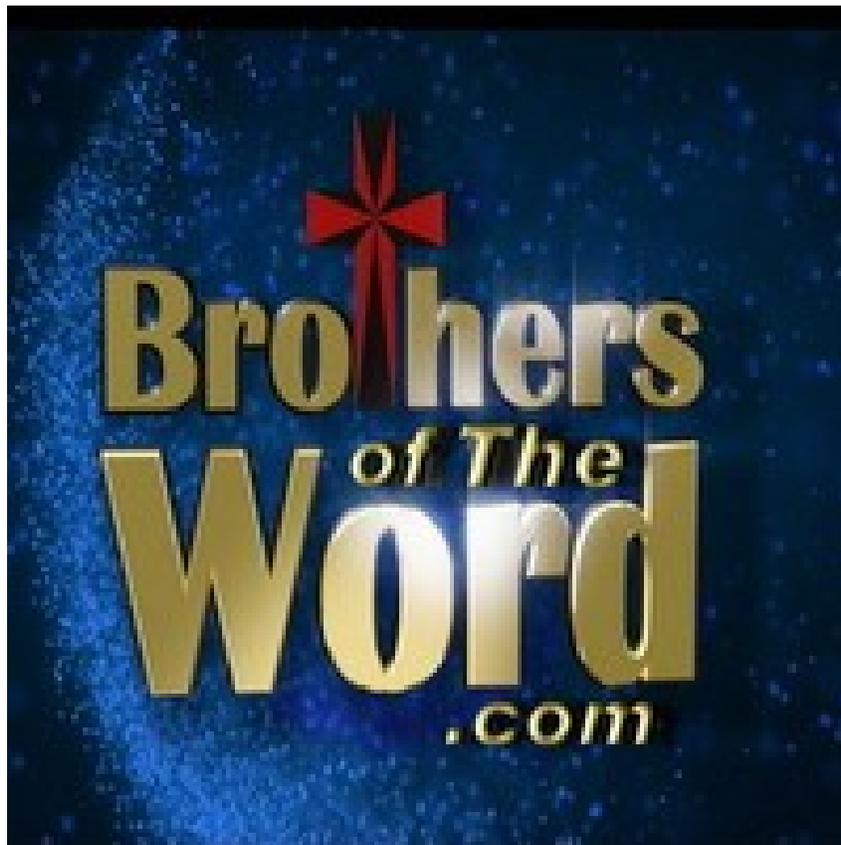


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We'd like to read just a little humor I came across this week. Two Christians had lived the very good life and also very healthy lives, and both of them died and go to heaven. And as they are walking along, marvelling at the paradise around them, one turns to the other and says, "Wow! I never knew heaven was going to be good as this." "Yeah," says the other. And just thinks that if we haven't eaten all of that old brand, we could have been here 10 years sooner.

Well, open your Bible if you will to the Book of Psalms. No, don't stop your healthy eating habits, just to -- to Book of Psalms, Chapter 37. When you get to there, say, "Amen." Book of Psalms, Chapter 37. And let's read beginning with the verses one through seven. The Book of Psalms Chapter 37, verses 1-7. Let's read together there in unison beginning with verse one. "Fret not thyself because of evildoers, neither be thou envious against them that work of inequity. For they shall soon be cut down like the grass, and wither as the green herb. Trust in the Lord, and do good; so shall thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed. Delight thyself also in the Lord; and He shall give thee the desires of thine heart. Commit thy way unto the Lord. Trust also in Him, and He shall bring it to pass. And he shall bring forth thy righteousness as the light and thy judgment as the noonday. Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for Him: Fret not thyself because of Hm who prospereth in His way, because of the man who bringeth wicked devices to pass."

And I just want to use it as a subject today, Learning to Trust God. Notice in verse 3 -- in Psalms 37:3, it says, "Trust in the Lord, and do good, so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed." And that has to do with since in the first part of the verse who trust him. And the second part of the verse, it actually speaks to future security. That's your future to be secure if your trust is in the Lord. Your future will be secure if your trust is in the Lord. You know there are certain things in life that we cannot put our trust in. You can't put your trust in people and people will fail you. People will let you down. People will disappoint you. You can't put your trust in money. Your money will leave you. Somebody said, "Amen."

The Bible even says, "Your money will take all wind and it will fly away." Your money will leave you. Money is very sickly solid. Sometimes you have it and sometimes you don't and it's very circle. It's not stable, even if you've got a lot of it, the value of the dollar goes down. It fluctuates. So even when you think you've got a lot, even your value can still decrease, so money fluctuates. The markets fluctuate.

People in the last few years, who have seen their retirement plans drop in half in values, so money can't be trusted. You can't put your trust in houses. Termites were at your house right now even you're at home. So, you can't put your trust in material things. All of these things are vanity. They all fade away. They're all unsure. They're all unstable. They're all physical. They're all shaky. How many of you know we're living in shaky times? We're living in shaky times. Things that where once cost up, they're now changing. You know things, values are changing. You know when things like everything. Technologies are changing so fast. Just when you think you have the top of the line, there's something new out. It's completely different.

