

Trusting God, Even When Life Hurts

by Jerry Bridges, pg. 194

For many years in my own pilgrimage of seeking to come to a place of trusting God at all times - I am still far from the end of the journey - I was a prisoner to my feelings. I mistakenly thought I could not trust God unless I felt like trusting Him (which I almost never did in times of adversity). Now I am learning that trusting God is first of all a matter of the will, and is not dependent on my feelings. I choose to trust God and my feelings eventually follow.

Having said that trusting God is first of all a matter of the will, let me qualify that statement to say that, first of all, it is a matter of knowledge. We must *know* that God is sovereign, wise, and loving - in all the ways we have come to see what those terms mean in previous chapters. But having been exposed to the knowledge of the truth, we must then choose

whether to believe the truth about God, which He has revealed to us, or whether to follow our feelings. If we are to trust God, we must choose to believe His truth. We must say, "I will trust You though I do not feel like doing so."

To trust God in times of adversity is admittedly a hard thing to do. I do not mean to suggest in my emphasis on choosing to trust God that the choice is as easy as choosing whether or not I will go to the store, or even choosing whether or not I will do some sacrificial deed. Trusting God is a matter of faith, and faith is the fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22). Only the Holy Spirit can make His Word come alive in our hearts and create faith, but we can choose to look to Him to do that, or we can choose to be ruled by our feelings of anxiety or resentment or grief.

Events

TODAY

7th/8th Dinner 7 PM

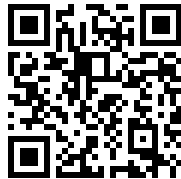
Members Only Meeting 7 PM

9/21 Flourishers Cookout
6 PM @ Williams'

9/25-9/29 Directory Photos

10/6 Annual Picnic 2-9 PM

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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al español disponible en
servicios de AM y PM**

Morning Worship

Call to Worship
Opening Hymn
Scripture Reading
Pastoral Prayer
Offertory

Nick Gaines
#20 Give to Our God Immortal Praise
1 Samuel 17:17-58, page 239

How Great Thou Art

O Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder
consider all the worlds Thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

(Refrain)

**Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee;
how great Thou art, how great Thou art!**

**Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee;
how great Thou art, how great Thou art!**

When through the woods and forest glades I wander
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,
and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze. **(Refrain)**

And when I think that God, His Son not sparing,
sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in,
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin. **(Refrain)**

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
and take me home what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration, and there proclaim,
my God, how great Thou art! **(Refrain)**

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Preparatory

O Praise the Name

I cast my mind to Calvary, Where Jesus bled and died for me
I see His wounds, His hands, His feet, My Saviour on that cursed tree

His body bound and drenched in tears, They laid Him down in Joseph's tomb
The entrance sealed by heavy stone, Messiah still and all alone

(Chorus) O praise the name of the Lord our God

O praise His name forevermore

For endless days we will sing Your praise

Oh Lord, oh Lord our God

Then on the third at break of dawn, The Son of heaven rose again
O trampled death where is your sting? The angels roar for Christ the King

(Chorus)

He shall return in robes of white, The blazing sun shall pierce the night
And I will rise among the saints, My gaze transfixed on Jesus' face

Interlude

(Chorus 2x)

Oh Lord, oh Lord our God

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Sermon

Pastor Gary Hendrix

Evening Worship

Call to Worship
Opening Hymn

Pastor Stephen Byrd
Come Behold the Wondrous
Mystery

1. Come, behold the wondrous mystery in the dawning of the King.
He, the theme of heaven's praises robed in frail humanity.
In our longing, in our darkness, now the light of life has come.
Look to Christ, who condescended, took on flesh to ransom us.

2. Come, behold the wondrous mystery; He the perfect Son of Man
in His living, in His suffering never trace nor stain of sin.
See the true and better Adam come to save the hell-bound man.
Christ, the great and sure fulfillment of the law, in Him we stand.

3. Come, behold the wondrous mystery, Christ the Lord upon the tree.
In the stead of ruined sinners hangs the Lamb in victory.
See the price of our redemption; see the Father's plan unfold;
bringing many sons to glory; Grace unmeasured, Love untold.

4. Come, behold the wondrous mystery; slain by death, the God of life;
But no grave could e'er restrain Him; praise the Lord; He is alive!

What a foretaste of deliverance; how unwavering our hope.

Christ in power resurrected as we will be when He comes! (repeat)

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Scripture Reading

Genesis 20, page 14

Pastoral Prayer

Offertory

#190 Glory Be to Jesus

Preparatory

Your Great Name

1. The lost are saved, find their way at the sound of Your great name.

All condemned feel no shame at the sound of Your great name.

Every fear has no place at the sound of Your great name.

The enemy, he has to leave at the sound of Your great name.

(Chorus) Jesus, worthy is the Lamb that was slain for us.

Son of God and man, You are high and lifted up

and all the world will praise Your great name.

2. All the weak find their strength at the sound of Your great name.

The sick are healed, the dead are raised at the sound of Your great name.

(Chorus)

Your great name.

Jesus, no higher name than Jesus, no sweeter name than Jesus.

Jesus, worthy is the Lamb that was slain for us.

Son of God and man, You are high and lifted up and all the world will

praise...

Jesus, worthy is the Lamb that was slain for us.

Son of God and man, You are high and lifted up

and all the world will praise Your great name, Your great name, Your great name.

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Sermon

Pastor Stu Johnston