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I stood there in complete amazement as I pondered her words. Could she have meant what I thought she said? No, that just could not be. Maybe she was thinking something different, something that I just wasn't aware of. But, no, she said those exact words. Should I give her the benefit of the doubt? Yes, it's probably I that didn't understand. But why do I feel this way, so, well, shocked, so amazed, so startled? I'm going to have to accept her words at face value. I know. I'll ask her to repeat them, just to make sure.

“Now, tell me, what did you just say to me about trusting in God? Did you say, “You felt that there was no longer a need to seek after



God so that you could trust in Him?” Is that what you said just seconds ago?”

She stood there, looking directly in my eyes and repeated her words:

“I don't think that I need to seek after God anymore. I don't need to trust in Him.”

“But, why would you ever say something like that? Why would you allow yourself to think something like that,” I said.

She was quick to reply. “First of all, the Bible is pretty old, you know, like thousands of years. I'm a modern day person and I can't understand most of that stuff, and I especially don't see how any of it relates to me now. Secondly, we live in a world that really doesn't need God anymore. We do pretty well at taking care of ourselves.”

I was quick to reply. ***“Speak for yourself. I definitely do not agree with what you are saying.”*** It seems you are saying that we are so smart that we don't need God anymore. Is that what you are saying?”

“Well,” she said, “I guess so. I don't want to sound like I'm cutting

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God out of my life or anything, but I really don't feel that I need Him like some people think they need Him. After all, the world around me is so loud and all encompassing that it seems like its taken my life over. Don't you feel that way?"

I pondered her words for a moment and replied, "Sometimes it seems that life is greater than God and it seems overwhelming, but even then I still maintain my trust in God." I continued, ***“Every person has faced similar challenges from the beginning of time, but life's challenges are no excuse to stop trusting in God.”***

"I see what you are saying," she hesitantly told me, "but the world now seems so modern, so controlling, and so able to meet my every need. I just can't seem to change the way I think. I stopped trusting in God a long time ago for

almost everything, but I still pray and think of Him. It's not like I shoved Him completely out of my life. Don't you understand? It's just as easy to go down to the corner store to find what I need. Why should I bother God for those things? Today, we have the greatest hospitals of all times. If I need medical attention, I can get it within a matter of minutes. I don't need God then either. ***If I start trying to trust in God again, what am I supposed to do, drop out of the world?*** How could I possibly do that?"

My initial response to her words were the same as I've had so many times before with so many others just like her. "Just because the world seems so great, so all-encompassing, so consuming, its reasons and assurances do not and cannot equal God's love and care for you. God wants you to trust in Him." I went on to teach her about

trust.

The Beginning of Trust

I believe that micro-managers, people who try to control every nuance of every aspect of what the people he or she manages are doing, are not power-hungry people at all. At least not in the beginning. Micro-managers are people who have a trust problem. They don't trust others. Heck, they don't even trust themselves. They satisfy their lack of trustworthiness by micro-management tactics. The more they can control, the more in control they feel. But, are they? The answer is "no." Why? Because they still are untrustworthy, not only of themselves, but also of others.

People who don't trust in God do the same thing. They rely on the world around them to provide what they need and then they set up controls within those situations

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that make them think everything is all right. Earlier, our friend talked about how she handles medical situations. What about you? If you have medical insurance, a good doctor, a good hospital, a good pharmacy, and a good health food store, you feel in control.

What would happen if you were in a war-torn country without doctors, hospitals, medicines, insurance and health food stores?

What then? The same person who thinks everything is all right here would have a big problem there. What if you became sick there? What would you do? If you were a person who no longer trusts in God, you'd probably freak out. But if you still believed in God, you might be open to a fellow Christian's helping words as he taught you to pray and believe and trust that God would deliver you.

Where do you stand with trusting

in God? Do you still believe in Him? Yes? That's great! But do you trust in Him to provide your every need?

The Bible tells us to trust in God.

O taste and see that the LORD is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in him. (Psalms 34:8)

By now, you may wonder what “trust” means. It means, “to flee to for protection.” Protection from what? From everything and anything that can take you down. No matter what challenge you face today, you can flee to God for His protection. God will protect you from the source of all of your troubles, sources that you can't see and maybe don't know anything about. If you take the time to taste the good words of God long enough to see that He is good, you are doing the beginning things of learning how to trust in God.