Pastor James was just telling me the other day about he has seen technology now where they're coming out with cars that will drive themselves. So, you'll be able to just take them that on your way to your destination. Things are changing. Things are changing in this world. You know they said, "There's nothing constant in this world but change." Things are changing so fast. Laws are changing. Legislation is changing. Everything is changing. Nothing remains the same except God. God is the only thing who is stable in unstable times. He's the only one who is unchanging. And these were trusts. I love the way that David refers to the word trust. He's referring to something solid and he refers to trust as he pictures the rock. He often called God as rock. You know he says, "When my heart is overwhelmed, leave me." So, the rock is higher than I am.

In other words, he's saying when the troubled water of life is rising on you, he needed a rock so he can get up on and he could stay secure and safe and they won't be blown away. He won't be taken through the storms of life. He needs something that's unchanged and something that's steady. That word also refers to fortress. He said, "God is my rock, my fortress, my God in whom I trust. All of those words are related. Trust, rock, and fortress. Something that's solid or hiding place or a place of protection, a place where the enemy can't get to or something that is fortified and something that is solid. And so, this word trust is referring to a confidence, an assurance, a fortress or rock, something that's solid, a refuge. And I just love the way that David pictures God. He puts his trust in God. And he begins to teach us that we have to put our trust in God because God is the only person who is completely trustworthy, who was completely unchanging, unwavering. God is our rock. He is our confident, trust and our hope, and our assurance even in the middle of shaky times.

And I just love when you think about God. You know that when you're talking about learning to trust God, I'm literally referring to trust in terms of -- when I try to look up so with definition of trust and I just didn't see anything that quite fit and just right and so I just started playing around with the word myself to try to really define of what it means in scripture. And this is what I came up with. Thus, trust is confidently knowing that God -- and when we speak about God, we're talking about

the creator of heaven and earth. The one who flung the stars in the space, the one who hangs the sun there, the one who set the boundaries of the oceans -- is a confident knowing that God is in control.

It's knowing that God is in control that He loves you, that He is interested in your welfare, that He holds you in the palm of His hand, that He plans your right the same spirit that took one drop of water and weighed that all the oceans as Isaiah tells us. All of the oceans and lakes and all of water on the earth, it took one drop of water on the palm of His hand and measured that out. He took one speck of dust in the hollow of His hand and measured that all to mountains and all of the regions and perpetually balanced the earth. Well, it's that same spirit who calculates and directs and guides your lives. And so, we are confidently trusting that God, this creator was in control that He loves us, that He's interested in our welfare and wellbeing, that He holds you in the palm of His hand. He plans your life. He will never leave you nor forsake you.

And the calls of that deep down within us, we have this assurance that somehow we know everything is going to be all right. Well, that's this trust. That's kind of the best definition that I could come up without of really what I was trying to say when I talk about learning to trust God is that God is in control of our lives. God is in control of our lives. And He loves us. He guides us and He directs our lives. A couple of weeks ago, the Lord said to me because I was kind of stressed out and I was kind of anxious about something. And the Lord just whispers in me and said, he said, "Please relax and trust. Relax and trust in me."

You know, so often we just really don't trust God, so that we are -- we're so busy and so anxious trying to work things out in our own strength, in our own power, in our own ability. And so that's why we fret. We get anxious and we get so stressed out over situations and circumstances, because we depended on us. And that's not what God intends for us to live life. So, then he said, "Relax. Relax, relax and trust God." Relax, just relax and trust God. God loves to work on our behalf. You know so often because we're relying on our strength and our own might and all of this, because sometimes God will set it up so that when He works on your behalf you'll know it's Him because He was no humanly way possible you could get out of the time.

And so, God loves the situation that the scripture talks about that His strength is made perfect in our weakness. So, when you're at your weakest point, those are the moments that God loves the best, because his strength can be made perfect in your weakness. God shows out when you're at your weakest. When it seems like it's hopeless, God is excited in those moments. In the scripture, you remember the story of Gideon. And Gideon had to go up against an army of a 132,000. Gideon only had 32,000. "God, that's too many." And He gave him a little test. He said, "I want you to do is go down." He said, "First tell everybody who's scared, they can go home."

Twenty two thousand men left. Twenty two thousand men left and left them with 10,000. God, so there's still too many. And so now, God gave him and showed him how to go down, and took the stream and watched and observed them how they drink water. And those who drank of certain way and qualified them those who didn't and claimed away with long story short, Gideon was left with 300 and God said, "Yes!" Three hundred men against a 132,000. God was excited because now God knew Gideon would have to trust. And so, God loves to put us in a situations where we have to trust, where we have to trust, where we're at our weakest, most vulnerable point, you have to trust. You have to trust.

