Trusting in the Lord

(All prophecies are Jesus speaking unless otherwise indicated.)

(Dad speaking:) Receive the Lord's peace; receive His Words. Believe them, hold on to them, and keep trusting that He's going to do exactly what He's promised. That's where your strength will come from--faith in Him--the God of all Heaven and Earth, Who is more than able to give you perfect peace, perfect trust, and anoint you to walk through any test or battle and come out victorious! [1]

It's not impossible to find that perfect peace and rest that My Word talks about. "I will keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on Me, because he trusteth in Me." What is perfect peace? Perfect peace is when little things don't disrupt your focus on Me; when problems, dilemmas, setbacks, and interferences don't even jolt your connection of faith and trust in Me.

How do you get that perfect peace? It says it very clearly right there in the verse: "…because he trusteth in Me." Start trusting Me. Show your trust in Me through your praises to Me. Show your trust in Me through spending time with Me and casting your cares on Me. And as you do, I will keep you in perfect peace, and you too will gain this spirit of perfect peace within you. [2]

I derive great joy when My children rest in Me, putting down all their weights and letting Me bear their burdens. This is the ultimate in faith and trust in My love, when My brides cease from their own works and efforts, and labor to enter into My rest. [3]

Rest in Me and trust in Me and I will pour forth blessings upon you, showers of blessings and showers of love. But you must do your part. You must hold on, you must trust, you must believe and you must not doubt. [4]

If there's one thing that I want to settle in your heart and mind, it's this: I am in control, and you can put your faith and trust fully in Me, because I know what I am doing even if you don't. I know where the road's leading, even if you can't see very far ahead. [5]

I'm walking this path toward the future beside you; trust that I know where we're going. Even if you're not sure of the steps I show you to take, you can trust Me to lead and guide you safely and well. I love you and care about each step of your life. [6]

Trust in My love for you. Trust in My wisdom as to where I'm leading you and what I'm asking of you. Trust that I will do all things for your good, for your progress and strengthening. Trust that I will never leave you comfortless, but I will come to you and I will also send others to comfort you. [7]

I am the Lord that keepeth thee. I want you to put your life into My hands, to rest in Me, to learn to totally trust where you don't understand, and to let Me lift you above every problem that comes your way; to get you so confident in Me that nothing will easily shake you. [8]

Remember who I am--not only the great, all-powerful God of the universe, but your Husband, your Lover--the One who cares for you more than any human ever could! I know, I care, I watch, I intervene. And My power is unlimited when called upon by those who put their trust in Me--not in name only, but in obedience, faith, and dependence upon Me. [9]

Dependence on Me equals trust, trust brings peace, peace makes way for rest, in rest you find strength, and through My strength you will be all that I need you to be. [10]

Are you ready to face all that I have for you? Are you ready to receive all that I give you and trust in Me with all your heart? Are you ready to look both good and bad in the face and know that I work all things together for good to those who love Me? [11]

It takes faith, yes. It takes courage; it takes daring to trust Me. It takes the “God factor”--putting your trust wholly and completely in Me, claiming My Word, and expecting Me to do miracles, to do what you cannot

do. It takes ignoring possible consequences when the doubters say, “No, no, no, it can't be done.” It takes taking a stand. [12]

It is your utter dependence on Me that turns Me on. It is your declaration of faith in Me and trust in Me to do what you cannot do that lights My fire. How I delight in such faith and trust. How it brings Me joy to work on your behalf. [13]

You are my child, and so the burden of your care and all that you do falls upon Me and is My responsibility as your parent. As you lie in My arms in total peace and trust and faith in My complete care for you, resting peacefully, nothing can trouble you or touch you, for the responsibility and the consequences for it all rests on Me. [14]

(Dad speaking:) Praise Him and trust Him, for He does all things well. Remember that He's in full control, and He's not going to let a thing happen to any of His children without His express permission. [15]

Whenever you've chosen Me in the past, I've always come through for you in one way or another. I've always pulled you through the thick of the battle, seen you through the darkest of nights and the grimmest of situations. It's no different now. If you'll put your trust in Me and do the things I ask you to do, I will not fail you. I never have in the past, and I will not fail you now, nor in the future. [16]

