

EVER WONDER WHY?—4 WHY SHOULD I TRUST GOD?

10:00 am ***5 Min. Count Down - VIDEO -**

10:05 am **LIVE SHOT – ** Worship –**

**WELCOME to The Peak CC Church --- Online Platform – 1st time
... come in as a guest But you leave as family...**

**Self Intro - PEAK INTRO Young /Vibrant / Life Giving Church in
the HEART of Peekskill.**

We are so glad you could join us as we worship the Lord.

***Online Connect Card * RightNow Media**

**Remember: Mon: small Groups / Tue: Prayer / Wed: Women's Small
Group Thu: Bible Study / Fri: Advanced Prayer Meeting Sat: Men's
Fellowship**

Prayers for 1st Responders. PVAC - PD - FireFighters -

International Crisis Response Team.

NEXT WEEK: CHURCH @ The Park!!

Baptisms!!



Join us
**CHURCH AT THE
PARK**

Sunday, August 7th 9AM

PELTON POND PAVILION
IN CLARENCE FAHNESTOCK STATE
PARK
1498 Route 301
Carmel, NY 10512

Worship • Picnic • Baptism

10:30 AM ** Announcements Video - Tithing

10:33 AM ** VIDEO "Ever Wonder Why?"



Doesn't it seem like life is an ongoing battle?

Jim Armstrong — Middle — Coming out of — Going into
Fighting pay bills— F ongoing addictions — F keep kids on track.

F hold marriage together—F keep sane— People Crazy.
Can get us worn down

Fighting— Doubt — Discouragement — Depression!

In Psalm 20—**King David** preparing for a fight. About to go into
Battle!!

Powerful statement

— Pastor Bob Wellington shared this scripture with me before a
big battle that was before me...

I'm praying this Word will build your faith for the battle ahead.

Ps 20:7 NKJV

*7 Some trust in chariots, and some in horses;
But we will remember the name of the LORD our God.*

I Love this verse— But truth be told... I'm often the "some."

Some trust in chariots & horses—Trust what can see—Me!

If I'm going into battle—Easier trust a war horse—God can't see.

Applied to our context—

Some trust—Knowledge—Experience – Some trust in \$ – Who they know...— Portfolios

What Encourages me most about David isn't just his faith

But it's his faith after his doubt! Same guy earlier asked...

¹ **How long**, LORD? Will you forget me forever? **How long** will you hide your face from me? ² **How long** must I wrestle with my thoughts and day after day have sorrow in my heart? **How long** will my enemy triumph over me? Psalm 13:1-2 NIV

At one point—*David seems to say*—**I'm not sure I can trust God!**

Later—David says—*With all my heart—I know I do!*

Today, talk about how we grow from...

I'm not sure I can trust God— with all my heart **I know I do!**

Title—**Why Should I Trust God?**

The faith walk isn't easy... *To believe, without seeing...*

In a world of increasing skepticism, fake news, and rewriting of history

We don't trust what we CAN see,let alone what we CAN'T

How do you grow from...

I'm not sure I can trust God! to **I know I do!**

The answer **You... 1) Question 2) Pray 3) Surrender**



1. YOU QUESTION.

1) **You question.** Who? -> (God)

Is it okay to question God?

YES! Beyond the shadow of doubt—YES!

We just saw David, a man after God's own heart, *question God!*
God is NO respecter of persons

If David can question God — So can you!

Someone said...

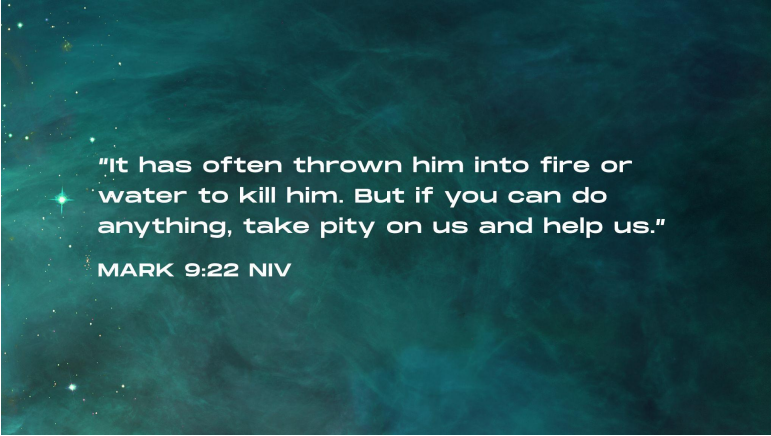
“We’re closer to God when we’re asking questions than when we think we hold all the answers.”

This is exactly what a hurting dad did in **Mark 9**

If you don't know the story— Dad had a son who was battling evil spirits.

Spirit caused the boy to convulse, foam mouth!

The dad told Jesus that the evil spirit...



"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."

MARK 9:22 NIV

²² *"it (demon) has often thrown him into fire or water to kill him.*

[Watch the question]

*But **if** you can do anything, take pity on us and help us."* Mark 9:22

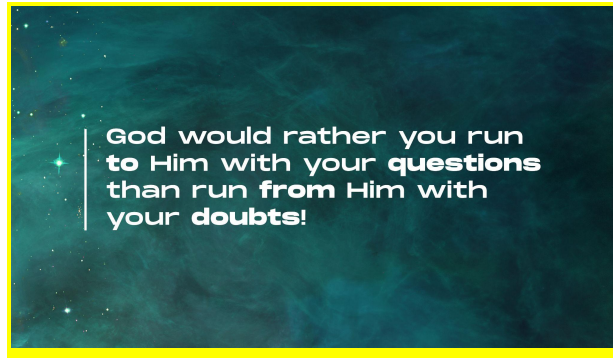
So, what do you do? Ask God your questions....

