

Trusting God

Faith and trust are a hard concept for many people in our day, because they didn't grow up with a family that followed how God lays out what a biblical family is like. It is a well known fact that how a person's father was in childhood will set up their expectations and understanding as to who God is. Sadly many fathers dropped the ball and were not parenting in the Lord's footsteps, offering a consistent safe place with provisions physically and emotionally, just rewards and punishments, leadership to the cross and instruction on how to be faithful to the Lord commands. In most families, divorce, emotional unavailability, abuse, selfishness, love of money, and pace of life in our modern world have left many family "graduates" with a psychological misinterpretation of who the God of the Universe is, not knowingly, but by placing their earthy father's traits within their understanding of God. For most, this undercuts true trust.

This is a major problem for our generation though, because to God, trust is a huge deal. In fact it is the base element needed to function spiritually.

Hebrews 4:1-2 Therefore, since a promise remains of entering His rest, let us fear lest any of you come short of it. For indeed the gospel was preached to us as well as to them: but the word which they heard did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in those that heard it.

Number 14:11 And the Lord said to Moses, "How long will these people reject me? And how long will they not believe in Me, with all the signs I have performed among them?"

Ezk 20:27 Therefore soon man, speak to the house of Israel, and say to them, 'Thus says the Lord God, "In this too your fathers have blasphemed Me, by being unfaithful to Me."

Prov 8:36 But he who sins against me wrongs his own soul; all those who hate me love death

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Ok, so let's look what the Bible has to say about faith & trust in God...

Greek & Hebrew Definitions of Faith & Trust (in God)

english	hebrew/greek	definition
to trust	batach	to be confident; to place trust in; to rely upon; to feel secure; absolute trust
confidence	mibtach	the object of confidence; the state of confidence and security
to confirm/trust	aman	lasting assurance; support pillars; to be faithful; to be established and sure; true and faithful
to put trust in	chasah	to take refuge in;
to lean upon for support	shaan	to lean upon; to trust upon; to rely upon
a deposit or trust	paratheke	anything committed to another's trust or what had been entrusted to
trust/persuade	peitho	to be fully persuaded of that is trustworthy; obedience to God is the proper result of God's persuasion; to be fully confident in; to be won over
faithfulness	pistis	a guarantee or warranty certifying a promise; a guarantee that all of a revelation will come true; faith generated by God as a gift; slightly diff than belief
faithful/reliable	pistos	trustworthy; believing the faith of God imparts; faithful and loyal to faith; believing; trust in one who show themselves trustworthy in business transactions or the discharge of official duties; with y of trust can be relied upon

According to the plain thesaurus here are the words that come up as antonyms:
So by expressing lack of faith this is what is being said of the Lord God Almighty

Confidence:

Fear, terror, fight, anxiety, worry, uneasy, timid, suspicious, the creeps, phobia, nightmare, terrified

Trust:

distrust, skepticism, unbelief; questioning, doubtful; uncertain, hesitant, unreliable; ambivalence, unsure

Faithful:

adulterous; fickle, slightly, undependable; treacherous, traitor; faithless, deceitful, backstabbing, untrustworthy, two-faced, false; flawed,

Confidence:

doubt, uncertainty, distrust; unbelief, lack of faith deposit

Deposit:

unload (to unload a ship's cargo); withdraw; abolish; terminate; leave

Refuge:

danger; exposure; peril; instability; risky

Confirm:

revoke; remind; withdraw; cancel; void; invalid

What do Faith & Trust in God Look Like? Biblically?

Faith & Trust	addy	NO Faith & Trust
*believe enter His rest	Heb 4:1-7	*came short of entering His rest *gospel heard not profit *not mixed with faith *disobedience *not handed hearts
	John 16:9	*sin *judgement *lack of righteousness *because they do not believe in me
	Ezk 20:27	blaspheme God by being unfaithful
	Ps 81:15	*haters of the Lord would pretend submission to Him *their fate endures forever
	Zeph 3:2	*not trust in the Lord *not accept correction *not drawn near to God
	Ps78:21-22	*not believe God *or rely on His salvation *= wrath
	Ps 78:56-58	*turned back & faithless *not keep decrees *tested & disobeys God *enraged & provoked God
	Jer 13:25	*forgotten Me & *trusted in falsehood
	Ps 81:11	*My people would not heed my voice *Israel would have none of Me *so I gave them over to their own stubborn heart
*i do not trust in my sword to save me from enemies for *You save us from our enemies	Ps 44:6-7	

