

Learn To Trust God

Mark 4:35-41

Why should we let God have control?

Mark 4:35-41 *On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side." And leaving the crowd, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. And other boats were with him. And a great windstorm arose, and the waves were breaking into the boat, so that the boat was already filling. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion. And they woke him and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" And he awoke and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. He said to them, "Why are you so afraid? Have you still no faith?" And they were filled with great fear and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"*

Career fishermen scared by this great storm. Jesus is taking a nap.

Ever been awakened by storm? Jesus had complete trust in the Creator

Our world is full of storms...death, taxes, weather, wars how can we cope?

Can We Get by On Our Own?

We are not reliable, self-sufficient. We have needs we cannot fill ourselves

Jeremiah 10:23 *I know, O LORD, that the way of man is not in himself, that it is not in man who walks to direct his steps.*

Psalms 118:8 *It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in man.*

Psalms 20:7-8 *Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the LORD our God. They collapse and fall, but we rise and stand upright.*

Proverbs 3:5 *Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding.*

We need to put our trust in another!

God Is Worthy Of Our Trust...

Because of His Character

God is **Holy** - pure, untainted by evil, sin

Psalms 99:3-5 *Let them praise your great and awesome name! Holy is he! The King in his might loves justice. You have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob. Exalt the LORD our God; worship at his footstool! Holy is he!*

1Peter 1:14-16 *As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, since it is written, "You shall be holy, for I am holy."*

God is **Just** - guided by truth, reason, justice, fairness.

Deuteronomy 32:3-4 *For I will proclaim the name of the LORD; ascribe greatness to our God! The Rock, his work is perfect, for all his ways are justice. A God of faithfulness and without iniquity, just and upright is he.*

God is **Righteous** - morally right, justifiable in all

Psalms 7:11 *God is a righteous judge, and a God who feels indignation every day.*

His Character is unquestionable. Don't settle for less.

Because of His Competence

God is **Omnipotent** – some want to help but don't have power

Isaiah 40:25-28 *To whom then will you compare me, that I should be like him? says the Holy One. Lift up your eyes on high and see: who created these? He who brings out their host by number, calling them all by name, by the greatness of his might, and because he is strong in power not one is missing. Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God"? Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable.*

Hebrews 11:3 *By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.*

Romans 1:20 *For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse.*

God is **Omniscient** – some have power but don't know needs or how

Isaiah 40:13-14 *Who has measured the Spirit of the LORD, or what man shows him his counsel? Whom did he consult, and who made him understand? Who taught him the path of justice, and taught him knowledge, and showed him the way of understanding?*

1John 3:19-20 *By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him; for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything.*

God is **Omnipresent** – Some have power & know but are not available

Psalms 139:7-12 *Where shall I go from your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from your presence? If I ascend to heaven, you are there! If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there! If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me. If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light about me be night," even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is bright as the day, for darkness is as light with you.*

Only God competent to completely meet needs

Ephesians 3:20-21 Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Don't settle for less.

Because of His Consistency

God has been there to help others before I can trust Him to be there for me

Noah trusted God when it started to rain... **Genesis 6**

Abraham trusted leave home... **Genesis 12:1-4; Hebrews 11:8-10,16**

Moses, on banks of the Red Sea, trusted God... **Exodus 14:15-16**

Joshua trusted God at the battle of Jericho... **Joshua 6**

Gideon trusted God, 300 men stood to battle Midian... **Judges 7**

David trusted God Giant Philistine, Goliath... **1Samuel 17:45-46**

Daniel trusted God in the lion's den... **Daniel 6:22**

God has been strength of every man who put trust in Him.

Hebrews 13:5 Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you."

He will be there!

Because of His Compassion

Jesus came to earth to reveal Father

John 14:6-7 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

God **cares** for the distressed.

Matthew 14:14 When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them and healed their sick.

God **cares** when one is away in sin. Prodigal Son

Luke 15:20 And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him.

God's **compassion** is beyond question

John 3:16-17 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

God cares!

Trust God!

Find peace knowing He is reliable.

Find confidence in Him.

You can know that by trusting Him, you'll find safety.

Psalms 18:1-6 I love you, O LORD, my strength. The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold. I call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised, and I am saved from my enemies. The cords of death encompassed me; the torrents of destruction assailed me; the cords of Sheol entangled me; the snares of death confronted me. In my distress I called upon the LORD; to my God I cried for help. From his temple he heard my voice, and my cry to him reached his ears.

2Timothy 1:8-12 Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God, who saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, and which now has been manifested through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel, for which I was appointed a preacher and apostle and teacher, which is why I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed, and I am convinced that he is able to guard until that Day what has been entrusted to me.

Will you give God control, do it now by obeying the gospel?

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