

When Its time.

Base Lines:

A general discussion regarding the ability to see and understand a foundational belief in God's desire to both hear and answer your prayers and needs.

The baseline may require you to dust off your understanding a bit so you can focus on what Jesus has done in/with you when you **Truly** – emphasis – **Truly** accepted His Gift of salvation. That gift includes an ability to walk in the gift of life and it more abundantly in the body of Christ, in truth.

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When it's time for a person to come to Christ, they have to understand that God is waiting for them to get there already and has been waiting for them.

Isaiah 46:10

Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times *the things* that are not *yet* done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure:

2 Thessalonians 2:13

But we are bound to give thanks alway to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth:

Jesus gave his life so that we can have eternal life without being required to have a sacrifice; He was the ultimate sacrifice.

For those of us who love Jesus Christ; we must learn to rest the much larger rest. That larger rest is so significant in what it means to us and how it will affect our walk in Christ. This larger rest is exemplified in Jesus' life; Jesus gives a guide of how to be in peace, how to talk to God, how to trust God, how to look to him and how to love both him and all others and that alone is our peace.

That peace, rest and understanding comes from the acceptance we are bought with a price. The rest comes from the understanding that we are not our own anymore; with our silly methods and crazy schemes to fix and correct our perceived errors and the errors of others.

The peace and rest of God comes only from learning to walk in the serenity of Christ and his love in truth with the foundational relationship of talking, trusting, honesty and reading the Word of God.

Taking our idol worship of self improvement and improvement of others away and relying on God to do that; through his holiness rather than our foolishness.

Speaking to our God, trusting our God, being honest with our God and reading our God's Word is the only way to stop being god and learning that the one true God alone is able to mold you. You are the clay and God alone is the potter and he doesn't sub-contract to the clay to mold itself. When we understand that Jesus Christ is the Word, it helps us to see what the plan of the King is for us after we are saved; we can see the kingdom and be truly the free in peace.

Hebrews 9:1-28

Then verily the first *covenant* had also ordinances of divine service, and a worldly sanctuary. For there was a tabernacle made; the first, wherein *was* the candlestick, and the table, and the shewbread; which is called the sanctuary. And after the second veil, the tabernacle which is called the Holiest of all; Which had the golden censer, and the ark of the covenant overlaid round about with gold, wherein *was* the golden pot that had manna, and Aaron's rod that budded, and the tables of the covenant; And over it the cherubims of glory shadowing the mercyseat; of which we cannot now speak particularly. Now when these things were thus ordained, the priests went always into the first tabernacle, accomplishing the service *of God*. But into the second *went* the high priest alone once every year, not without blood, which he offered for himself, and *for* the errors of the people: The Holy Ghost this signifying, that the way into the holiest of all was not yet made manifest, while as the first tabernacle was yet standing: Which *was* a figure for the time then present, in which were offered both gifts and

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sacrifices, that could not make him that did the service perfect, as pertaining to the conscience; *Which stood* only in meats and drinks, and divers washings, and carnal ordinances, imposed *on them* until the time of reformation. **But Christ being come an high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building; Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us.** For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh: How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? And for this cause he is the mediator of the new testament, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions *that were* under the first testament, they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance. For where a testament *is*, there must also of necessity be the death of the testator. For a testament *is* of force after men are dead: otherwise it is of no strength at all while the testator liveth. Whereupon neither the first *testament* was dedicated without blood. For when Moses had spoken every precept to all the people according to the law, he took the blood of calves and of goats, with water, and scarlet wool, and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book, and all the people, Saying, This *is* the blood of the testament which God hath enjoined unto you. Moreover he sprinkled with blood both the tabernacle, and all the vessels of the ministry. And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission. *It was* therefore necessary that the patterns of things in the heavens should be purified with these; but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these. For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, *which are* the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us: Nor yet that he should offer himself often, as the high priest entereth into the holy place every year with blood of others; For then must he often have suffered since the foundation of the world: but now once in the end of the world hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself. And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment: So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation.

Ephesians 5:2

And walk in love, as **Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour.**

Matthew 11:28-30

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Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke *is* easy, and my burden is light.

John 1:1-17

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life; and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not. There was a man sent from God, whose name *was* John. The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all *men* through him might believe. He was not that Light, but *was sent* to bear witness of that Light. *That* was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, *even* to them that believe on his name: Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth. John bare witness of him, and cried, saying, This was he of whom I spake, He that cometh after me is preferred before me: for he was before me. And of his fulness have all we received, and grace for grace. For the law was given by Moses, *but* grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.

John 3:3

Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

1 Peter 1:23

Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.

