

TRUST

On numerous occasions, I've been asked, "Pastor, I have tried everything and now I've run out of options. What do I do?" My response to this dilemma is, "If there's nothing left that you can do, you're in the best place you can be, so trust God." Running out of options forces us to put our trust in God and this is usually when we get our breakthrough. Trust is the key that unlocks the supernatural power of God, but it is also a place of peace. Isaiah 26:3 states, "*You will keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on You, because he trusts in You.*" When we focus on God's goodness and trust Him for everything, He does something in return, He keeps us in "perfect peace." Think about that! "Perfect peace." Not the ordinary "here-today, gone-tomorrow" kind of peace, but perfect and complete peace! I'm sure we would all gladly accept some of that! Yet it is so easy to obtain, all we need to do is fix our minds on God and trust in Him alone.

One of the hardest things to trust God for is your future, and many people have a fear of the future. I believe the key to living a happy and contented life is to plan today as prayerfully and carefully as you anticipate tomorrow; and then trust Him for both. **If you can trust God with eternity, why can't you trust Him for today and tomorrow!** God has wisely kept us in the dark concerning future events and reserved for Himself the knowledge of them, and He has done this so that He may train us up in a dependence upon Himself. God doesn't want you to trust in your own abilities or your own intellect; He wants you to be totally dependant upon Him. Why is this? It is simply because the more you rely and trust in "self" the less you rely and trust in God. And the less you rely and trust in God the more fear of the future you will have.

Fear is our greatest enemy. God's Word is filled with powerful exhortations to not be afraid. When we fear, we cannot have believing faith. Fear paralyzes, frustrates and imprisons. Fear also involves torment as 1 John 4:18 states. Someone once said, "Fear is the prison of the heart." Trusting God in hard times requires refusing to be frightened, refusing to be immobilized, refusing to be anxious. Today's hard times necessitate trusting God; so whatever happens, refuse to fear, don't panic, instead trust God and seek His counsel. God is God, and He is able. No matter what the prevailing conditions are, God can still do "*exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think.*" Ephesians 3:20 promises, "*And [God] Who provides seed for the sower and bread for eating will also provide and multiply your [resources for] sowing.*" (2 Corinthians 9:10 Amplified Bible)