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## **Trust in the Lord**

### **Proverbs 3:5-6**

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I once read an article that said ...

In May 1995, Randy Reid, a 34 year old construction worker, was welding on top of a nearly completed water tower outside Chicago. According to writer Melissa Ramsdell, Reid unhooked his safety gear to reach for some pipes when a metal cage slipped and bumped the scaffolding on which he stood. The scaffolding tipped, and Reid lost his balance. He fell 110 feet landing face down on a pile of dirt, just missing rocks and construction debris.

A fellow worker called 9-1-1. When paramedics arrived, they found Reid conscious, moving and complaining of a sore back.

Apparently the fall didn't cost Reid his sense of humor. As paramedics carried him on a backboard to the ambulance, Reid had one request: "Don't drop me." Reid was later released with only having a bruised lung.

How many times do we resemble Mr. Reid? God protects us from a huge fall but we still struggle with being 3 feet off the ground.

Why is it that in certain time of our life it just seems so hard to trust God?

In order to really trust God, you have to know that He truly loves you... even when it seems He's forgotten you.

But we can't forget the love He has for us...

**Romans 5:8** But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ

died for us.

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While there was nothing lovable about us, He loved us... reached out for us... and took away our filth.

Since I have had children, I have truly been learning more and understanding just a little of how God loves us. And how he truly wants the best for us.

We know that God loves us and that He truly does indeed want the best for us. But do we believe that when times are not going so good? Seriously. Think about it.

When you have gone through a hard time before, was your focus on how much God loved you? It's difficult in those times isn't it? But we can't forget...

### **1 Thessalonians 5:18**

give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

Back in the day I used to love watching shows that had people fixing up old houses. It's always been amazing to me how someone can take an old house and just turn it around into something incredible.

Someone who can do that truly has vision. .... Seeing something that's not there.

I remember watching a show where an individual was actually making his own home and they were showing his secrets of how to make things look good while saving money.

They showed the owner had just completed the foundation. Then the next thing you see is the owner with a concrete saw. He then began scoring the top of the foundation with half inch lines creating 18 inch squares on the foundation. Immediately afterwards you see him throwing different colors of stain all over the foundation and mixing them together. After it dried, he then sealed all of it.

I thought to myself “This is amazing. He just created a tile floor without spending one dime on a tile.”

The thought then occurred to me... “What if I was that house being made? What would I think? How would I feel?”

My foundation was just poured. It looked great and was solid. Then my maker starts digging into me and cutting lines all over me. Then he threw stain all over me. What's he thinking? I look horrible! And then he goes and makes it permanent by sealing it all in?

Perspective....

All too often we don't see the big picture of what the Father is doing in our lives. And when those hard times come, it's difficult to trust, because we don't see ... that big picture.

### **Romans 8:28**

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

That doesn't mean that everything is going to look good or even feel good, but rather that it will all work

for the good.

Sometimes we have to go through hard times. We may never understand it on this side of eternity. But He does. We must also understand that just because we have to go through it, it doesn't mean that He wants us to go through it. Years ago one of my children had some medical issues that required us to go to the doctor quite often. Every time we went my child had to get a shot. It was not a regular shot though. It was a shot that literally lasted 2 to 3 minutes each time. The shot actually assisted in removing things from the blood that was affecting the brain. SO the shot was needed. But it wasn't fun. It always took several nurses, and myself, to hold my child down during those 2 to 3 minutes. I'll never forget a time during one of the shots my child looking at me with tears streaming down giving me a look of "Why are you letting them do this to me?"

It was a quiet ride home from the doctor's office that day as that image kept going over in my head. Yet I thought... "How often have I prayed the same thing to God, yet it had to happen, because He knows what's best."

Do we trust Him, even when it hurts? Do we really believe He knows best?

We must understand that the Father loves us so much that He cares far more about our character than He does our comfort.

I can't tell you how many times that my children have asked for something that they simply weren't going to get.

One time, my oldest was wanting to go and play outside. She asked over and over. But it just wasn't going to happen. Why? Because it was 10 degrees out with a wind chill of 5 below.

### **Hebrews 12:7-11**

Endure hardship as discipline; God is treating you as sons. For what son is not disciplined by his father? If you are not disciplined (and everyone undergoes discipline), then you are illegitimate children and not true sons. Moreover, we have all had human fathers who disciplined us and we respected them for it. How much more should we submit to the Father of our spirits and live! Our fathers disciplined us for a little while as they thought best; but God disciplines us for our good, that we may share in his holiness. No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it.

God loves us as His own children. He knows what's best. Consider this,

When complimented on her homemade biscuits, the cook at a popular Christian conference center told Dr. Harry Ironside, "Just consider what goes into making these biscuits. The flour itself doesn't taste good, neither does the baking powder, nor the shortening, nor the other ingredients. However, when I mix them all together and put them in the oven, they come out just right.

Remember, we may not see what He's doing now, but one day it will all make sense.

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We pray you have been blessed by this message. Remember, continue to test everything.

Shalom!

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