



“Moses and Aaron did as the LORD commanded them, so did they”
(Exodus 7:6).

Faith in God

Central Truth: Trust God in all situations.

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“Trust God in all situations” is more than the central truth to be emphasized in this study. It is a principle in spiritual warfare which leads to victory. Look at it word by word.

“Trust” means that you transfer your confidence from every other person or thing and set it upon God alone. “Trust GOD” means personal confidence in Him. You do not trust how sincere you are, how much you are trusting Him, or any other thing. Trust Him alone. “Trust God in ALL SITUATIONS” means at all times your confidence rests in Him. During good times and bad, in victories and defeats, in life and death, you trust Him.

How can you trust God like that? Accept His words as absolute truth and His promises as accomplished facts. Expect Him to vindicate right. Hold to Him when you seem to have no success. Cultivate your faith in the midst of the affairs of daily life.

Remember that to trust God is the height of wisdom and to doubt Him is the depth of foolishness. Trust God until He gives you a reason to doubt and you will trust Him forever.

The Nature of Faith

The clearest statement of the nature of faith I have found in the Bible is Hebrews 11:1. In essence, it says that faith gives us certainty concerning unseen realities.

Faith is not self-deception, convincing ourselves that something is true when it is false. Neither is it wistful thinking as, “I have faith that it will not rain tomorrow.” It is certainty concerning unseen realities. (1) The realities are there. (2) Those realities are presently unseen. (3) Faith is so certain they are there that it acts upon them and finds them true.

Faith is more than believing facts or accepting doctrines. It is confidence in a person. We do not just trust the Bible, for instance; we trust God who gave the Bible. Because we know He is trustworthy, we trust the message He has given us in His Word. The Bible is only as reliable as God is. We trust Him.

The Object of Faith

The validity of your faith is only as good as the object of your faith. Your faith must be set upon God himself, no other person or no other thing. B. B. McKinney wrote, “Have faith in God, He's on His throne; / Have faith in God, He watches o'er His own; /He cannot fail, He must prevail; /Have faith in God, Have faith in God.” Whom do you trust? Have faith in GOD!

The bungee divers leap off a high structure and are caught by a harness which keeps them from plunging to their death. They must have faith in the harness to make the leap. But one person dived off, after having carefully inspected the equipment, only to have it break when the weight of his body struck it. He was killed in the fall. He had faith, but the object of his faith was not reliable. You can trust God. He never fails! No one who trusts Him will ever be deserted and left to himself.

The Ministry of Faith

What will happen in your life if you trust God completely? Look at the life of Moses and see what happened to him. You can see four blessed consequences of trust in God for your daily needs after you have become a child of God by faith in Christ Jesus.

Faith gives you assurance of God's provisions (Exodus 3:13—4:28). Look back at those four excuses Moses gave for not going back to Egypt as God's deliverer of Israel. (1) “I am personally inferior” (Exodus 3:11, 12). (2) “I am not spiritually mature enough, for I do not know God's name” (Exodus 3:13-18). (3) “I am not persuasive enough; so the people will not believe me” (Exodus 4:1-9). (4) “I do not have sufficient natural talent, for I am not a good speaker” (Exodus 4:10-17).

God answered every excuse Moses offered by providing a remedy for

the lack expressed. You can trust God to make up your deficiencies, also. You have the promise of Holy Scripture, *“My God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus”* (Philippians 4:19). Do you believe that? If so, you are ready to step out in service.

Faith gives you courage to face the enemy (Exodus 3:10-12, 19, 20; 5:1-3). God commissioned Moses to go stand before Pharaoh. The last time Moses was in Egypt he fled because he feared Pharaoh. Now God tells him to go back and speak with Pharaoh face to face. Would you have the courage to do that? You would if you have faith in God. Like David facing Goliath, the enemy may come to you with great armament. That will be enough to make you afraid unless you can say, *“I come to thee in the name of the LORD of hosts”* (I Samuel 17:45). When He lifts up His banner, all the enemies flee. Faith gives you stability in your times of trial (Exodus 5:4—12:51). How could Moses have kept up His courage in view of Pharaoh's deceptions, if he had not trusted God? How could he have endured when the Hebrews railed against him for increasing their burdens by asking Pharaoh to release them, if he had not kept full confidence in God? How could he have stood confident through those ten dread plagues upon Egypt, if he had not believed every promise God had made? *“By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king: for he endured, as seeing him who is invisible”* (Hebrews 11:27). Those who trust God can testify, *“The Lord stood with me, and strengthened me; . . . and I was delivered out of the mouth of the lion”* (II Timothy 4:17). Through faith you will find courage to stand in your trials.

Faith gives assurance of coming victory. God promised to bring the Israelites out. The sacred record reads, *“It came to pass in the selfsame day, that the LORD did bring the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt. . . . And the LORD went before them . . . to lead them the way”* (Exodus 12:51; 13:21). Moses believed that God would do what He promised. He acted in faith with no assurance other than the promise of God. God was faithful as Moses trusted Him to be, and victory was received. How great was their victory? *“The children of Israel went out with an high hand in the sight of all the Egyptians”* (Numbers 33:3). That is victory through faith!

The Choice of Faith

You have two options: you can believe God, or you can doubt Him. He will not force faith upon you against your will. It is strictly your option.

God has given ample evidence for you to trust Him. Read the Bible. Note what it teaches about the nature of our God, particularly His sovereign

power, total truthfulness, and unfailing faithfulness. Make list of the promises He makes to you. Consider the record of His faithfulness to His promises. Hear the testimonies of those who have trusted and found Him faithful. Then, “*be not faithless, but believing*” (John 20:27).

The choice you are called to make is a solemn decision. On it hang the future of your immortal spirit — whether or not you trust Jesus Christ as your personal Savior. On it hangs the nature of your Christian life — whether you experience victory or defeat, are fruitful or unfruitful in the work of the Lord. Do not consider the alternatives lightly.

Blessed is the person who can say, “*I believe God, that it shall be even as it was told me*” (Acts 27:25). That will put a song in your heart, a boldness in your testimony, an assurance in your spirit, and a victory in your life that you can find nowhere else in all the world. Trust God.

Many adults have had so many unanswered prayers and unfulfilled desires (so it seems to them) that they are hesitant to trust God. “Trust and obey, for there's no other way / To be happy in Jesus, But to trust and obey” (John H. Sammis).

Questions for Discussion

1. How would you define faith?
2. How is faith more than believing facts about God?
3. What is the element of trust in faith?
4. How does the object of faith determine the validity of faith?
5. How does faith give you assurance of God's provision?
6. How does faith give you courage to face the enemy?
7. How does faith hold you steady in trials?