

# Commit Your Way Unto the Lord; Trust Also in Him

by Octavius Winslow

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*The sermon emphasizes the importance of trusting in Jesus for guidance, strength, and supply in the face of life's uncertainties and spiritual foes.*

**Scripture:** Psalm 37:5, Isaiah 41:10, Matthew 6:11, John 14:27, Romans 8:31, 2 Corinthians 12:9, Ephesians 6:12, Philippians 4:19, Hebrews 11:1, 1 Peter 5:7

**Topics:** "Trust in God", "Spiritual Warfare"

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## Description

Octavius Winslow emphasizes the necessity of committing our paths to the Lord and trusting in Him amidst the uncertainties of life. He likens life's journey to a winding river, filled with unexpected turns and challenges, urging believers to rely on Jesus for guidance through the unseen spiritual battles they face. Winslow reassures that all resources for our spiritual journey are found in Christ, who provides the strength, grace, and wisdom needed to navigate life's complexities. He encourages a daily reliance on God, asking for His provision and support as we confront the trials of each day. Ultimately, trust in Jesus is portrayed as the key to overcoming the world's challenges and experiencing divine blessings.

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## Transcript

Commit your way unto the Lord; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass. Psalm 37:5.

WHEN we consider the convolutions of life's future, how varied and undulating the path! It resembles in its windings and its changes the serpentine course of a river, as it pursues its way--now suddenly disappearing behind jutting rocks or towering headlands, now bursting into view again and rushing on, foaming and sparkling, through smiling meadows and sunny slopes--then by some sudden course lost again to view--surely the believer will feel the need of confidence in an invisible Hand to guide him through the labyrinth of his intricately tortuous way. This cloud of mystery, enshrouding all the future from our view, bids us trust. Not a step can we take by sight. We cannot even conjecture, much less decide, what the morrow will unfold in our history--what sweet sunbeam, shall illumine, or what somber cloud shall shade our path. How veiled from sight the next bend of our path! But, just as the dark, uncertain vista stands open to our view, our hearts all quaking for fear of what may transpire, Jesus meets us and says, "Only believe--only trust my love, wisely, gently, safely to guide you through the wilderness, into the good land that lies beyond."

The number, invisibility, and insidiousness of our spiritual foes--their combined power, and the surprisal of their incessant assaults--demands our trust in Jesus. Nothing is more unseen than the principalities and powers through which we have to force our way to heaven. Satan is invisible--his agents unseen--moral evil veiled--our hearts a great deep--the world masked; truly we have need to cling to, and confide in, Jesus, the Captain of our salvation, seeing that "we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places," and that therefore we are to take to ourselves the whole armor of God, remembering that "this is the victory that overcomes the world, even our faith," or trust in Jesus.

The foreign source of all our supplies for the battle and the journey of life pleads for our trust in Jesus. In ourselves we have no resources. Grace is not natural to us, holiness is not innate, and our native strength is but another term for utter impotence. Where, then, are supplies? All in Jesus. "It has pleased the Father that in Him all fullness should dwell." "Who has blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places (things) in Christ." Christ is both the believer's armory and his granary. The weapons of our warfare, and the supplies of our necessities--all are in Christ. And the life we live as warriors and as pilgrims must be a life of continuous coming to, and trusting in, a full Christ, an all-sufficient Savior. If as each morning dawns, and before we gird ourselves for the conflict, the duties, and the trials of the day, we breathe from our hearts to our Heavenly Father the prayer, "Give me, my Father, this day my daily bread; I look to You for the wisdom that counsels me, for the power that keeps me, for the love that soothes me, for the grace that sanctifies me, and for the presence that cheers me, now supply my need, and do unto me as seems good unto You," we should experience the blessedness of living upon a Father's bounty, upon the Savior's grace, and upon the Spirit's love.

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