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Church, You Can Trust Him

The Favor of God · Part 2

TEXT Psalm 9:10; Psalm 5:12

ASK Do I only trust God when I can see the road, or because I know the One who is carrying me?

✱ From Genesis to Revelation, God has never stopped being faithful or walking with His people, so even when you can't see the way home, you can trust the One carrying you.

1 Trust Isn't Knowing Every Turn

A child who fought sleep all the way to the car is carried, sound asleep, through the front door, down the hallway and into their own bed. They missed every turn of the journey, because somewhere inside was a confidence they couldn't explain: Dad's got me. Mom's got me. I don't have to know the way home. Maybe that is the trust God wants from His children.

Deuteronomy
1:31, ESV



The LORD your God carried you, as a man carries his son, all the way that you went until you came to this place.

Isaiah 46:4,
ESV



Even to your old age I am he, and to gray hairs I will carry you. I have made, and I will carry; I will carry and will save.

Psalm 9:10,
ESV



And those who know your name put their trust in you, for you, O LORD, have not forsaken those who seek you.



REMEMBER

Trust is not knowing every turn. It is knowing He has not forgotten you, His hand is still on your life, and He is still carrying you.

2 The Old Testament Shows Us Who He Is

Book after book, the same God shows up: Creator and Provider in Genesis, Deliverer in Exodus, faithful in the wilderness in Numbers, the Covenant Keeper in Deuteronomy, merciful in Judges, Redeemer in Ruth, the God who remembers in Chronicles. Moses understood the blessing was never just getting somewhere. The blessing was God going with them.

Genesis 22:14,
ESV



So Abraham called the name of that place, "The LORD will provide."

Exodus 33:15,
ESV



If your presence will not go with me, do not bring us up from here.

Lamentations
3:22-23, ESV



The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

Malachi 3:6,
ESV



For I the LORD do not change.



REMEMBER

The God who was faithful yesterday will still be faithful tomorrow.

3 Favor Is the Hand of God Upon a Life

Joseph's place changed, but God's presence never left him, even in a prison cell. Ruth walked into a field and found favor had already gone ahead of her. The good hand of God was on Ezra and Nehemiah, and Esther found favor at exactly the moment it was needed. Favor doesn't mean there is nothing to rebuild. Sometimes it means God gives you everything you need to rebuild it.

Genesis 39:21,
ESV



But the LORD was with Joseph and showed him steadfast love and gave him favor in the sight of the keeper of the prison.

Ruth 2:10, ESV 

Why have I found favor in your eyes, that you should take notice of me?

Nehemiah 2:8, ESV 

And the king granted me what I asked, for the good hand of my God was upon me.

Esther 4:14, ESV 

And who knows whether you have not come to the kingdom for such a time as this?



REMEMBER

Sometimes favor looks like God arranging something before you ever arrive.

4

He Doesn't Always Remove the Fire; He Walks Through It

Isaiah never promises we will avoid the fire. He promises God will be with us in it. When the king looked into the furnace, there was another One walking with the three Hebrew men. The fire didn't mean God had abandoned them; it revealed that God was with them. And even when the fig tree doesn't blossom, if I still have God, I still have reason to rejoice.

Isaiah 43:2, ESV 

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you ... when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you.

Daniel 3:25, ESV 

But I see four men unbound, walking in the midst of the fire, and they are not hurt.

Habakkuk 3:17–18, ESV 

Though the fig tree should not blossom ... yet I will rejoice in the LORD; I will take joy in the God of my salvation.

Psalms 23:6, ESV 

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life.



REMEMBER

We don't just walk toward the goodness of God. His goodness follows us, and His presence walks with us.

5

The New Testament Shows Us What We Have in Christ

The God who walked with Adam, Abraham, Moses and Israel came to walk among us in flesh. Jesus promises to be with us always, not occasionally and not only when life is good. In Christ there is no condemnation, nothing can separate us from His love, and we have been blessed with every spiritual blessing. Favor is not a trouble-free life. It is God Himself for us.

Matthew
28:20, ESV



And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.

Romans 8:31,
ESV



If God is for us, who can be against us?

Ephesians 1:3,
ESV



Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places.

Hebrews 13:5,
ESV



I will never leave you nor forsake you.



REMEMBER

The blessing of God is not merely around you. In Christ, you are standing in it.

6

Revelation Shows Us Where It Is All Going

He came the first time exactly as He promised, and He will come again exactly as He promised. You cannot have Bethlehem without Revelation, the Lamb who was slain without the Lion who will reign, or the cross without the crown. His return is not an afterthought to the story. It is the fulfillment of the story: faith becomes sight, every tear is wiped away, and God dwells with His people forever.

Titus 2:13, ESV



Waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ.

Revelation
21:4, ESV



He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more.

Revelation
22:20, ESV



Surely I am coming soon. Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!



REMEMBER

We know where the story ends: a throne, a King, a redeemed people, and God dwelling with His people forever.

The Response

God has not abandoned you. He has not forgotten you, His church, or His promises, and He has not lost control of history. The story is not over.

- ✓ Name the turn in the road you've been trying to figure out on your own, and hand it back to Him.
- ✓ Rest in His arms instead of fighting to stay awake for every mile.
- ✓ Look back at how God has already carried you, and let that build your trust for what's ahead.
- ✓ Live this week with your eyes on our blessed hope: Jesus is coming back.

He was faithful then. He is faithful now. And when the King appears, He will still be faithful then. Church, you can trust Him.

"For you bless the righteous, O LORD; you cover him with favor as with a shield." — Psalm 5:12, ESV