How many times have you wondered as you pray to God if he would fulfill your prayer? That wonder is a true indication where our hearts are. The largest peace and rest for us is in the understanding that we will have the grace and love of God to have time to gain the understanding that it is us who chooses to resist God's gifts by our own self god process of justification, self molding, self repair work; all which we insist on doing in God's place. You

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must come to the understanding you are unable to even add one second to your life, that's why Jesus gave his life and rose again; learn to rest in this Jesus person you claim to have faith in.

Jesus is a certain grace that is sufficient; that in our weakness we do not have the ability of ourselves or the understanding in ourselves of love sufficient to perceive how great a passion our God has for us. You can see the fruit of this passion but you will never comprehend the love of our God for you fully as you are always being renewed by the Holy Spirit until you run out of the need for air.

So when you're asked about whether or not you believe your prayers will be answered, it is extremely important to be honest with the concept. Your honesty to yourself and others in agreement with the truth of Jesus Christ our Lord and your willingness to believe that God alone is what is required. Having in truth the faith in that willingness of God to both hear and answer your prayers and your ability to be honest about the current state of your belief with God and yourself is where your personal rest in Jesus truly lays.

If you're uncertain if God will answer your prayers or not; understand, that in itself is not the real issue. The issue also isn't the downward 'holier than you' look of foolish Christians as you tell them your heart on this topic and chose to be honest in your faith. There will never be an end to the self righteous pious of the world as they call themselves holy and are completely naked before God and don't even know it.

Revelation 3:15-18

I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth. Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked: I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and *that* the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see.

The issue isn't even when you can't figure out your sure footing in Christ. The only true issue is the ability and need to address the trust you have developed in God. So when you hit that

point of questioning of what you honestly believe your God will do for you; you will overcome it by talking with God, trusting God to answer and being honest with God; God allows for questions; even foolish ones and makes sure that they are covered so completely by grace that your head would spin if you understood God's compassion for you. After questioning God on any topic the next step can be peace in rest or fear and that relies on your honest relationship with Jesus. If you chose to be dishonest you will end in fear. If you chose to be honest you will end in rest; every time, every subject, no exceptions.

Foundations are important. God tells us over and over again to found our faith on the Rock, who is Jesus. The Rock is the single most significant point of foundation your cornerstone. Jesus is your Lord and He is your God and freedom is in Him. It is God's passion for us that we fail to completely understand. This passion isn't that shallow thought, passing glance or that ebbing desire of man but pure amazing passion so strong that God himself desired to be manifest in the flesh through His only begotten Son to give his Life for you, just so you could have rest. A foundation based on stone you can learn to hold to if you can stop being your own god. Setting aside your foolish methods and truly surrendering by talking with your God, trusting your God, being honest with your God, and reading your God's Holy Word.

God doesn't mind if you're unsure, but he hates liars. Don't lie to God about your belief it is foolishness. Your faith draws you to him and your trust and honesty and His word grows your belief. Having faith in a God that loves you doesn't mean you automatically have belief he will be for you. That belief comes from trusting him, being honest with him, reading his word. Faith he is God and belief he loves you are two separate issues. Faith brings salvation, belief brings rest, and the two together are a sure sign of relationship.

[Ephesians 2:13-22](#)

But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition *between us*; Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, *even* the law of commandments *contained* in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, *so* making peace; And that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby: And came and preached peace to you which were afar off, and to them that were nigh. For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father. Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of

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God; And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner *stone*; In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord: In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.

Isaiah 28:16

Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD, Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner *stone*, a sure foundation: he that believeth shall not make haste.

1 Peter 2:6

Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture, Behold, I lay in Sion a chief corner stone, elect, precious: and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded.

How many times can you possibly stand there and say, "I believe and trust God" but fail to be honest and not understand that maybe you don't trust God as much as you like to believe you do. That unwillingness to be honest is the single biggest issue that steals your rest.

It is important to note that there is no condemnation in the fact you don't really trust him in some areas, just that you won't be honest enough to tell him. Trust in God is a function of God renewing your mind and you receiving. Perhaps your mind hasn't been renewed to the point where you're willing to accept all the promises of God however; we should never stop changing.

You will grow as you stay close to him; it's a byproduct of hanging out with God. Accepting the goodness of God for you and to you is a product of talking to your God, trusting your God, being honest with your God and reading his word. You to learn to trust him more and more as you choose to receive his word. That trust is built by reaching for God in his promises even when you can't see a way, as it is written in his word; holding faith rather than sight and rather than ears, in other words what you see or hear. Leaping on faith or even just hope in your asking him for help and then choosing in faith or hope to be willing to wait on him. Hope has blessings if it is invested in an all loving God who is passionate for you.

Acts 2:26

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Therefore did my heart rejoice, and my tongue was glad; moreover also my flesh shall rest in hope:

Romans 4:18

Who against hope believed in hope, that he might become the father of many nations, according to that which was spoken, So shall thy seed be.