Stand strong in My power and see Me fight for you, for it is I Who go with you both to fight and to win the victories! Therefore, fear not, for I do not leave you comfortless. I will perform all that I promise. I will fight for you and I will be your strength. Only put your trust in Me and yield your all to Me. I am the Lord your God, and I will not forsake you. What I have begun in you, I will perform until the end! [17]

The Twin Sisters: Faith and Trust

Your faith in Me and in My promises to care for you is a pillar of strength to your spirit. It provides you with the trust you need in order to launch out, to take on new challenges, and to be willing to explore new possibilities and avenues for success. [18]

Faith is having confidence in Me. Faith is knowing that you can trust Me completely--not just to be there with you, but for a victorious outcome. Faith knows that no matter what comes your way, or what you face, I will bring you through it; I will get the victory for you regardless of the circumstances. [19]

Faith is both the ballast in your life and the breath of My Spirit that pushes you forward. Faith brings confidence to your spirit; it's your expression of trust in Me. Faith believes that in all things, I remain in control of the outcome, and when you put your faith and trust in Me, then you open your life up to the blessings that result from faith--My presence and miracles filling your life. [20]

It's a walk of faith, and you learn and grow as you take those steps of faith. Your part to play is in proceeding in faith in a spirit of trust. That's when faith's twin sister steps on the stage: trust. Faith and trust walk hand in hand, and very seldom do they walk alone. [21]

Faith has healing energy. It can lift the burdens and worries right off your shoulders. When you're in a difficult situation and your emotions are being affected, and you tell Me that you trust Me anyway, the healing energy of faith begins to flow over your spirit and calm your nerves. It makes a significant difference to your spirit. [22]

So many things in the life of a disciple boil down to faith--including being able to use the weapon of praise in difficult or negative circumstances. If your faith is weak, take steps to strengthen it. Fill up with more of My Word and then put your faith into action by taking steps to implement and obey what I have told you to do. As you do this, your faith will grow, and you will develop the trust and faith in Me that will enable you to offer praises from your heart even in trying times and through difficult or extremely negative circumstances. [23]

Praise is the Voice of Faith and Trust

Do you believe that I, the Lord of the universe, truly have the whole world in My hands and that I would not let anything bad happen to you except what is for your good? Do you trust that I can bring good and My plan and a victory out of any bad or negative situation? Do you trust that I often allow difficult circumstances or attacks of the Enemy simply so that I can manifest My power and do miracles to change the situation and show the strength and power of the weapons that I have given you? Do you believe that I often bring tests or trials or difficulties into your life to strengthen you? If you believe these things, then you can praise Me no matter what "bad" thing may happen to you or your loved ones.

Praise is the voice of faith. That's an old quote that many of you memorized years ago. But think about that quote for a minute, because it is really very true and very deep. Praise voices the faith that you have in your heart. When you have faith and you're trusting Me, the natural result is praise. When you have faith in Me and you trust Me, things that happen around you or to you don't bother you so much because you trust that everything is part of My perfect plan. You even believe that I am able to turn mistakes that you or others make into good. You trust that all things will truly work together for good to them that love Me. If you find you have a hard time praising Me, it could be a sign that you need to strengthen your faith. [24]

Praise Me in your happy times and sad times, in your times of fellowship and times of loneliness, in your laughter and your tears, in your joy and in your sorrow, in health and in sickness, in abundance and in want, in success and in failure, in gain or in loss. Praise Me because you know that all things are in My hands and under My perfect control. Praise shows your trust and your faith, and is one of the most precious gifts you can give Me. [25]

The bottom line of praise and what it really means to Me when you praise Me in any situation is that you trust Me. No matter what's happening, no matter how bad the outlook is, no matter what I'm choosing to do in your life, if you can sincerely praise Me for it, that means you're putting your trust in Me completely. It's saying that you know that I know best. It's putting your life in My hands and yielding to Me in that situation, declaring that no matter what happens, you'll still say, "Though He slay me, yet will I trust Him" (Job 13:15).

That's what sincere praise is–surrender to Me. It's trust. It's being thankful in any situation and for whatever I have chosen to do in your life, and looking at it from My point of view. It's rising above the difficulties that surround you. Praise lifts your heart to Me and is the key to rising above. [26]

I'm just asking you to be content, to be happy, to be praiseful, no matter what you look like, no matter what you feel like, and no matter what you have been through. I'm asking you to trust Me, to have faith in Me, and to believe in My love for you. I'm asking you to live above the realm of the flesh and the carnal mind.

