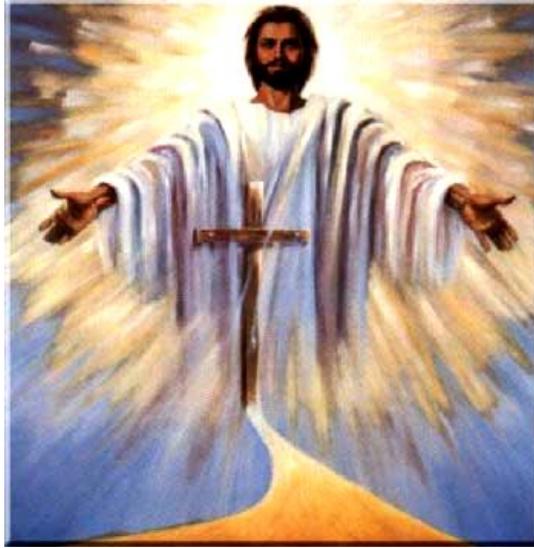


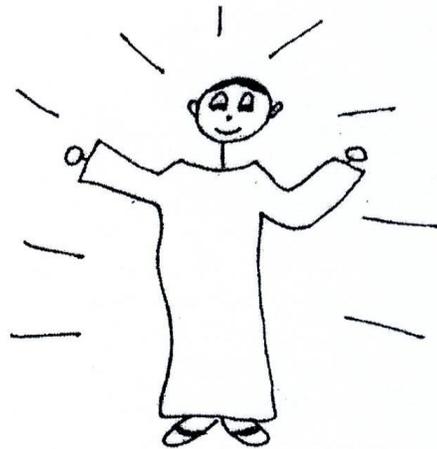
Do You Trust Me Now?



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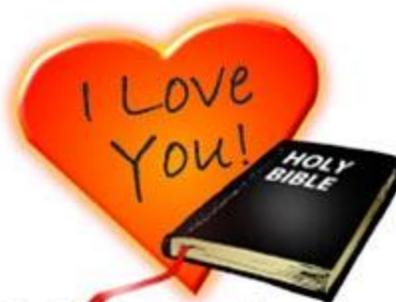
God is **perfect love!** He created us so that we could live in **His love!** He surrounds us with it but we have to want to live in it. Why would we not want that? Our flesh pulls us away from God's love! It lies to us, wanting us to think that God does not love us. What a big lie that is! It doesn't want us to live in God's love and to trust Him! However, think about this: We can absolutely believe and **trust God** in everything! He is faithful and fair! He loves us beyond measure. He never does anything that will be bad for us.



1 John 4:16 We have come to know and have believed the love which God has for us. God is love, and the one who abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him.

God allows many situations to come into our lives to strengthen our ability to trust Him and His love for us. He builds our trust in Him by delivering us again and again and again! He is the Builder! Obviously, we have to use our volition to trust Him, but He gives us all we need. God gives us salvation, indwelling of God the Holy Spirit, and the Bible.

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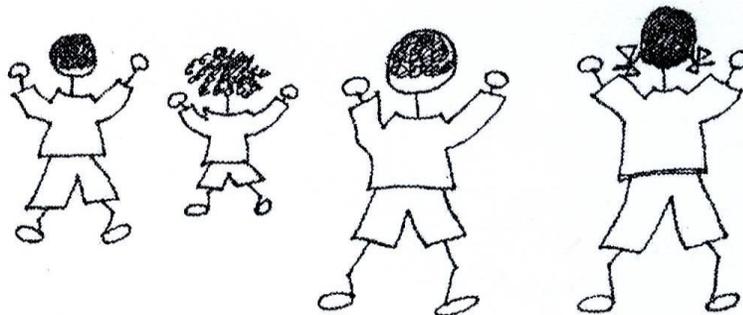
Psalm 56:3-4 "What time I am afraid, I will trust in Thee. In God I will praise His word, in God I have put my trust; I will not fear what flesh can do unto me."



John 3:16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.

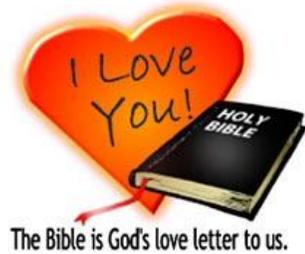
The first situation we had to trust God for was our salvation. When God tells us something in the Bible, we know it is true! God told us the way to have eternal life with Him: believe in His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ! We believe that and it opens a whole, new life for us - life in union with Christ! Since we are in union with Jesus Christ, He will never leave us! (Read Hebrews 13: 5-6)

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We have God the Holy Spirit inside of us to make understandable what is in the Bible. In the Bible we have God's word to direct us in His plan for our lives. God our Father shows us, His children, the way to grow in His love and grace. He shows us how to grow in the thinking of Christ. God the Holy Spirit gives us the power to grow. So, God gives us His power to learn about Him and to trust Him! He will **always** take care of us.



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We might get sick. Now being sick isn't fun! God allows it so that we can learn to rely on Him. Even when the sickness goes on for some time, God will

take care of us! In that situation God wants to know, "Do you trust Me now?" Others may be watching to see if we are trusting in the Lord. And, definitely angels are watching to see how we handle the situation. So trusting is for the benefit of ourselves and others.



Psalm 37:5 "Commit thy way unto the LORD; trust also in Him; and He shall bring it to pass."