Romans 5:2

By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

Romans 5:5

And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.

Romans 12:12

Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer;

Romans 15:13

Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost.

1 Corinthians 13:13

And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these *is* charity.

Galatians 5:5

For we through the Spirit wait for the hope of righteousness by faith.

How much better though your hope having substance through faith? Faith; acceptance the promises of God are real can be the substance of things hoped for that only comes from talking with your God, trusting your God, being honest with your God, and reading your God's word.

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Hebrews 11:1

Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

In Ephesians 6:13 Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. This is an instruction on how we can better follow Christ's teaching of understanding which, when we ask is all that we need. That understanding of Jesus allows us to have peace of faith in the understanding that God hears our prayers, and honors his word. The bible is full of us not believing God hears us and that he forgets us or that maybe he won't come. In every example in the bible where we have felt that way, he has proved himself faithful to hear and answer our cries. God is no less faithful now, God never changes. In our honesty; God hears us, even if we cry to him that we honestly think he can't hear us.

Part of this situation is fully on us because we need to understand what it is that God's will is. That understanding of God's will can only come from talking with him, trusting him, being honest with him and reading his Word; the bible.

People have some pretty twisted ideas about what God will and won't do for his people. God admonishes them and you in context in this scripture. Note that hanging with Jesus places us in a place where we will have no want.

1 Thessalonians 4:7-18

For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness. He therefore that despiseth, despiseth not man, but God, who hath also given unto us his holy Spirit. But as touching brotherly love ye need not that I write unto you: for ye yourselves are taught of God to love one another. And indeed ye do it toward all the brethren which are in all Macedonia: but we beseech you, brethren, that ye increase more and more; And that ye study to be quiet, and to do your own business, and to work with your own hands, as we commanded you; That ye may walk honestly toward them that are without, and *that* ye may have lack of nothing. But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive *and* remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a

shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive *and* remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

Comfort one another with these words; hope through relationship is rest and that rest is made substantive in faith. The faith shows itself in truth when you learn to talk to your God, trust your God, be honest with your God and to read your God's Word.

I suggest you read the book of John in the New Testament and see what God's will is with regard to your prayers and requests. Honestly asking God for his provision can never be wrong. The very act of asking your Father in heaven for help is a submission to him by you and that places you firmly in his hands. It honors your Father God; Abba, that you consider him a source of blessings. If you ask for something that is not in his desire for you; you will find out quickly, he will tell you and open a door he desires for you. All that remains is a willingness to trust what he has given us and be willing to be satisfied where we stand as we seek more of him and not more things. Seeking the source of the gifts not the gifts themselves; Jesus is that source.

Colossians 1:16

For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether *they be* thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:

As we begin to renew our mind to peace and rest it will become clear that it is the only way to destroy the confusion of the moment. Further, it will be clear that it is the only way to destroy all the confusion that the devil leads you on year after year, minute after minute, as he tries to work his way between your and our God to try to convince us that we are separated from God when reality were not isolated at all.

2 Timothy 1:7

For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.

Romans 8:32-39

He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things? Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? *It is* God that

justifieth. Who *is* he that condemneth? *It is* Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? *shall* tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter. Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The fact is that before you even understood anything about God at all; he was with you. God was walking, holding, protecting and providing for you even when you were bent on self destruction. God held your life precious, even when others were attempting to destroy you according to their father the devil's orders; God always holds your life precious. The mystery is why we decided not to see it; instead foolishly thinking God wasn't doing it. According to God's Word it's ok that we didn't see all he was doing for us because the bible says that we couldn't see him because we had our eyes elsewhere and no real clue about him. We couldn't see God's Kingdom.

Romans 5:8

But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

Matthew 5:45

That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust.

John 3:3

Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

That's why he provided faith for you to reach for him even when you aren't exactly sure what you were reaching for. The Holy Spirit knows what you need. God draws you to him with his goodness. Later when you meet him and make him Lord suddenly you can see the kingdom that you are part of and it can be a humbling thing.

Romans 12:3

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For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of *himself* more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.

Romans 8:26

Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

John 12:32

And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all *men* unto me.

Romans 2:4

Or despisest thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance and longsuffering; not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance?

It was a real wow moment for me. Suddenly I was aware of a much greater world and a much greater wisdom than any man could ever dream up on his own. I used to think Christianity would require me to close my mind, as it turns out it caused me to honestly be open minded. Suddenly what was 'real' was really just an empty lie; the world kind of went upside down for me for a time as I adjusted to the possibilities in God in truth as opposed to all the limits we have without him. All things are truly possible in God; get your head around that concept without his renewing your mind, yeah right; good luck with that.

