

# Trusting God ('In Nothing Be Anxious; but in Everything by Prayer!')

by Hans R. Waldvogel

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*Trusting God is essential for spiritual growth and victory, and it's a matter of the heart, not the head.*

**Scripture:** 2 Corinthians 1:8

**Topics:** "Trust in God", "Overcoming Anxiety"

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## Description

Hans R. Waldvogel emphasizes the necessity of absolute trust in God, drawing parallels between the trials faced by the Apostle Paul and the believer's journey. He highlights that true trust is a matter of the heart, not merely intellectual assent, and that it is during trials that our faith is tested and strengthened. Waldvogel encourages believers to approach God with their anxieties through prayer, assuring them that God is responsible for their spiritual victories and needs. He reminds the congregation that trusting God is essential for experiencing His power and promises in their lives. Ultimately, he calls for a deeper relationship with God, where trust becomes a natural response to life's challenges.

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## Transcript

Selected Verses:

II Corinthians 1:8-10. For we would not, brethren, have you ignorant of our trouble which came to us in Asia, that we were pressed out of measure, above strength, insomuch that we despaired even of life: 9But we had the sentence of death in ourselves, that we should not trust in ourselves, but in God which raiseth the dead: 10Who delivered us from so great a death, and doth deliver: in whom we trust that he will yet deliver us;

Philippians 4:6. Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.

Opening:

The characteristic of the Son of God was absolute trust. Even when He said, "You're going to leave Me alone, and yet I am not alone, for the Father is with Me:" absolute trust in the Father, absolute confidence. Even on the cross, they accused Him of that. They said, "He trusted in God. Let God now deliver Him." Even there, when all heaven seemed to have forsaken Him, He trusted in God in the last extremity. That's

why death could not hold Him--it was impossible. Now the Bible says, "And they that know Thy name will put their trust in Thee." You will trust in a person in proportion as you have confidence in them.

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Selected Quotes:

God cannot do anything for me if I don't put my trust in Him. Now that's strange, but that's the law of the Kingdom--if I don't trust in the Lord. Madam Guyon says, "We perish for want of trusting Him." "None that trust in Him shall be desolate." In one place He says, "And none that trust in me shall be ashamed." Isn't that wonderful? Do you believe that? Well, now we ought to examine a little bit and see what it means to trust in the Lord. It's a matter of the heart, not of the head.

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I didn't help God when He made the world or the universe: He did it Himself. He did it by His great wisdom. And I cannot help Him to perfect me spiritually, and present me "spotless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy." It's got to be altogether God's job. And I cannot help Him in healing my body when I'm in need of healing. God's got to do it. But God did it when He raised Jesus my Lord from the dead and commissioned Him--gave Him the job, gave Him the command to perfect redemption in me and in all that put their trust in Him. That's why trust is so exceedingly important, and that's the reason we can't fool with this subject.

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It's a gift of God when your "heart is perfect toward Him." It's because you know His name. And that's where we fail. We fall down on the job of seeking to know Him. Paul said, "I count everything but refuse that I may win Christ, that I may be found in Him." He said, "I don't consider myself perfect." It's a big job; and you know, God perfected that job in Paul. And have you ever found out how God did it? Why, it says, "We had the sentence of death in ourselves."

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Praise the Lord! And "He calleth them all by name." And He says, "You think I've forgotten you, you little shrimp? You think that I don't hear your prayer? You think that I don't know all about you? And you squirm and fuss, and I've got to let you squirm and fuss until you come to your senses--until you 'lift up your eyes on high' like Abraham did." He said, "Abraham, come out of that tent; don't listen to Sarah anymore. Come on; come into My tent. Lift up your eyes. Look. That's how your seed is going to be." Praise God! God said it. That's settles it. But, beloved, it doesn't settle it. That's the trouble with us. It doesn't settle it until we have dealt with God about it seriously. We need to be very serious prayer warriors.

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Every circumstance in my life is a contact for God to manifest "the exceeding greatness of His power to us-ward who believe." Why do I murmur? Why do I dispute? I find fault with God. I don't believe that "all things work together for good to them that love God."

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I cannot trust the Lord except in the hour of trial. When the trial's over and the victory's won, you don't have to exercise trust anymore. Then you praise Him--then you thank Him. But it's in the hour of trial.

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"My heart is fixed." It's an experience. When God puts trust into your heart, it's an experience that makes Jesus Christ supreme in your thoughts. "Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts." That's where the trouble comes in: we have thoughts. And how many times do we open our hearts to the thoughts of men!

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"The word of faith which we preach: it isn't in heaven--you don't have to get it down. It's not in the depths. It's in your heart. Christ is in your heart, thank God! He can never be removed. And He is there for a job: He is there to be the Lord, the Redeemer, to bring you out of every situation and to make you like unto Himself. And here we are wavering--wavering, spending all our lives complaining and murmuring.

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What I say with my lips is not nearly as important: but what I think, what I feel in my heart! And when my heart is perfect, I will not be anxious. That will be gone, it will be impossible. I will think the thoughts of God, and the Bible gives me His thoughts. "I have thoughts of peace towards you." Go through the whole Bible and see "the exceeding great and precious promises." And every one of them is for you and for me, praise God! And who will guarantee their fulfillment? Why, God has guaranteed them when He raised Jesus my Lord from the dead.

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Our lives ought to be lives of trust, not only trusting God to pay your bills--that's a small matter--but trusting God for your spiritual victory, trusting God for your children if they're unsaved, your husband, your wife. Oh, what wonders have we experienced along that line! Putting our trust in Him makes Him responsible to manifest "the exceeding greatness of His power to us-ward who believe."

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We're in a school. Paul was in a school. You and I are in a school of the Holy Ghost: "He shall guide you into all truth." And He doesn't put the thing up here where you'll lose it again, but He'll put it into your bones, into your life, into your blood. He makes you a son of God. "We're members of His body, of His flesh, and of His bones. And that's how it comes: we're displaced as we put our trust in Him.

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Illustrations:

An example of the simple trust of a child. "'Now, what if I drop you?' 'You love me too much for that...!' Now, beloved, that's our victory: to put our trust in Him." (from 1:04)

An example of a counterfeit trust. "I found out the reason she didn't want to go to the doctor was because she was scared. She wasn't trusting in the Lord at all." (from 4:28)

An example of a deluded trust. "We may think we trust the Lord because we picked a promise out of the promise box. Lots of people do that. I saw a consumptive woman do that one time. Somebody gave her a message--told her that she was going to be healed, and oh, she had such an unction, and such a wonderful blessing, and then she died! It wasn't real at all." (from 8:21)

An example of trust in our own opinions. "One man explained to me what his stomach looked like on the inside... When you put your trust in Him, that's none of your business--absolutely none of your business. You expect everything from Him because He has done everything. He is resurrection and life!" (from 22:13)

The legend of the man who found his own cross the one best suited to him. (from 32:03)

The story of the Lord's marvelous provision of a key, needed in South America. "You'll realize that every test that comes your way is not your test but His." (from 35:10)

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