Eventually, you will be blessed!

Trust must be an expectation.

O keep my soul, and deliver me: let me not be ashamed; for I put my trust in thee. (Psalms 25:20)

As you build trust in God, you learn to expect His protection, His blessings, His abundance, and His all. Building the expectation of trust is a learning experience. It doesn't happen overnight. It takes time, but God's protection is always there for you. That's the good part. No matter how long it takes you to bend your mind back to God's Word and regain your trust in God, His protection is now and has always been there. Trust me on this one. *No matter how caught up in the world you have become, you can always turn back to God and trust in Him.* God will never refuse you.

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The LORD is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower. I will call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised: so shall I be saved from mine enemies. (Psalms 18:2-3)

If you know anything about King David, you know that he was a man of war. He was a fighting man. In fact, he was so much so this way that God wouldn't allow him to build the temple. Solomon, David's son, built the temple. David was a mighty man, one in whom the people of God trusted. David had the greatest armies of those times. No one was able to stand against David's armies unless God allowed them to. David could have fallen victim to the world and so could we. He could have trusted in his strength and said that he didn't need God any more. He

could have trusted in his doctors and said that he didn't need God anymore. He could have trusted in his wealth and said that he didn't need God anymore. And on and on and on. But he didn't!

How excellent is thy lovingkindness, O God! therefore the children of men put their trust under the shadow of thy wings. They shall be abundantly satisfied with the fatness of thy house; and thou shalt make them drink of the river of thy pleasures. For with thee is the fountain of life: in thy light shall we see light. O continue thy lovingkindness unto them that know thee; and thy righteousness to the upright in heart. Let not the foot of pride come against me, and let not the hand of the wicked remove me. (Psalms 36:7-11)

David was tempted to fall short of his calling. He had more money

than he knew what to do with. He had more beautiful women than you can imagine. He had the most beautiful palaces, the best foods, the most loyal servants, and the choicest of everything. Yet, *he still prayed that the foot of pride would not come against him.* Did you notice that David mentioned the “hand of the wicked?” He was talking about wicked people who actually worked to get him to stop trusting in God. For this, he needed God's help. If you have wicked people trying to get you to stop trusting in God, you too need God's help. Do what David did. Pray for His help. Ask Him! This will help you expect His help and deliverance.

Man is not in whom you want to trust.

It is better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in man. (Psalms 118:8)

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Oh sure, you do build trust in people, but not the same trust you are supposed to have towards God. Men come and go, but God abides forever. Which one would you choose given these odds? Man is wonderful, especially if and when he is acting wonderfully. But you and I know that this doesn't last, either because the man changes or because he disappears from your life. God never changes. God will never disappear. Man is nice to trust in – at times. But God is great to trust in – forever.

But let all those that put their trust in thee rejoice: let them ever shout for joy, because thou defendest them: let them also that love thy name be joyful in thee. (Psalms 5:11)

Protection is only one benefit of yielding your trust to God.

Today's people are some of the most

joyless people this world has ever had to support. Why? Because they no longer trust in God. They trust in self and man, but not in God. I know of no joyless man who trusts in God. Trusting in God yields joy. And not only joy, but joy and rejoicing, over and over and over again. Why, this joy is so great that it makes the joyful shout out about it.

I knew that I finally caught her attention with these words. I almost couldn't contain my curiosity. Was she going to start trusting in God again, or was she going to remain captured by the world, the wicked ones, those who refuse to seek God's protection? No sooner than I thought those words, she spoke.

“I can't believe how selfish I have been, how controlling too. I'm going to seek after God and once again build my trust in Him so that I am doing right by God's

Word.” She went on to describe how excited the Word of God I just taught made her feel and how she really wanted to bring back that old fashioned trust. “I see what you are saying, yet change seems really difficult, but,” she said, “I will change, I will work to please God and trust in Him.”

How about you? Will you do the same? Will you begin again to trust in God? I pray that you do. I yearn for every man, woman and child to trust in God. If only they would. After all, God is asking you, me and all of His people to do this with three simple words:

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Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. (Proverbs 3:6)

God bless you abundantly,
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