Matthew 19:26

But Jesus beheld *them*, and said unto them, With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible.

Romans 12:2

And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what *is* that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

That's the reason he renews our mind because we are so used to limiting ourselves based on our feeble abilities that when he touches us and we accept him the doors fly open wide and our wisdom fails. He is an all embracing, all loving God and he desires you to have all of him. That thought in truth is yet another concept you won't be able to get your head around

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without him renewing your mind. Suddenly all the head wisdom you have pales in comparison to the wisdom of God.

1 Corinthians 1:21

For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe.

1 Corinthians 1:25

Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men; and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

It's amazing how many new things he will show you that you just couldn't stretch your head around before you made him Lord. So now your stretched to your limit; all the new concepts, ideas and interesting stuff God does after you become Christian and you are still stuck in your belief that maybe he won't answer you when you talk to him. Why is that?

The answer is simple you need some 'me' time with God. Take time in your day to just talk with him not just ask him for stuff but talk with him as you walk. Developing your relationship with him will allow you to start to trust him and as you learn to trust him you will begin to be really honest with him.

Suddenly it won't matter to you that some Christians get all superior when you share your heart with all your imperfections requiring God's grace in your weakness. The reason it won't trouble you is because your Father in heaven says you serve him alone; relationship.

When you tell him that you are weak in faith or belief in an area or two God will correct you because you will have a relationship with him and you will understand, God will renew you in that place. Suddenly it won't matter what other people think, just what God does. You learning that only caring for God is the answer to your rest that he promises you.

When that happens know that you are starting to figure out how to rest in God. Do you feel that knowing smile creeping up on your face? It's just like when you decided to accept Jesus as Lord. That was your first love and true rest. Let someone try to pry your salvation from your hands. No chance of that ever happening. So why do we forget the surety of that? Why do we get lost with uncertainty in a God we fully trust to save us?

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Well for some of us it's because our philosophies won't allow us to accept his full sealed salvation. We decide to make it a function of our efforts, in other words; what we couldn't earn suddenly we have to maintain. As if we could maintain it on our own. Foolishness. How can you maintain something you could never reach?

The only answer is God and if he saved you why would you do anything else than follow him. So do you think God goes "ok your saved now go make yourself perfect" No he says "ok your saved now rest in me give me your burdens and I will make you perfect in me and keep you perfect in my holiness and righteousness and justification" sealed. That's why God says be holy as he is holy, he understands that he is your holiness not you.

Romans 4:17-25

(As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations,) before him whom he believed, *even* God, who quickeneth the dead, and calleth those things which be not as though they were. Who against hope believed in hope, that he might become the father of many nations, according to that which was spoken, So shall thy seed be. And being not weak in faith, he considered not his own body now dead, when he was about an hundred years old, neither yet the deadness of Sara's womb: He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God; And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform. And therefore it was imputed to him for righteousness. Now it was not written for his sake alone, that it was imputed to him; But for us also, to whom it shall be imputed, if we believe on him that raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead; Who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification.

If your theology has you doing heavy lifting, throw it away. If your theology makes Christianity a difficult proposition, throw it away. If your theology has you sweating to the OT's (Old Testament) throw it away. Jesus says come to him; which you do when you declare him Lord. Then Jesus says give me your burdens; which you can decide to do and then Jesus says "I will give you rest". In the mean time God is renewing your mind and the Holy Spirit is convicting your heart to change; all in God's goodness. If someone wants to paddle or beat you into Christianity throw them away. Don't beat the sheep.

Hebrews 8:1-13

Now of the things which we have spoken *this is* the sum: We have such an high priest, who is set on the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens; A minister of the sanctuary,

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and of the true tabernacle, which the Lord pitched, and not man. For every high priest is ordained to offer gifts and sacrifices: wherefore *it is* of necessity that this man have somewhat also to offer. For if he were on earth, he should not be a priest, seeing that there are priests that offer gifts according to the law: Who serve unto the example and shadow of heavenly things, as Moses was admonished of God when he was about to make the tabernacle: for, See, saith he, *that* thou make all things according to the pattern shewed to thee in the mount. But now hath he obtained a more excellent ministry, by how much also he is the mediator of a better covenant, which was established upon better promises. For if that first *covenant* had been faultless, then should no place have been sought for the second. For finding fault with them, he saith, Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah: Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt; because they continued not in my covenant, and I regarded them not, saith the Lord. For this *is* the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people: And they shall not teach every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord: for all shall know me, from the least to the greatest. For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more. In that he saith, A new *covenant*, he hath made the first old. Now that which decayeth and waxeth old *is* ready to vanish away.

So now we are starting to chip away at some of the junk you have learned about God from people that never really knew him. They have decided that the grace God gives them isn't for you; the mercy God gives them isn't for you. They accept it willingly but say you aren't able to do the same. Foolishness.