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*trust in the Lord with all your heart *lean not on your own understanding	Prov 3:5	
*trust in God *not afraid *what can man do to me	Ps 56:11	
	Pvb 14:26	*fear(reverence/high esteem) of the Lord brings strong confidence
*he who puts his trust in Me shall possess the land *& inherit My holy mountain	Is 57:11, 13	*you lied & did not remember Me *not taken it to heart *let your idols deliver you
	Ps 52:7	*did not make God his strength *trusted in abundance of riches *strengthened self in wickedness
	John 15:23	*whoever hates Me *hates the Father
	Jer 22:21-2	*I wanted you when you were secure *You said 'I will not listen' *you have not obeyed my voice *bc of your wickedness

So, in light of these Biblical definitions and the antonyms of them, listen to what the Bible has to say about trust and faith. Do any ring true with you? Are you fearful for being left behind? Are you fearful that if you are here for the tribulation or war or a tsunami that the Lord will not save you from harm? Do you have anxiety about money as inflation is soaring? Are you one who generally is a stress head about life and doesn't lay it in the hand of the Lord to provide and protect?

If you can review the list and feel like you are on point, then fabulous! Great job! If you associate with a few traits that are not positive, that show lack of faith or trust, think about how God sees this... like the antonyms. There is no middle ground. Either you trust or you don't. Is God really who He says he is and can and will do all He says or by you having anxiety or by not keeping His word? For instance you are actually calling God a liar, adulterous, one to void your contract, by not showing faith ~ you are calling God blasphemous. Like this is serious. Your faith and reactions to all that goes on needs to be resolute and fearless, you have to know that you know that you know that God has got your back. People always argue if it is faith alone or with works or is there

a need or no need for baptism... and all of that is ignoring the root of the problem... if there is faith -is it absolute? Because without this, no other argument is even worth entertaining.

You may be thinking... but I am a human, and as humans we have our weaknesses and "moments". On this side of the veil, we will not ever attain 100% perfect lack of fear or perfect trust. As always throughout the Bible, there are two choices; to realize what you are seeing, feeling, thinking, and correct then to the sails on your ship to be more aligned with what God would have for us, or to allow no change and stay the course in the wrong direction. Those that have a heart to continually change are revered by God as righteous. Those that see when they miss the mark and try again, are faithful.

Those that do not change are those who eventually get so far off the target that they become backslidden and eventually left off course they no longer worship God at all and they fall to the temptations of this world. They biblically are considered wicked. But either way, it is your choice to take the poke from the Holy Spirit that you need to adjust or to reject the poke and continue on.

The fact that we are humans and live in this imperfect body and world means yes, we will feel fear, anxiety or lack trust in moments. But our response is the issue. Look at **Ps 56:3 When I am afraid, I will trust in you.** It says "WHEN" I am afraid(meaning it does occur)... what is the proper response? THEN I will TRUST in YOU. Meaning, it is a willful choice to take notice of your fear or anxiety and then a make willful choice to lay that in front of the Lord and say, I'm sorry Lord I was trying to take the reigns and control my own situation, which clearly I cannot do because I am being influenced by team satan and feeling fear ~ please help me to lay this down and allow you to carry me through this(whatever THIS is) and teach me to trust that you have got this, I no longer need to stress about it or even think about it, because you have got this. I trust you. This is a willful choice to give it to God and honestly mean it and move on with your life. If you cannot do this, you are not really trusting God is who He says he is. And that as seen above is not favorable to Him. He wants to carry you through it, but you have to give up your claims on it and give it ALL to Him.

The next part of that verse tell us HOW to do this. **Ps 56:3-4 When I am afraid, I will trust in you. In God (I will praise His word), In God I have put my trust; I will not fear.** What can man do to me?

You pick up your Bible and read and remind yourself of the amazing God we serve and see how gracious and loving He is and how He provided for so many through the ages. You are no different ~ He loves each of His children with the same depth of love. Also

it says praise to His word... so literally sing praise songs, especially ones that are lyrics from the Bible. Nothing stomps on fear faster than these two things. They repel fear and team Satan.

Ephesians 3:17-9 that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height- to know the love of Christ with passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God

How then shall we act?

Daniel 6:23 ...So Daniel was taken up out of the Lions den, and no injury whatever was found on him, because he believed in his God.

Believe.

Daniel 3:27... and they saw these men on whose bodies the fire had no power; the hair of their head was not singed nor were their garments affected, and the smell of fire was not on them.

Dan 3:28-30 Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-Nego, who went His Angel and delivered His servants who trusted in Him, and they have frustrated the king's word, and yielded their bodies, that they should not serve nor worship any god except their own God! Therefore make a decree that any people, nation, or language which speaks anything amiss against the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego shall be cut to pieces, and their houses shall be made an ash heap; **because there is no other God who can deliver like this.** Then the king promoted Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego in the province of Babylon.

Trust. Because there is no other God who can deliver!

