



The Encourager

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“Wholly Trusting God”

O my God, I trust in thee, let me not be ashamed, let not mine enemies triumph over me.
(Psalm 25:2)

There have been times in my life that circumstances beyond my control presented its self leaving me helpless. My only answer was to wholly trust God. Wholly meaning totally and entirely, there was no other way out. But I remembered some years ago, when things were so tough, the Spirit spoke to my heart saying: “I will never leave you, nor forsake you.” I thanked God and took courage, and He worked it out.

Sometime God takes us through things for a testimony to others. There are so many people that need to know the power of God. He uses the ones that will endure and trust Him in every area of their lives. This is not always easy, but we can’t afford to be sidetracked and lose our focus by what we see in the natural.

How do you trust God in the midst of trials and seemly every door is closed in your face? We have to wholly depend on His word. Whatever He promised He will perform it. *Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering. For He is faithful that promised.* (Hebrews 10:23) Our faith will never waver as long as it is grounded on the faithfulness of the One that promised. But if we allow our circumstances to dictate our outcome, we have already lost the battle.

I know some things we go through are a tough pill to swallow, but just know He’s working it out. If we wholly trust God, we must give it to Him and keep our hands off it. What we must remember is that God sometime takes the long view, His goal is not to give us a temporary fix, but rather looks to our eternal welfare. *The Lord is not slack concerning His promises, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.* (II Peter 3:9)

In times of tragedy we may not be able to see immediately that God is there, leading us to peace and comfort. However, we can rest assured that this world has been set up in such a way that all can be bent and turned toward good. *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.* (Romans 8:28) Even in hardship and suffering, even in bitter disappointments, even when wrongly treated, God’s children can know that He will work amidst to fulfill His good purpose. This passage greatly encourages the children of God when we must endure suffering in this life, God will bring good out of all affliction, trials, persecution, and suffering. The good that God brings about is to conform us to the image of Christ and ultimately bringing about our glorification.

The choice for good is always present, to lift us up from our pain and suffering. The real question is can we trust God to deliver us? Can we find the good, or at least pursue it? Let’s take a look at Psalms 37; just a few golden nuggets. Fret not thyself because of evil doers, Trust in the Lord, and do good, Delight thyself also in the Lord, Commit thy way unto the Lord, trust also in Him, and then Rest in the Lord. What are the final results? Evil doers will soon be cut down, thou shall dwell in the land, and verily thou shall be fed, He shall give you the desires of thine heart, and He shall bring it to pass. *Now unto Him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, unto Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.* (Ephesians 3:20-21) The

Amplified Version reads: Now to Him Who, by in consequence of the action of His power that is at work within us, is able to carry out His purpose and do superabundantly, far over and above all that we dare ask or think infinitely beyond our highest prayers, desires, thoughts, hopes, or dreams. God will do for us more than we ask and desire in prayer, but also even more than our imagination can perceive. This promise is conditioned and dependent upon the degree of the Holy Spirit's presence, power, and grace operating in our lives. Now is a good time to ask God to activate the power that's lying dormant in my life.

We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; Persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed. (2 Corinthians 4:8-9) If you experience the presence of Christ and His power in your life, absolutely no trouble, affliction, disappointment, or tragedy will cause your spiritual defeat. When outward circumstances become unbearable and your human resources are exhausted, God's resources are given to enlarge and expand your faith, hope, and strength.

It's okay to feel like you don't have all the right answers. Things that have been spoken over your life, seemly have gone down the drain, remember God is looking at the whole picture and He remembers when others forget. Just make wise choices and good decisions on a day by day basis. God will guide you through the big stuff, and you can be happy knowing God is working it out for your good. He never allows something to be taken away that He doesn't replace something better according to His will and purpose.

But my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus. (Philippians 4:19) This includes spiritual, material, intellectual, and emotional needs. He's concerned about the total man. The key to contentment is realizing that God has given us in our present circumstances everything we need to remain victorious in Christ. Our ability to live triumphantly above changing circumstances is Christ's power flowing in and through us. This does not come naturally, however; it must be learned through dependence on Christ.

The answer to this is: *Casting all your care upon Him; for He careth for you.* (1 Peter 5:7) Care denotes distractions, anxieties, burdens, and worries. It also means to be anxious beforehand about daily life. Such worry is unnecessary because the Father's love provides for both daily needs and our special needs. Whatever happens in our life - never forget God cares for you. He's always there to pick up the broken pieces in our lives.

He will give us peace in the midst of a storm. *And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.* (Philippians 4:7) When we call on God from hearts that sincerely endeavor to abide in His Word, then the peace of God will flood our troubled souls. This peace is an inner tranquility mediated to us by the Holy Spirit. It involves a firm conviction that Jesus is near and that God's love will be active in our lives for good. When we lay our troubles before God in prayer, this peace will stand guard at the door of our hearts and minds, preventing the care of life and the heartaches of disappointment from overthrowing our lives and hope in Christ. If fear and anxiety return, prayer, supplication, and thanksgiving will once again put us under the peace of God that guards our hearts. Once more we will feel safe and rejoice in the Lord.

If by any chance you are reading this News Letter and haven't applied the word of God in your heart, trust Him now by completely surrendering your life to Christ Jesus. He's only a prayer away. He doesn't need a lot of fancy words, just talk to Him from your heart. You can wholly trust God.