Pastor Charles Fortner

#411 No, Not Despairingly

#181 O Dearest Jesus

Wonderful, Merciful Savior

Wonderful, merciful Savior  
Precious Redeemer and Friend  
Who would have thought that a Lamb could  
Rescue the souls of men  
Oh, You rescue the souls of men

Counselor, Comforter, Keeper  
Spirit we long to embrace  
You offer hope when our hearts have  
Hopelessly lost our way  
Oh, we've hopelessly lost our way

**(Chorus) You are the One that we praise**

**You are the One we adore**

**You give the healing and grace**

**Our hearts always hunger for**

**Oh, our hearts always hunger for**

Almighty, infinite Father  
Faithfully loving Your own  
Here in our weakness You find us  
Falling before Your throne  
Oh, we're falling before Your throne **(Chorus 2x)**

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