

Trusting God with Your Tomorrows

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*“..so that they should set their hope in God,
and not forget the works of God,
but keep his commandments;”*

Psalm 78:7, NRSV

It's an increasing epidemic in our society today that mistrust has become our norm. For many different reasons, we find it difficult to trust one another yet alone God. This inverted self-inflicting pain keeps us from developing a true oneness with one another, which forfeits the blessing and in some regards the benefits of our covenantal relationship with the Father. After all, Jesus prayed in John 17 that we may all be one! Might I presuppose that we are all too comfortable suffering in silent pain, shouting over our issues, speaking in tongues, and receiving prophetic impartation while many of our brothers and sisters are slipping into depression, burnout, and suicidal ideation with no rescue squad in sight?

Not only are we suffering as a body of believers but most of the country is suffering alongside of the church. There are those who are suffering silently from pointless pain, those suffering at the hand of traumatic experiences which might not be post-traumatic but persistent-traumatic experiences, and those who are crying out for help but ignored because we are distracted by the latest scandal or the latest edition of who wore it best?

My friends, don't be bluffed by the reports, our nation is in trouble and we are suffering from immense pain. The pain of spiritual wickedness in high places couched in presidential tweets that demoralize and demean; couched between cities who'd rather ignore the economic plight of the disenfranchised while giving tax breaks to companies who puts recycling centers and harmful pollutants in communities of color; and the continual threats against black and brown communities be it violence, deportation or displacement. We are suffering through pain; however, I am reminded by this same psalmist who declared "Some take pride in chariots, and some in horses, but our pride is in the name of the Lord our God (Psalm 20:7, NRSV)."

You can trust God with your tomorrows when you **CHECK YOUR DOUBTS**. Even when pain pushes you to a place that you never imagined being you can take confidence in knowing that God has never failed you. He has never left you and the fact still remains that He keeps coming through for his children. Yes, we have come to the middle of the year and you thought that life would look differently by now; but reassured that this is your season of recovery, restitution and recompense.

God loads us daily with benefits so why are you still tripping? You can trust God with your tomorrows when you **CHECK HIS DEEDS**. Listen, I feel an old fashioned testimony stirring in my soul as I type this article. Can't you picture one of the old school mothers rising from her seat to declare the goodness of the Lord? "...He woke me up this morning, clothed in my right mind, blessed me with a reasonable portion of health and strength, gave me the articulation of my speech and the activities of my limbs." I often wondered why every testimony started this way but now I realize that the saints of old were reminding themselves of the faithfulness of God in their experiences. It was a method of building faith. They understood if God could handle my right now experience then I could trust Him with my tomorrows.

Courageous people do not go to battle rehearsing their pain; however, courageous soldiers march into war recalling past victories. Just take a retrospective approach of God's deeds and you will discover that even when you don't deserve it, He just keeps on blessing you.

Once we check our doubts, we get a clearer picture of His deeds which keeps us in a posture of gratitude and praise. You can trust God with your tomorrows when you **CHECK OUT YOUR DEVOTION**. Your dilemma isn't as bad as it seems, when your devotion is to God. Your distress won't overtake you, when your devotion is about God. Your dis-ease cannot destroy you when your devotion is due unto God. My devotion gives God the surrender and the green light that I trust Him.

It's not just about keeping noise, disrupting the services, or disturbing my neighbor but my devotion gives me an audience before God and keeps God going ahead of me. It is the one sure sign that communicates that I put the full weight of my trust solely in Him just as I know Him to be a strong deliverer and rescuer. Your devotion has the ability to lead you from your demise into your destiny.

Despite the backdrop of your pain and your discomfort, put your confidence in God (Check your doubts), and do not forget God's works (Check His deeds), but keep His commands (Check your devotion). You serve a great big God who takes special delight in caring for His children! He's going to do exactly what He promised; in fact God's going to make it worth your while!