Matthew 10:8

Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give.

So there you are having issues trusting God to hear and answer your prayers. What will you do? What's the practical advice? Tell God. Tell God that you're having issues, God understands; he made you. Additionally get yourself into the book of Psalms. David's psalms are the best for this topic. See how many times the mighty God appointed King of Israel

wondered if God had checked out. Then understand you aren't any different than him; King David, except he walked around a bunch of years ago, oh yeah and he wore an ephod.

See how many times David asks God why God isn't listening. See how many times he wonders aloud if God will finally come and help him. Then understand God calls David as a man "After his heart". So Christian you too are after God's heart, just learn to talk with him like David. Then when your blessings come; learn to dance like David.

1 Kings 14:8

And rent the kingdom away from the house of David, and gave it thee: and *yet* thou hast not been as my servant David, who kept my commandments, and *who followed me with all his heart, to do that only which was right in mine eyes;*

1 Kings 11:4

For it came to pass, when Solomon was old, *that* his wives turned away his heart after other gods: and *his heart was not perfect with the LORD his God, as was the heart of David his father.*

1 Kings 15:3

And he walked in all the sins of his father, which he had done before him: and *his heart was not perfect with the LORD his God, as the heart of David his father.*

2 Samuel 6:14

And David danced before the LORD with all *his* might; and David *was* girded with a linen ephod.

So you don't think you're up to the task, do you feel you are unable because of some limitation, unable to do what God has called you to do? Learn about Moses. Moses thought he was not able as well; God had a different view, just as he has a different view of you.

Exodus 4:10-14

And Moses said unto the LORD, O my Lord, I *am* not eloquent, neither heretofore, nor since thou hast spoken unto thy servant: but I *am* slow of speech, and of a slow tongue. And the LORD said unto him, Who hath made man's mouth? or who maketh the dumb, or deaf, or the seeing, or the blind? have not I the LORD? Now therefore go, and I will be with thy mouth, and

teach thee what thou shalt say. And he said, O my Lord, send, I pray thee, by the hand *of him whom* thou wilt send. And the anger of the LORD was kindled against Moses, and he said, *Is* not Aaron the Levite thy brother? I know that he can speak well. And also, behold, he cometh forth to meet thee: and when he seeth thee, he will be glad in his heart.

So you don't think you're sure what God wants? Learn about Gideon he thought he was not able as well; God had a different view, just as he has a different view of you.

Judges 6:12-24

And the angel of the LORD appeared unto him, and said unto him, The LORD *is* with thee, thou mighty man of valour. And Gideon said unto him, Oh my Lord, if the LORD be with us, why then is all this befallen us? and where *be* all his miracles which our fathers told us of, saying, Did not the LORD bring us up from Egypt? but now the LORD hath forsaken us, and delivered us into the hands of the Midianites. And the LORD looked upon him, and said, Go in this thy might, and thou shalt save Israel from the hand of the Midianites: have not I sent thee? And he said unto him, Oh my Lord, wherewith shall I save Israel? behold, my family *is* poor in Manasseh, and I *am* the least in my father's house. And the LORD said unto him, Surely I will be with thee, and thou shalt smite the Midianites as one man. And he said unto him, If now I have found grace in thy sight, then shew me a sign that thou talkest with me. Depart not hence, I pray thee, until I come unto thee, and bring forth my present, and set *it* before thee. And he said, I will tarry until thou come again. And Gideon went in, and made ready a kid, and unleavened cakes of an ephah of flour: the flesh he put in a basket, and he put the broth in a pot, and brought *it* out unto him under the oak, and presented *it*. And the angel of God said unto him, Take the flesh and the unleavened cakes, and lay *them* upon this rock, and pour out the broth. And he did so. Then the angel of the LORD put forth the end of the staff that *was* in his hand, and touched the flesh and the unleavened cakes; and there rose up fire out of the rock, and consumed the flesh and the unleavened cakes. Then the angel of the LORD departed out of his sight. And when Gideon perceived that he *was* an angel of the LORD, Gideon said, Alas, O Lord GOD! for because I have seen an angel of the LORD face to face. And the LORD said unto him, Peace *be* unto thee; fear not: thou shalt not die. Then Gideon built an altar there unto the LORD, and called it Jehovahshalom: unto this day it *is* yet in Ophrah of the Abiezrites.

So you don't think you're big enough to defeat the huge issues in your life? Learn about David who slew the giant with a slingshot.