You might think that this is impossible, but it's not. There have been many of My children who have lived before you who faced great hardships, handicaps, and difficulties, and yet they allowed Me to use them. They were cheerful and happy despite the things that life had brought their way. They were overcomers! [27]

When you praise Me and My Father, you're declaring your faith in Me and your dependence on Me to control your life and bring about mighty changes. You're witnessing your faith in Me, your trust in Me, your love for Me, and thus you're bringing Me into the world in a tangible way, which tears the Enemy's evil plan to shreds. [28]

Lift up your arms, laugh, clap, cry tears of joy, sing, dance, shout--do whatever you wish in order to show Me your praise as you pray in jubilation and thanks for all that I have done and all that I will yet do. Laugh in the face of the "impossible situation" that looms before you, and praise Me for how I'm going to turn it around for good. Praying in this way does your spirit so much good. It puts you in a positive, optimistic, and upbeat frame of mind, which is something you really need when facing a daunting or difficult battle. Nothing is too hard for Me, and you prove your trust and faith in this promise when you pray a prayer of jubilation to Me. [29]

Praise Me at every opportunity. Let My praises be on your lips at all times. It is a powerful witness and

testimony to others of your faith and trust in Me. [30]

Extreme Praise

Using the weapon of extreme praise means actually praising Me for the problem itself, for the "bad" thing itself, which goes against all that you feel like doing. But when you do that, it shows Me that you trust Me for the outcome according to what I know is best.

When you can meet success and failure with the same dignity, then you are spiritually mature. When you can praise Me through happiness and sadness, in plenty and in want, in safety and in danger, in health and in sickness, in joy and in sorrow, in life and in death, then you are a person of great faith, a man or woman highly honored in My courts, because of your great love for Me and trust in Me. [31]

When you praise in a very difficult situation, what you are telling Me is that you submit to My will and accept My allowing it to happen. In these kinds of situations, praise demonstrates acceptance. Your praise is acceptance. The praises that come out of your mouth are a verbal expression of the faith and trust that is in your heart. [32]

Any time you start praising, I'll be there to help you see things as I see them, to infuse you with faith, peace, and trust in Me, which makes it possible for you to relax and be truly happy and full of My joy! It's impossible to be really happy when you're weighed down with too much. So any time you feel that way, start praising Me. Activate your weapon of praise, and send the Enemy running for cover! As you praise, My spirit will pour down, and your joy--My joy in you, My heavenly perspective on things--will return. I love you! [33]

Trusting in the Word is Trusting in the Lord

You must trust My Word, and in trusting My Word, you are trusting Me. When I say in My Word I am there, then know that I am there! When I say in My Word I am your comfort, then know that I am your comfort. When I say in My Word it will pass, then know that it will pass. When I say in My Word I will supply, then know that I will supply. For My Word is truth! My Word is life! My Word is Love! My Word is Me. [34]

My Words will keep you and give you spiritual strength. And the more you put your trust in My Word and follow My Spirit, the stronger you'll be, and you'll be able to move forward. The more you resist the attacks and lies of the Enemy, the more you'll be operating in the power of My Spirit, letting My Spirit work in you. [35]

Have faith in My Word in spite of how you feel. My Word is truth and it won't fail. Trust My Word. Keep wielding it against the Enemy and you will make progress and have victory. [36]

You will have more fruitfulness than you have ever had, as you believe My Word and cling to My Word, and put your trust in My Word. Just follow, obey, and trust Me and I will lead you into these paths of fruitfulness and peace and happiness in Me. [37]

Everything always works out better and more smoothly when you give Me the prime time that I deserve. It literally forces Me to do more miracles for you, because I'm so pleased that you trust Me enough to keep your time with Me and My Word untouchable. [38]

Read My Word, believe it, do it, stand upon it, and you will receive My blessing, and you will then know that My Word is true. There's only one way to find out, and that is to put it to the test, stand upon it, trust in it and see Me move, see Me work, and see Me pour forth My blessings upon you, upon your loved ones, and upon your life. [39]

Quote the Word, memorize the Word, live the Word, read the Word, listen to the Word, speak about the Word, because the Word is the only thing that will keep you - both My written Word and My Word that I will speak to you daily. If you hold on to Me and to My Word, you will rise above, you will conquer, you will win against the foe! So don't doubt; trust and build your faith block by block by reading My Word! It's there for

you. It's free, it's at your disposal, and it's the key to victory and to rising above. So use it, read it, and wield it against the Enemy, and he won't be able to touch a hair of your head. You are protected; your shields are running at 100 percent. Keep them that way by refueling with the Word! You can do it! [40]