We should expect that **if we end up in a "situation"** God will provide a way out. We should trust that God has got our backs, even if it looks quite a lot like the worst situation in the history of situations. We have the power of the one and only Living God behind us. Trust.

Verses

Here are some verse about faith & trust to help encourage you in your walk. I find that scripture is the only real help. Make a Notebook of survival verses to reference to help you mature and learn to trust, if you notice your human self feeling fear, read the verses below, read them often and allow it to heal your mind, body and soul.

Fear

Romans 8:15 For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father"

2 Tim 1:7 For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind

1 John 4:18 There is no fear in love; but perfect love cast out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love.

Is 41:10 Fear not, for I am with you; Be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, Yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.

John 14:27 Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world give do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

Ps 56:3-4 When I am afraid, I will trust in you. In God (I will praise His word), In God I have put my trust; I will not fear. What can man do to me?

Ps 111:10 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; A good understanding have all those who do His commandments. his praises endure forever

Gen 15:1 After these things the lord of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, saying, "Do not be afraid Abram. I'm your shield, your exceedingly great reward."

Is 8 (the whole chapter)

Is 41:13 For I, the Lord your God, will hold your right hand, saying to you, 'Fear not, I will help you'

Is 43:1 But now, thus says the Lord, who created you, O Jacob, and He who formed you, O Israel: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by your name; You are Mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the river, they shall not overflow you. When you walk through fire, you shall not be burned, Nor shall flame scorch you. For I am the Lord your God, The Holy One of Israel, Your Savior;

Is 35:4 Say to those who are fearful-hearted, "Be strong, do not fear! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God; He will come and save you."

Matthew 10:28 And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. but rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.

Ps 94:19 In the multitude of my anxieties within me, Your comforts delight my soul.

Deut 3:22 You must not fear them, for the Lord your God himself fights for you

Is 54:4 Do not fear, for you will not be ashamed Neither be disgraced, for you will not be put to shame; for you will forget the shame of your youth, and will not remember the reproach of your widowhood anymore. For your maker is your husband, The Lord of hosts is His name; and your Redeemer is the Holy One of Israel; He is called the God of the whole earth.

Heb 11:1 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

Trust

Ps 23:1 The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want

Josh 1:9 Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go"

Ps 118:6 The Lord is on my side; I will not fear. What can man do to me?

Prov 29:25 The fear of man is a snare, but whoever trusts in the Lord shall be safe.

Ps 91 (the whole chapter)

Phil 4:6-7 Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

Matthew 6:33-4 But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient is the day for its own trouble.

1 Peter 5:6-9 Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time, casting all your care upon him, for he Cares for you. Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world.

Deut 31:8 And the Lord, He is the One who goes before you. He will be with you, He will not leave you nor forsake you; do not fear or be dismayed.

Ex 14:14 The Lord will fight for you, and you shall hold your peace.

Zeph 3:17 The Lord thy God in the midst of thee is mighty; he will save, he will rejoice over thee with joy; he will rest in his love, he will joy over thee with singing.

Ps 115:11 You who fear the Lord, trust in the Lord; He is their help and their shield.

Prov 3:5-7 Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not in your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths. Do not be wise in your own eyes; far the lord and depart from evil

Lack of Faith

Luke 8:13 They on the rock are they, which, when they hear receive the word with joy; and these have no root, which for a while believe, and in time of temptation fall away.

Mark 4:40 But He said to them, "Why are you so fearful" How is it that you have no faith?" And they feared exceedingly, and said to one another, "Who can this be that even the wind and the sea obey Him!"

(mini word study; Why are you so fearful = delios = timid fearful, with dread

And they feared exceedingly = phobeo= to revere, be awe struck)

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Mark 9:24 Immediately the father of the child cried out and said with tears, "Lord, I believe, help my unbelief!"

Number 14:11 And the Lord said to Moses, "How long will these people reject me? And how long will they not believe in Me, with all the signs I have performed among them?"

John 6:63-66 "It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is no help at all. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But there are some of you who do not believe." (for Jesus knew from the beginning those who did not believe, and who it was who would betray him) And he said, "This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by to him by the Father" After this many of his disciples turned back and no longer walked with him.

1 John 2:19 They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would have continued with us; but they went out that they might be made manifest that none of them were of us.

James 5:19-20 Brethren, if anyone wanders from the truth, and someone turns him back, let him know that he who turns a sinner from the error of his way will save a soul from death and cover and multitude of sins.

1 Tim 4:1-2 Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith giving head to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons, speaking lies in hypocrisy having their own conscience seared with a hot iron

Gal 1:6-9 I marvel that you are turning away so soon from Him who called you in the grace of Christ, to a different gospel, which is not another; but there are some who trouble you want to server the gospel of Christ. But even if we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel to you than what we have preached to you, let him be accursed.