It's also difficult when someone we love very much is sick. We have to remember that God allowed the sickness and He has a perfect reason for everything He does! Once we place the situation in God's hands - and leave it there - we can have peace knowing that GOD is in charge. We can say, "Yes, I trust You now!"

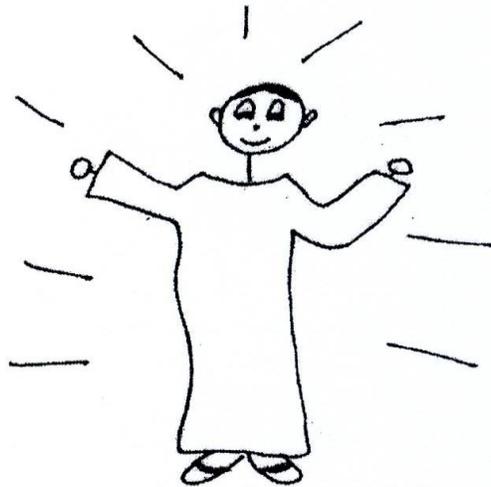


Isaiah 41:10 Do not fear, for I am with you; do not anxiously look about you, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, surely I will help you, surely I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.

MY GOD IS AN AWESOME GOD

God wants us to learn to trust Him to the point of doing our jobs as if doing them for Him. In other words, live our lives for the Lord, not for man. We are to care what God thinks of what we are doing, not what man thinks! God is faithful; man is not always faithful. Only God can give us what we need to face our struggles - His divine power. Man can't give us that kind of power. God will never forsake us; He will always give us help! It is impossible for man to always be there for us - even if he wants to! We can all say, "God, we trust You now."

Colossians 3:23-24 And whatever you do, do your work heartily, as for the Lord rather than for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance. It is the Lord Christ whom you serve.





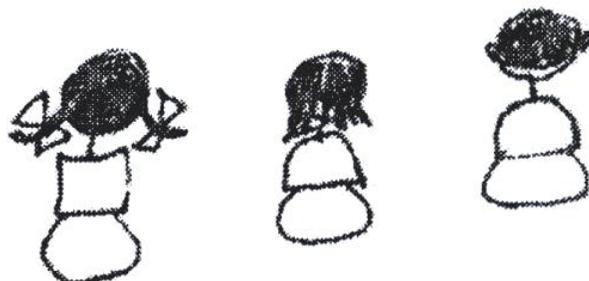
Sometimes we have to be brought to our weakest point before we get out of God's way and rely on Him. God knows what will make us turn to Him! He will allow us to be brought to the edge or to a scary spot and then deliver us! He wants us to trust Him like Jesus did. Jesus completely relied on the Father for everything: Scripture, food, clothing and shelter. He relied on God the Holy Spirit to give Him the power to live His life! Jesus' life was far more difficult than ours will ever be! We need to let God do His work in changing us to be like Christ!

Romans 8:28 - And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to [his] purpose.



As God grows us, He will ask us, "O.K., you saw that I delivered you in that other situation, do you trust Me now to deliver you? I really do know what I am doing and it is out of love for you."

Proverbs 30:5 Every word of God is pure; He is a shield unto them that put their trust in Him. KJV



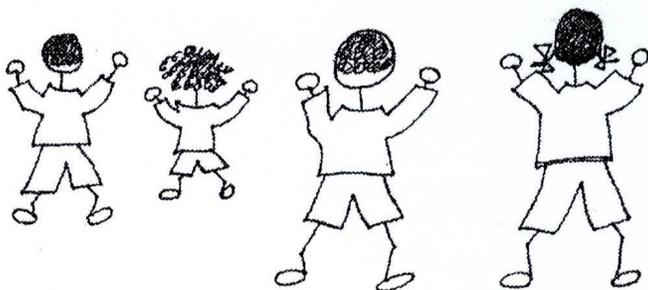
Matthew 14:28-30 Peter said to Him, "Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water." And He said, "Come!" And Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came toward Jesus. But seeing the wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!"

Peter and the other disciples were in a boat on a rough sea when they saw what looked like a ghost on the water. It was no ghost - it was Jesus! Peter called out to Jesus and He told him to come to him. So Peter did, but then he looked at the rough sea and became afraid. He was in a scary spot! He began to sink because he lost faith. However, Jesus helped him immediately!



Matthew 14:31 Immediately Jesus stretched out His hand and took hold of him, and said to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?"

God wants us to keep our eyes on Christ - what He tells us in the Bible. That will keep us safe! We will have many situations in life where we feel like we are "sinking". God will never let us sink too far; He will always pull us up and help us get our eyes back on Jesus Christ! He will ask us, "Do you trust Me now?"



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Scriptures to Remember

Isaiah 26:3 “Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee.”

Psalm 5 6:3-4 “What time I am afraid, I will trust in Thee. In God I will praise his word, in God I have put my trust; I will not fear what flesh can do unto me.”

Psalm 9:10 “And they that know thy name will put their trust in thee: for thou, LORD, hast not forsaken them that seek thee.”

Psalm 22:4 “Our fathers trusted in thee: they trusted, and thou didst deliver them.”

Psalm 71:5 “For thou art my hope, O Lord GOD: thou art my trust from my youth.”

Proverbs 3:5-6 “Trust in the LORD with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding, in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight.”

Psalm 118:8 “It is better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in man.”