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1 Samuel 17:1-49

Now the Philistines gathered together their armies to battle, and were gathered together at Shochoh, which *belongeth* to Judah, and pitched between Shochoh and Azekah, in Ephesdammim. And Saul and the men of Israel were gathered together, and pitched by the valley of Elah, and set the battle in array against the Philistines. And the Philistines stood on a mountain on the one side, and Israel stood on a mountain on the other side: and *there was* a valley between them. And there went out a champion out of the camp of the Philistines, named Goliath, of Gath, whose height *was* six cubits and a span. And *he had* an helmet of brass upon his head, and he *was* armed with a coat of mail; and the weight of the coat *was* five thousand shekels of brass. And *he had* greaves of brass upon his legs, and a target of brass between his shoulders. And the staff of his spear *was* like a weaver's beam; and his spear's head *weighed* six hundred shekels of iron: and one bearing a shield went before him. And he stood and cried unto the armies of Israel, and said unto them, Why are ye come out to set *your* battle in array? *am* not I a Philistine, and ye servants to Saul? choose you a man for you, and let him come down to me. If he be able to fight with me, and to kill me, then will we be your servants: but if I prevail against him, and kill him, then shall ye be our servants, and serve us. And the Philistine said, I defy the armies of Israel this day; give me a man, that we may fight together. When Saul and all Israel heard those words of the Philistine, they were dismayed, and greatly afraid. Now David *was* the son of that Ephrathite of Bethlehemjudah, whose name *was* Jesse; and he had eight sons: and the man went among men *for* an old man in the days of Saul. And the three eldest sons of Jesse went *and* followed Saul to the battle: and the names of his three sons that went to the battle *were* Eliab the firstborn, and next unto him Abinadab, and the third Shammah. And David *was* the youngest: and the three eldest followed Saul. But David went and returned from Saul to feed his father's sheep at Bethlehem. And the Philistine drew near morning and evening, and presented himself forty days. And Jesse said unto David his son, Take now for thy brethren an ephah of this parched *corn*, and these ten loaves, and run to the camp to thy brethren; And carry these ten cheeses unto the captain of *their* thousand, and look how thy brethren fare, and take their pledge. Now Saul, and they, and all the men of Israel, *were* in the valley of Elah, fighting with the Philistines. And David rose up early in the morning, and left the sheep with a keeper, and took, and went, as Jesse had commanded him; and he came to the trench, as the host was going forth to the fight, and shouted for the battle. For Israel and the Philistines had put the battle in array, army against army. And David left his carriage in the hand of the keeper of the carriage, and ran into the army, and came and saluted his brethren. And as he talked with them, behold, there came up the champion, the Philistine of Gath, Goliath by name, out of the armies of the Philistines, and spake according to the same words: and David heard *them*. And all the men of Israel,

when they saw the man, fled from him, and were sore afraid. And the men of Israel said, Have ye seen this man that is come up? surely to defy Israel is he come up: and it shall be, *that* the man who killeth him, the king will enrich him with great riches, and will give him his daughter, and make his father's house free in Israel. And David spake to the men that stood by him, saying, What shall be done to the man that killeth this Philistine, and taketh away the reproach from Israel? for who *is* this uncircumcised Philistine, that he should defy the armies of the living God? And the people answered him after this manner, saying, So shall it be done to the man that killeth him. And Eliab his eldest brother heard when he spake unto the men; and Eliab's anger was kindled against David, and he said, Why camest thou down hither? and with whom hast thou left those few sheep in the wilderness? I know thy pride, and the naughtiness of thine heart; for thou art come down that thou mightest see the battle. And David said, What have I now done? *Is there* not a cause? And he turned from him toward another, and spake after the same manner: and the people answered him again after the former manner. And when the words were heard which David spake, they rehearsed *them* before Saul: and he sent for him. And David said to Saul, Let no man's heart fail because of him; thy servant will go and fight with this Philistine. And Saul said to David, Thou art not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him: for thou *art but* a youth, and he a man of war from his youth. And David said unto Saul, Thy servant kept his father's sheep, and there came a lion, and a bear, and took a lamb out of the flock: And I went out after him, and smote him, and delivered *it* out of his mouth: and when he arose against me, I caught *him* by his beard, and smote him, and slew him. Thy servant slew both the lion and the bear: and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be as one of them, seeing he hath defied the armies of the living God. David said moreover, The LORD that delivered me out of the paw of the lion, and out of the paw of the bear, he will deliver me out of the hand of this Philistine. And Saul said unto David, Go, and the LORD be with thee. And Saul armed David with his armour, and he put an helmet of brass upon his head; also he armed him with a coat of mail. And David girded his sword upon his armour, and he assayed to go; for he had not proved *it*. And David said unto Saul, I cannot go with these; for I have not proved *them*. And David put them off him. And he took his staff in his hand, and chose him five smooth stones out of the brook, and put them in a shepherd's bag which he had, even in a scrip; and his sling *was* in his hand: and he drew near to the Philistine. And the Philistine came on and drew near unto David; and the man that bare the shield *went* before him. And when the Philistine looked about, and saw David, he disdained him: for he was *but* a youth, and ruddy, and of a fair countenance. And the Philistine said unto David, *Am* I a dog, that thou comest to me with staves? And the Philistine cursed David by his gods. And the Philistine said to David, Come to me, and I will give thy flesh unto the fowls of the air, and to the beasts of the field. Then said David to the Philistine, Thou comest to me with a sword, and