When it Seems Like Everything is Turning Out All Wrong

It is easy to trust and have faith when all goes well, when all around you are blessings; but when all seems to go wrong and you feel as though your very life and your very desire to live is being snuffed out, when you feel your heart sink and ache within you, if you still have faith, oh, what great faith it is! How it pleases Me! [41]

Can you believe that I will use even something bad in your life for good? Can you still be man enough, or woman enough, to be praiseful and happy despite it? Can you not trust that I can still make something beautiful out of your life, despite accidents, injuries or problems? [42]

I know that you sometimes wonder about some of the events that I have planned in your life, or that I have planned in the lives of others around you. You wonder if these were truly good things, or whether I overbooked or overlooked some pivotal details. But, My love, I do have a reason for all that I do, although there will be many things that you'll need to wrap up in a bundle of faith and trust. [43]

I ask for your trust, as a child would trust a parent and a baby its mother. I want you to trust Me that I know what is good for you. Even though it seems like everything is turning out all wrong, I don't want you to struggle or fight against it or harden your heart toward it, but I want you to know by faith that no matter what the outcome, or what you end up with or don't end up with, or how things work out, that you will say in the end: "The Lord is good and He has done all things well." [44]

When things look darkest and you feel down and at your worst, you must still trust Me and have faith that I do all things well and I see the way ahead. You must trust Me with your life. You must trust Me for your situation. You must bring it all to Me, and trust Me. [45]

It takes great faith to face what looks like failure and defeat in some area and still keep standing on My Word, on My promises. You sometimes feel weary, exhausted, discouraged, and can't see the victory or even the potential for victory. Virtually every great man or woman of faith throughout history has had to face those times--sometimes for many years, sometimes until the point of death. Yet no matter how long the struggle, living for Me and holding on to your faith is the ultimate victory.

How do you think the martyrs in the Colosseum of Rome felt? My promises must have looked like flat failures in man's eyes in those situations. Yet the martyrs won some of the greatest victories of all time as they simply and humbly remained faithful to the end (Rom.8:36,37).

You may often look defeated in your own eyes, but your commitment, your do-or-die spirit of refusing to let go of the promises, even when everything looks lost and contrary to logic and reason, is the greatest victory of all. [46]

I am doing whatever it takes--even though it hurts you at times, and even though it hurts Me at times--to keep you close to Me, to help you to fulfill your mission, and to ensure that you do not fail what you have set out to do. This is what you asked Me to promise to do for you, and I have never broken a promise.

Please trust Me. That's something you can do to make this easier for Me. When I see that you trust Me even when you don't understand why I've allowed something or done something in your life, that brings such joy to My heart. Then, instead of sorrowful tears upon seeing you doubt My love for you, I cry tears of joy and pride and faith at seeing you trust Me in spite of it all!

If you'll promise to trust Me, even when things go contrary to how you expected, even when things get worse than you imagined possible, even when it seems like I'm going back on My word and failing you, then I too will continue to fulfill My promise of doing whatever it takes to keep you, to preserve you, to lead you, to ensure that you do not fail your mission, even if it means allowing some troubles and pain. [47]

Patience is a virtue. Patience is priceless. Patience can only grow through experiences that test your patience. So treasure the times when your patience is tried, and don't impatiently wait for Me to rescue you prematurely. Make the most of it. Realize that I have a purpose and a plan that will work out for your best.

Will you take the path of impatience, grumbling, self-pity, and anguish of heart and mind? Or, will you take the road of patience, acceptance, trust, and determination to make the most of this time of waiting on Me? The second path is definitely recommended. You'll arrive at your destination fulfilled, happy, and satisfied with the trek, sporting sleek, developed muscles of patience. Whereas, if you take the first path, you'll arrive disheartened, weak, weary, and dreading what I will bring along your path next.