And so God loves us, that God loves us. He wants us to trust him and not trying to work everything out in our own might and in our own power and in our own strength. Sometimes we feel like -- I don't know if we feel like God isn't capable or we just feel like he's too far away, or we just feel like He doesn't know what we need or we don't feel like we're going to get the best one. I don't know what are these, but sometimes we kind of do things on our own and we forget that God is standing on along ready and willing to help us in our time of need in all of life. He wants us to relax and trust Him. Just relax. And maybe, he said, "Relax." Relax and trust Him.

So, before we turn. Look at Psalms 37 before we leave there. But notice, notice, man, there's so much good stuff and there we could teach all day and all night here just from Psalms 37. Notice what's in verse 3. Trust in the Lord and do good! It's not just some saying, "You trust me." You can do your part and then do what's right in my sight. Trust me. Do what's right in my sight. Do the best of your ability and you leave it to me. I'll take care of it. Now, so I'll take care of it from there. Your future is going to be secure. Look at verse 4. "Delight thyself also in the Lord and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart."

So, you just trust in Him, you're delighting in Him. You're enjoying God. You're enjoying your relationship with God. He's first in your life and you're just living with Him. And notice now, and you're just relaxing. You're relaxing in this and trusting Him. And notice when he says and he says, "He shall give thee the desires of thine heart." Because God will bring you destiny so pass the secret desires in your heart, the secret drains and hopes that you have in your heart that you wonder if they'll ever happen, if they'll ever come to pass God.

So just relax and trust Me. He said he'll give us the desires of our heart. Look at verse 5. "Commit thy way unto the Lord." There it is again. Trust also in Him and He shall bring it to pass. Folks, there are times we have to just -- we turn it over to God and said, "God, I love you. I honor you. And I bless you. I want to do my best, but God I'm not going to worry over this. I'm trying to lift over to you. I am committing this over to you. I'm not going to be stressed out. I'm not going to be anxious. I'm not going to be fretful. I'm not going to be worried."

So, we have to learn to commit things to God, commit things to God. Now, before we turn, I want you to turn over to Proverbs Chapter 3. But before you turn, now listen to this verse. I just want you to see how much God wants to take care. Listen to this verse. This is First Peter Chapter 5 and verse 7. Listen to these verses and says, "Casting the whole of your care-all anxieties, all your worries, all your concerns once and for all-on Him; for He cares for you affectionately and cares about you watchfully."

Casting the whole of your care, all anxieties, all your worries, all your concerns once and for all on Him; for He cares for you affectionately and cares about you watchfully. Notice that he wants you cast your cares on Him, because he cares for you. Turn to your neighbor again and say, "Just relax. Just relax and trust God." Relax and trust God. You know when you talk about relaxing and trusting God, that's what the Bible calls the rest of God. The Bible talks about in the Book of Hebrews that, "He who have believed have entered to his rest." That's when you no longer worry. We no longer stressed out. We no longer kind of figure out, we no longer kind of force things to happen. You have entered into his rest. You relied that God is in control.

God is smarter than I am. God is bigger than anything that I encounter in life and I have casted over Him. And so, God is -- God has it. God had it. And so, that's what it means to enter in the God's rest. But so often we know we try to just -- we try to hold things on ourselves and work things often and we just ask ourselves, "How am I going to have to get out of this mess? How am I going to get out of this trouble? When will my dreams going to come and pass? When am I going to get married? When am I going to get some money?"

So, we're always just so frustrated and always so anxious. And God says, "Simply relax. Cast the whole of your care over and I'll care for you." Relax and trust him. Relax and trust him. Turn to your neighbor and say it one more time. Say, "Relax and trust Him." I like something that George Mueller says concerning Philippians Chapter 4: 6 and she says -- it's actually says the Lord said to her, who said, "Worry about nothing. Pray about everything." Worry about nothing but pray about everything. Another words, God is saying, "Cast the whole of your care over on me. Don't you worry about it! You just pray."

Your job is to pray about it. You pray about it and cast the whole of your care over on him. Don't we say we have a wonderful God? I love God. I thank God so much. Listen to this verse. This is Deuteronomy Chapter 7:9. It says, "The Lord your God is God." Folks God is God. Turn to your neighbor and say, "God is God." God is God. All by himself, He is God. The Lord your God is God. He is the faithful God. He brings his covenant of love to a thousand generations of those who love him and keep His commands. God is God. He wants you to realize that he alone is God. And if God created you, he created those words surely you can trust Him to map out your

life. You can trust him to direct your footsteps. You can trust him dealing with any circumstance or any area or problem in life. Relax and trust God. This is just part one. I just want to introduce this in later foundation. But I wanted to just really get into to beginnings to learn how to trust and learning how to completely trust God. And it is such a wonderful relationship when we live with God, where we completely trust in Him, where we're no longer afraid.

We're completely and wholly following and trusting him. Those of you who are watching by television, I want you to go to BrothersofTheWord.com. You can listen to this message any of -- the part one Learning to Trust God. You can also email it to a friend absolutely free of charge.

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