with a spear, and with a shield: but I come to thee in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom thou hast defied. This day will the LORD deliver thee into mine hand; and I will smite thee, and take thine head from thee; and I will give the carcasses of the host of the Philistines this day unto the fowls of the air, and to the wild beasts of the earth; that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel. And all this assembly shall know that the LORD saveth not with sword and spear: for the battle *is* the LORD'S, and he will give you into our hands. And it came to pass, when the Philistine arose, and came and drew nigh to meet David, that David hasted, and ran toward the army to meet the Philistine. And David put his hand in his bag, and took thence a stone, and slang *it*, and smote the Philistine in his forehead, that the stone sunk into his forehead; and he fell upon his face to the earth.

So you don't want to do everything God has asked you to do? Learn about Jonah he didn't either.

Jonah 1:1-17

Now the word of the LORD came unto Jonah the son of Amittai, saying, Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and cry against it; for their wickedness is come up before me. But Jonah rose up to flee unto Tarshish from the presence of the LORD, and went down to Joppa; and he found a ship going to Tarshish: so he paid the fare thereof, and went down into it, to go with them unto Tarshish from the presence of the LORD. But the LORD sent out a great wind into the sea, and there was a mighty tempest in the sea, so that the ship was like to be broken. Then the mariners were afraid, and cried every man unto his god, and cast forth the wares that *were* in the ship into the sea, to lighten *it* of them. But Jonah was gone down into the sides of the ship; and he lay, and was fast asleep. So the shipmaster came to him, and said unto him, What meanest thou, O sleeper? arise, call upon thy God, if so be that God will think upon us, that we perish not. And they said every one to his fellow, Come, and let us cast lots, that we may know for whose cause this evil *is* upon us. So they cast lots, and the lot fell upon Jonah. Then said they unto him, Tell us, we pray thee, for whose cause this evil *is* upon us; What *is* thine occupation? and whence comest thou? what *is* thy country? and of what people *art* thou? And he said unto them, I *am* an Hebrew; and I fear the LORD, the God of heaven, which hath made the sea and the dry *land*. Then were the men exceedingly afraid, and said unto him, Why hast thou done this? For the men knew that he fled from the presence of the LORD, because he had told them. Then said they unto him, What shall we do unto thee, that the sea may be calm unto us? for the sea wrought, and was tempestuous. And he said unto them, Take me up, and cast me forth into the sea; so shall the sea be calm unto you: for I know that for my sake this great tempest *is* upon you. Nevertheless the men rowed hard to bring *it*

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to the land; but they could not: for the sea wrought, and was tempestuous against them. Wherefore they cried unto the LORD, and said, We beseech thee, O LORD, we beseech thee, let us not perish for this man's life, and lay not upon us innocent blood: for thou, O LORD, hast done as it pleased thee. So they took up Jonah, and cast him forth into the sea: and the sea ceased from her raging. Then the men feared the LORD exceedingly, and offered a sacrifice unto the LORD, and made vows. Now the LORD had prepared a great fish to swallow up Jonah. And Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights.

So you feel like the place you are in is too dangerous to hang out with God, too much oppression to worship him openly? Learn about Daniel; he avoided becoming a snack.

Daniel 6:12-23

Then they came near, and spake before the king concerning the king's decree; Hast thou not signed a decree, that every man that shall ask *a petition* of any God or man within thirty days, save of thee, O king, shall be cast into the den of lions? The king answered and said, The thing *is* true, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which altereth not. Then answered they and said before the king, That Daniel, which *is* of the children of the captivity of Judah, regardeth not thee, O king, nor the decree that thou hast signed, but maketh his petition three times a day. Then the king, when he heard *these* words, was sore displeased with himself, and set *his* heart on Daniel to deliver him: and he laboured till the going down of the sun to deliver him. Then these men assembled unto the king, and said unto the king, Know, O king, that the law of the Medes and Persians *is*, That no decree nor statute which the king establisheth may be changed. Then the king commanded, and they brought Daniel, and cast *him* into the den of lions. *Now* the king spake and said unto Daniel, Thy God whom thou servest continually, he will deliver thee. And a stone was brought, and laid upon the mouth of the den; and the king sealed it with his own signet, and with the signet of his lords; that the purpose might not be changed concerning Daniel. Then the king went to his palace, and passed the night fasting: neither were instruments of musick brought before him: and his sleep went from him. Then the king arose very early in the morning, and went in haste unto the den of lions. And when he came to the den, he cried with a lamentable voice unto Daniel: *and* the king spake and said to Daniel, O Daniel, servant of the living God, is thy God, whom thou servest continually, able to deliver thee from the lions? Then said Daniel unto the king, O king, live for ever. My God hath sent his angel, and hath shut the lions' mouths, that they have not hurt me: forasmuch as before him innocency was found in me; and also before thee, O king, have I done no hurt. Then was the king exceeding glad for him, and commanded that they should take Daniel up