I have set before you two parallel paths. Choose the path of patience and trust, and you will not regret a moment on it. I will be able to bring you to your destination quicker and you'll be thrilled at the gifts that you have gained through it. (48)

When you can meet success and failure with the same dignity, then you are spiritually mature. When you can praise Me through happiness and sadness, in plenty and in want, in safety and in danger, in health and in sickness, in joy and in sorrow, in life and in death, then you are a person of great faith, a man or woman highly honored in My courts, because of your great love for Me and trust in Me. (49)

When those who are watching see you claiming the keys, claiming My promises, claiming the victories, claiming that I will do the work and somehow bring you through in spite of seeming failures and defeats, their faith is strengthened. When they see you fall and struggle and you still fight on, despite not seeing the proof with your eyes, knowing that I will fulfill My side, then their faith is strengthened to trust Me when things go wrong for them. (50)

How glorious are the crowns of those who struggle through difficult hardship, through desperation, through dismay and through fear, and yet carry on. For these are like the widow who cast in her last mite, and they feel as if they have no more. But they know not the great and wonderful honor that I will bestow upon them for their sacrifice and for their willingness to hold on and to trust Me, though all around it seems that I have failed them. And though they feel that I have failed them, yet they trust Me. What honor I will bestow upon them, for great is their faith. (51)

Trusting the Lord through the storms of life

Trust in Me, for I will bring you through the storm. I will steer your vessel through the raging winds and the high tempests. I will set you upon a rock. Though all about you seems stormy and confusing, there is a course which I have charted just for you. You see no plan, no charts ahead of you, and cannot tell which way the wind is blowing you about. But fear not, for I am the Captain, the great Master of the sea, and I know the way in which I take you.

So take heart and trust, for these days will not be long. The storms will always cease, and the calm will always come. The waves will always settle, and the sea will once again glisten and sparkle as the rays of the sun shine down and smile upon it. So it is in your life. (52)

He that doesn't hold on to the steering wheel of My Word can more easily be swept overboard. For there are times to rest and there are times to lie down and let go, but there are times to hold on. And this is the time to hold on in faith, nothing wavering, looking not at the size of the waves or your battered vessel. But just to hold on and do that which you know you must do. You must turn your ship into the wind and ride through the storm and know that the storm will end, it will pass, and there will be sunshine and calm seas ahead.

Hold that fast which thou hast, that no man steal thy crown. Hold that fast which thou hast; seek Me and I will be found. Hold that fast which thou hast; trust in Me and My Word. Hold that fast which thou hast, and know that I am thy Lord. Hold that fast which thou hast, and trust Me with all thine heart. Hold that fast

which thou hast, and know that I will never depart. Hold that fast which thou hast, and know that I am your King. Hold that fast which thou hast, and of the victory you will sing. (53)

The Enemy is trying to get you to look at the waves, to worry about each wave and wonder if it will sink the boat. Then another one comes, and you wonder if that will sink the boat, and on and on it goes; you're tossed by every wave that comes. If you allow your carnal mind to take over, you will constantly be "seasick" and tossed by every wave of fear that comes crashing down around you. Whereas if you put your faith in Me, your Captain, and trust that My ship will not sink but will bring you safely to the shore of My Heavenly Kingdom no matter what storms beset it, then you can laugh out loud at each wave that rises high above and threatens to sink your ship, for you have faith in Me and My ability to save and keep you. (54)

I am with you at every moment. I will make good on My promises to give you sufficient grace, rest of spirit, and the peace of God that passes all understanding. No matter what is going on around you, you can be at peace when you are anchored deeply in Me. Deep down, underneath the waves and tossing and turning, the waters are still and peaceful. Like the song says, "Still waters run deep." As you go deeply into Me, you will find that stillness of spirit, the calm, the quiet, the rest, the trust, the faith, the understanding, and the strength that you need. (55)

(The Apostle Paul speaking:) So when the storms come and beat high upon your ship, and it seems as if your vessel is breaking into pieces, trust. And even if your ship does break into pieces and you are cast into the waters and the waves are overwhelming you, trust. And if the stones of persecution are being cast at you, trust. And if the scourging of the Enemy's lies is being meted unto you, trust. For our Lord is always there, and He does not suffer you to be tempted above that which you are able to bear, but He makes a way to escape.--Not always to escape from the affliction or the battle or the test, but you can escape through trusting.

Hold fast that which thou hast, let no man, no, not even Satan steal that which thou hast, the crown of glory that is given unto you. Hold it fast. Hold it through the storm. Hold it through the flood. Hold it through the fire. For there is laid up for you that are faithful, you that are trusting, an exceeding great reward. (56)

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