

## Trust Fund, Part Two - Trusting God

The level of any relationship will never rise above your level of trust.

The level of your relationship with God is limited by your level of trust in God.

Trust is the commodity of relationships.

Proverbs 3:5-6

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.

We exist in the tension between trusting God and leaning to our own understanding.

Mark 9:20-24

So they brought him. When the spirit saw Jesus, it immediately threw the boy into a convulsion. He fell to the ground and rolled around, foaming at the mouth.<sup>21</sup> Jesus asked the boy's father, "How long has he been like this?" "From childhood," he answered. <sup>22</sup> "It has often thrown him into fire or water to kill him. But if you can do anything, take pity on us and help us."<sup>23</sup> "If you can?" said Jesus. "Everything is possible for one who believes."<sup>24</sup> Immediately the boy's father exclaimed, "I do believe; help me overcome my unbelief!"

Luke 17:3-5

So watch yourselves. "If your brother or sister sins against you, rebuke them; and if they repent, forgive them. <sup>4</sup> Even if they sin against you seven times in a day and seven times come back to you saying, 'I repent,' you must forgive them." <sup>5</sup> The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!"

### 1. Confusion about Atrocities in the World

Our emotional response to this type of confusion is depression.

Romans 5:12

Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way, death came to all people, because all sinned.

### 2. Condemnation

Our emotional response to condemnation is shame.

Romans 8:1

Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

Ephesians 2:8-9

For by grace are you saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: <sup>9</sup> Not of works, lest any man should boast.

### 3. Blaming God

Our emotional response to blame is anger.

You can't trust those you blame.

John 10:10

The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.

To know God is to trust God.

He is a good father!

Romans 8:28

And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose. Trust Fund, Part Two - Trusting God

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