out of the den. So Daniel was taken up out of the den, and no manner of hurt was found upon him, because he believed in his God.

Wandering around from place to place and folks just don't seem to hear what God has given you to say? Learn about Paul in the bible.

2 Corinthians 12:6-11

For though I would desire to glory, I shall not be a fool; for I will say the truth: but *now* I forbear, lest any man should think of me above that which he seeth me *to be*, or *that* he heareth of me. And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure. For this thing I besought the Lord thrice, that it might depart from me. And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. **Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake:** for when I am weak, then am I strong. I am become a fool in glorying; ye have compelled me: for I ought to have been commended of you: for in nothing am I behind the very chiefest apostles, though I be nothing.

Persecuted because of your faith; hurt ignored or avoided because you chose Jesus? Read more about Jesus he too was despised by some.

Luke 22:63

And the men that held Jesus mocked him, and smote *him*.

Understand that Jesus is real but still have issues of faith, trust and belief? Get to know the man in the market that brought his son to Jesus; who cried to Jesus to help him in his unbelief.

Mark 9:17-27

And one of the multitude answered and said, Master, I have brought unto thee my son, which hath a dumb spirit; And wheresoever he taketh him, he teareth him: and he foameth, and gnasheth with his teeth, and pineth away: and I spake to thy disciples that they should cast him out; and they could not. He answereth him, and saith, O faithless generation, how long shall I be with you? how long shall I suffer you? bring him unto me. And they brought him unto

him: and when he saw him, straightway the spirit tare him; and he fell on the ground, and wallowed foaming. And he asked his father, How long is it ago since this came unto him? And he said, Of a child. And oftentimes it hath cast him into the fire, and into the waters, to destroy him: but if thou canst do any thing, have compassion on us, and help us. **Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe, all things *are* possible to him that believeth. And straightway the father of the child cried out, and said with tears, Lord, I believe; help thou mine unbelief.** When Jesus saw that the people came running together, he rebuked the foul spirit, saying unto him, *Thou dumb and deaf spirit, I charge thee, come out of him, and enter no more into him. And the spirit* cried, and rent him sore, and came out of him: and he was as one dead; insomuch that many said, He is dead. But Jesus took him by the hand, and lifted him up; and he arose.

No more excuses. If you are honest with your God he will show you all you need to know about how to change. Eventually you will learn not to rest in your ability but rather rest in God and when you do that suddenly you will be relived.

Matthew 11:27-30

All things are delivered unto me of my Father: and no man knoweth the Son, but the Father; neither knoweth any man the Father, save the Son, and *he* to whomsoever the Son will reveal *him*. Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke *is* easy, and my burden is light.

It is just that simple. Relationship results in rest in Jesus, not because I say so but because Jesus said so.

Don't be double minded; having faith God is who he says he is but struggling with unbelief because you won't talk to him, trust him, learn to be honest with him or read his word. It doesn't bode well if you chose not to be - Talking with your God, Trusting your God, being Honest with your God, reading your God's Word.

James 4:8

Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse *your* hands, ye sinners; and purify *your* hearts, ye double minded.

Know Jesus cleans you. Don't falsely accuse your God of hurting you and ignoring you because he is in fact the only good Father. Blaming God and holding the devil blameless makes you offer glory to the blameless in error.

Matthew 7:11

If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him?

Are you thirsty for the truth and tired of foolish men with their foolish philosophies and traditions not after Jesus Christ?

Talk to your God, trust your God, be honest with your God and read your God's Word!

Drink the truth.

Revelation 21:6

And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely.

Or do you prefer the alternative?

Jeremiah 17:5

Thus saith the LORD; Cursed *be* the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm, and whose heart departeth from the LORD.

Who will you trust men or God? Who will you trust you or God? Who will you trust the devil or God?

Do yourself a favor, stop playing god.

1 Kings 18:21

And Elijah came unto all the people, and said, How long halt ye between two opinions? if the LORD *be* God, follow him: but if Baal, *then* follow him. And the people answered him not a word.

What Word will you answer?

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