

For Our Information

Ruben Keisler is recovering nicely from his knee replacement surgery. He will start physical therapy later this week.

Hudson Wright had a runny nose and fever on Saturday.

Brenda Keisler is scheduled for an epidural shot this week for her neck pain.

Theresa LaValla and John are out of town this week.

Remember one another as we pray to the Father each day

We seek only to serve God according to His Will!

Again this must be a hope that is evidenced in our life. It will guide our decisions and relationships. This hope in God and eternity will not seek after this world's goods, but after good from God's Word. It is this kind of hope that Paul expected from those he instructed in **2Timothy 6** to be *"rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future."*

Such trust and hope puts our life in the hands of The Creator. When He is the anchor of our existence we can weather any storm life may send our way. Pain, persecution, loss, sickness, death, etc. hold no sway over us for we know that they are only temporary and we are all about eternity with God. They will still hurt our physical being, but our spirit will soar above those hurts knowing that they can do no permanent damage. Where is your Trust and Hope?

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Trust And Hope

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I'm a reader, not a writer. Despite my feelings of inadequacy, I sometimes feel the need to let a few words flow with the hope that they will be helpful to others as we journey through life. A few things have been on my mind the last few weeks and I hope that converting thoughts to words will help me work through them. They might even benefit others.

This time of year always brings thoughts of loss and failure to my mind. Just over seven years ago we lost our daughter in a car accident. I don't talk about it much, but it is usually on my mind during this time of year. Along with the feeling of loss



God is our refuge and strength, A very present help in trouble.

Psalms 46:1



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is a nagging concern that some mistake on my part might have been a contributing factor. As with others who have suffered loss, it never really goes away, but for the most part we can function as 'normal' folks most of the time. Two areas of spiritual interest are touched by these thoughts, at least in my mind, Trust and Hope.

If we trust only in the mechanisms of this physical world we will almost always be disappointed. Our friends, family, and brethren certainly mean well, but sometimes fall short of actually helping with our difficulties. This does not mean that we should stop trying to help those who are suffering. It does mean that we need to understand that our help will not bring immediate change to their lives. Platitudes and kind phrases may sound helpful but often they seem empty, especially when they are given by those who quickly return to their own life and expect those in sorrow to do the same. As others have said, sometimes just being there is the best help we can offer.

On the other hand, putting our trust in God will bring healing and relief to those who suffer. God knows more about what we need than any other can know. He literally sees all and is always a "*very present help in trouble.*" (**Psalm 46:1**) The Psalmist filled many a page with thankfulness to God for His watch and care, and pleas to Him for help in times of struggle and suffering. Time and again we read in Scripture of God providing support and comfort to those who were in need. We need to learn to put our trust in God, to know deep within our very being that

Store In My Heart

Proverbs 3:5

Trust in the Lord
with all your heart
And do not lean on
your own
understanding.

Our understanding
will always be limited
by our own
experiences. No
matter how much
time or effort we
spend we cannot
know all that is
involved. Because of
this we will always be
limited in what we can
do for any given
situation. When we
struggle to
understand why
things happen or how
we will endure, we
will see our limits and
sometimes give up.
Yet God knows all, He
can see the end of a
matter and if we can
put our trust in His
guidance we can have
assurance of success.
Even if this life ends,
our trust in the Lord
will carry us to Him for
eternity.

He will see us through. He will always be ready to lift us up from the depth of sorrow and pain.

This trust is more than a mere expression of belief that He exists. It is putting our whole life in His hands by committing to a life of submission and sacrifice for Him. It is letting go of the world and all its plans and schemes and committing to follow only the commands and teachings left for us by God's inspired spokesmen. If we want God to be with us we must first be with Him.

Along with this trust, we must have hope. Again, the hope of the world around us is based upon that which will ultimately fail. Often heard are the stories of lost fortunes and broken dreams. Recent storms have demonstrated the frailty of our infrastructure and dwellings. Many plan for decades for a time of retirement and relaxation in their older years only to have those plans crushed by market changes or natural disaster. Hope based upon the things of this world will leave us disappointed at some point.

Yet hope that is based upon God and His Word will never fail. It is a hope that goes beyond the deteriorating world around us to reach into the eternal heaven. Hope in God cannot fail for God cannot fail. He is eternal. His power and glory are beyond even all that we might imagine.

This hope will move us beyond the dangers and suffering of this world. It will set our mind, not on a nice place to spend our final years in peace, but on the eternity that awaits once this world is gone. It anchors our very being in a place that can never be shaken, much less destroyed.