

## Trust God Not Man!

There are too many people in the body of Christ who are hurting because they put their trust in man instead of God; I have seen it then – when I traveled all over the world – and I see it now.

I know even in my own life, as I look back, my problems (hurt, pain, anger, resentment, disappointment, etc.) came because I put my trust in people instead of putting it in God. When something happened in my life, I ran to people, the ones I thought was for me and who I thought was my friend; it was a big disappointment for me when I found out (through God) they were not for me – this went on for years and years. Although I did not go to God first, He would always reveal to me who people were; that is why now before I connect with anyone, I seek God first. This way, I won't have to go through the pain and emotional trauma I did before.

To help me understand what was happening to me every time I put my trust in people instead of God, God allow my Pastor to do a teaching about “Trust vs. Faith” and give me these Scriptures which really opened my eyes:

Jeremiah 17:5-10 (I am going to quote down to the 10<sup>th</sup> verse so you can see why not to put your trust in man – “his heart is deceitful and desperately wicked”- no matter good of intentions he/she has - and God is the only one who knows the true state of a man's heart – He knows who you are to connect with and who not to connect with – that is why the Word tells us not to be unequally yoked together with unbelievers – there are people confessing Christ but they are unbelievers).

<sup>5</sup> “Thus says the LORD:

“Cursed *is* the man who trusts in man  
And makes flesh his strength,  
Whose heart departs from the LORD.

<sup>6</sup> For he shall be like a shrub in the desert,  
And shall not see when good comes,  
But shall inhabit the parched places in the wilderness,  
*In* a salt land *which is* not inhabited.

Jeremiah 17:7 (You see here, it is a blessing to trust in the Lord, you will flourish and prosper.)

<sup>7</sup> “Blessed *is* the man who trusts in the LORD,  
And whose hope is the LORD.

<sup>8</sup> For he shall be like a tree planted by the waters,  
Which spreads out its roots by the river,  
And will not fear when heat comes;  
But its leaf will be green,  
And will not be anxious in the year of drought,  
Nor will cease from yielding fruit.

<sup>9</sup> “The heart *is* deceitful above all *things*,  
And desperately wicked;  
Who can know it?

<sup>10</sup> I, the LORD, search the heart,  
*I* test the mind,  
Even to give every man according to his ways,  
According to the fruit of his doings.

Psalm 125:1(those who trust the Lord will be unmovable).

<sup>1</sup> “Those who trust in the LORD  
*Are* like Mount Zion,  
*Which* cannot be moved, *but* abides forever” (all Scripture references came from [www.biblegateway.com](http://www.biblegateway.com)).

After reading Jeremiah 17:5, we see that if we put our trust in man, we cursed, and this causes our heart to “depart from God.” What we are actually saying when we put our trust in man is we trust the person more than we trust God. Because of the “instant gratification” syndrome of man, they go to another person instead of God because they know God might not answer right away; therefore they go looking for a “quick fix” – quick fixes does not last. Another reason people put their trust in another person instead of God is because they want the person to tell them what they want to hear; people are not always looking for the truth about their situations – God will always tell them the truth.

We are to run to God when we are hurt, sickness tries to attack our bodies, need a financial miracle, etc. Don't run to people before you go to God. I am learning that God does not want us to connect with everybody; sometimes we run to the wrong people, thinking they are for us but in actuality, you are running into the enemies' arm – you have just cried on the enemies' shoulder. Remember the story of Samson and Delilah? He laid his head in Delilah's lap and told her his secrets and lost his strength and his life (Judges 16:4-21).

As God gave me the message I posted yesterday, "Word of Encouragement – Don't Get Tired of Waiting on God" He is saying again to wait on Him to move for you – to bring you out of every situation. God is telling you today to cast ALL your cares onto Him because He is the one who cares for you and the only one who can help you out of all your troubles.

There are many "wolves in sheep clothing" and "false prophets" out there who prey on God's people when they are in a vulnerable state. That is why it is so important to run to God, trust Him to bring you out of whatever you are going through not man. Go to Him first, and then ask Him to send you a prayer partner so you'll can touch and agree with each other. I feel this message so strong in my spirit – don't connect with anyone without consulting God. People will come to you and say they want to help you and some will even say "God said..." but don't fall for that. You seek God for yourself – no matter who it is that comes to you. What I mean is, if a person you really don't know or even a member in your church – comes to you and want to connect with you and want you to pour out your heart to them, don't do it – pray about it first. Sometimes people will say, "You can talk with me if you need too;" they want you to open up to them and tell them your secrets – don't do it – never tell people you really don't know (or the ones you do) everything in your heart. Be very careful who you share your heart with – seek God on whom to share things with.

I know someone has been recently hurt by another person and it has traumatized you very badly but God is telling you today, He will deliver you – just cry out to Him – ask Him to forgive you for running to other people when you should have gone to Him and then forgive yourself.

There is no message that God gives me to share with others that I have not experienced myself and this message hit me last night suddenly; God was letting me know it was time for me to post it to encourage that person who was recently betrayed by someone they trusted and to let that person know it happened because they did not trust God. I was betrayed a couple of weeks ago by someone; normally I ask God before I get too close with anyone. But this person was very smooth and had a title in front of their name and although I hesitated when they approached me, I almost got too close to them. God immediately came in and used a Pastor friend of mine to give me a word: "Don't connect with anyone."

I said ok God; I did not try to reason with Him, He knows best. When that person who tried to connect with me asks me to connect with them, I did not tell my Pastor friend, I prayed about it. But instead of me waiting on God to give me the answer, I was still talking with the person. But God saw my heart and knew I wanted to do the right thing and He told me no. And I thank Him for saving me from this person. This is why I can tell you to trust God with your whole heart; your mouth can say one thing but your actions will tell if you really trust God.

As David said in Psalm 125:1: those who trust in the Lord cannot be move they are like Mount Zion; now that's unmovable. Therefore, show God you trust Him by standing firm on His Word – cast all your cares upon Him, not people; people cannot help you or deliver you but God can. Wouldn't you rather have a permanent fix than a quick fix? Ask God for what you want and need and He will give it to you because He loves you just that much. Remember though, He will give you according to His plans for you; He will never give you anything that will hurt you or destroy you or that will go against His Word. Keep trusting Him and looking unto Him and Him alone to bring you out of whatever you are in.

God bless,  
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