

Can We Still Trust God?

That is the question that is ringing in a lot of people's minds today. It seems like over and over again that God is constantly reaffirming Himself in the land that He has created. To me, it is a very shameful event of circumstances that we feel that God needs to reintroduce Himself to us.



Let me say this emphatically. **God does not need to prove Himself! He is still God.** Even in our current world with problems and situations, He is still sovereign. He is still holy. Still omnipotent. Still all powerful. Still omnipresent. Still

immutable. Still

Eternal. He is still God. Just a few days ago, we read and heard about the tragedy down in New Orleans where 14 people were killed and countless others were injured, but in the midst of a national tragedy like this, we can still trust God!

Faith Takes It



and **STILL** Believes

Sometimes, I believe most individuals don't understand faith, *or* they do not have enough faith to sustain them in the times of difficulty. The profound proclamation of the matter is that faith that is not tried is a faith that cannot be trusted. In order for us to operate in faith, our faith in God must be tried. If we are going to live in faith, succeed by faith, and overcome through faith, then faith must be tried beyond our ability to rectify the end results for ourselves. It must be tried to the point that the outcome of the matter is above our figuring out or providing a solution for ourselves.

My brothers and sisters in Christ, at this point in our lives and even in our nation, certainly our faith is being tried. Not only is our faith being tried, but so is our patience. Over the last several years, months and days, it appears that tragedy after tragedy has stood on the threshold on our lives. It is coming with little or no means to stop it or slow it down. There are some things like hurricane Helene that devastated our cities and took many lives. Floods have destroyed multiple cities, homes, businesses, and lives. Fires on the West Coast have changed the landscape and impacted more lives. In the midst of all these tragedies, the government may promise assistance, but in actuality, very little help was provided by those who were political leaders.

Frustration and anger are boiling over. It was just a few weeks ago that we had an insurance executive gunned down in cold blood in New York City. If it does not take faith now, then it never will. If your faith in God is unwilling and unable to sustain you now, maybe it never will. The only solution for the problems in our world is our faith and trust in God. As one of the brothers in our

church says so often, “He is the only one that can”. Can what? Can turn this world around. God is the only one who can sustain His people during these difficult times. God is the only one who can keep us together and bring hope to our country once again. For those of us who have tried God, we are SURE, that He can overcome this chaos and bring victory to His people. And those of us who trust God can still trust Him based on His unfailing record of all time. Since He has never failed, I believe He won’t fail. He will not fail Himself and He will not fail His people if they put their trust in Him.

The words of Proverbs 3:5-6, are good encouragement for each of us during these trying times in our lives. “Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.” The first thing we are told to do is to trust in the Lord. Lean on Him for total support in the times of difficulty and trust in Him with our whole heart. We are not to lean upon our own understanding because there are times when we do not totally understand the matter that confounds us or knocks us completely off our feet. Our understanding, at times, is more hurtful to our progress that we care to admit. There are times when we must allow the mind of God to rule our way! We must learn how to acknowledge Him in all of our efforts and he will direct our lives. It is manifested in our lives only by releasing our faith in the Lord. Faith in God will never fail us because there is no failure in Him.

I want to thank you for joining this consecration journey with me. This is our second sheet that we have posted so I know that we are only a few days into this journey and our bodies are still trying to adjust to the shortage of food and restricting it. I encourage you to hang it there because it will get better. This week, we will begin by restricting our diet from a few things as we have always done in the past. So, we will ask you to not drink any liquids unless it is 100% juice or water. Protein drinks and Gatorade may help some who require more. Remove coffee and sugar products. Please do not forget to eat your one meal a day after 6PM. If you work a 3rd shift, it is up to you when you eat the meal. If you require food for medication, please do not ignore taking your medication. We must be mindful of the guidance of providers when we have an illness that requires medication to prevent worsening effects of strokes, diabetes, heart attacks, etc. We need to ask God for wisdom on what to sacrifice for increased sensitivity to Him. We will meet in person for prayer on Friday, Jan 10th at 7:30 PM and Monday, Jan 13th at 7PM.