If you're wondering "why" — *Ask God why!*

If you don't know what to do — *Ask God for wisdom!*

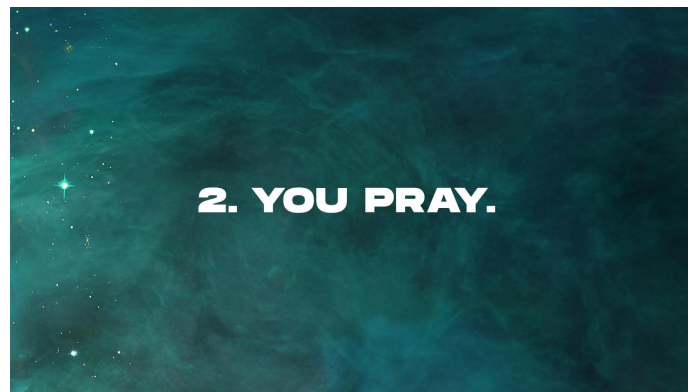
If you are hurting, cast your cares on God! Why? *He cares for you!*

Promise—



**God would rather you run to him with your questions
Than run from him with your doubts!**

1. You question.



2. You pray.

Look at our text. Hurting dad wonders if Jesus can do anything. J responds

²³ “‘If you can?’” said Jesus. “Everything is possible for one who believes.” ²⁴ Immediately the boy’s father exclaimed, [Watch prayer] “I do believe: help me overcome my unbelief!” Mark 9:23-24

The dad is struggling — *He asks a question* — **Then he prays.**

Help me—I want to believe—I sort of do—*Not all the way.*

I want to trust you—Not sure how—Help me trust

Help me overcome my unbelief!

The dad questioned—Then the dad prayed for help for his faith.

How did Jesus respond?

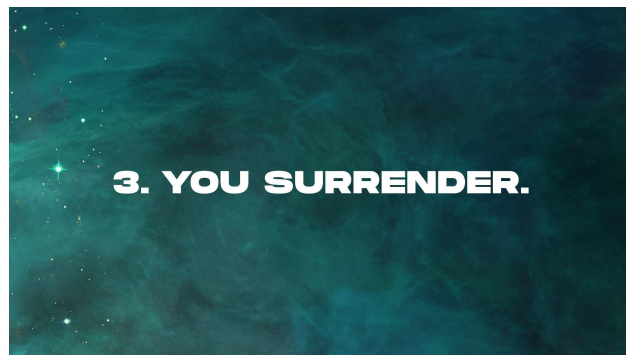
He didn't say....

*Come back to me later when you are more serious?
Better prepared! Have at least mustard seed faith?*

Jesus acknowledged dad's question—Heard dad's prayer
Cast out demon—Built the dad's faith! (How good is J?!)

What do you do?—Finding it difficult to trust God can't see?
When you face a problem you don't understand?

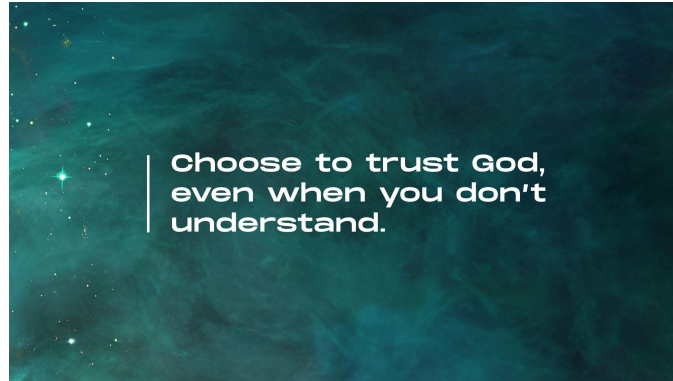
1. You question.
2. You pray. (and)



3. You surrender.

What does it mean to surrender?

It means, as you grow in your faith, you will...



Choose to trust God, even when you don't understand.

My favorite verse in all the Bible that speaks to this is Proverbs 3:5-6

⁵Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; ⁶in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight. Prov 3:5-6

The middle part grabs my attention—Scripture tells us
Not to lean on your own understanding!

What's the problem with your understanding?
Your understanding is limited!

*Ever do something you were sure was good idea— Turned out to be
Stupid?*

Why does that happen? Your understanding is limited!



God's word says—**Don't lean on what's limited!**

Instead, you choose to **trust**—Even though you don't understand details.

The Hebrew word translated as **trust** is the word "***batach***."

It means to **stretch out, to lie face down before God**.

Batach represents a **servant waiting for the master's will or command**.

When you trust—You are surrendered to the will of the master.

May remember King David after committing adultery w/ Bathsheba?
Falling face down at the Temple Gate ...

Immediately after Nathan's departure, the newborn falls ill.

"David pleaded with God for the child. He fasted and went into his house and spent the nights lying on the ground." (Samuel 12:16)

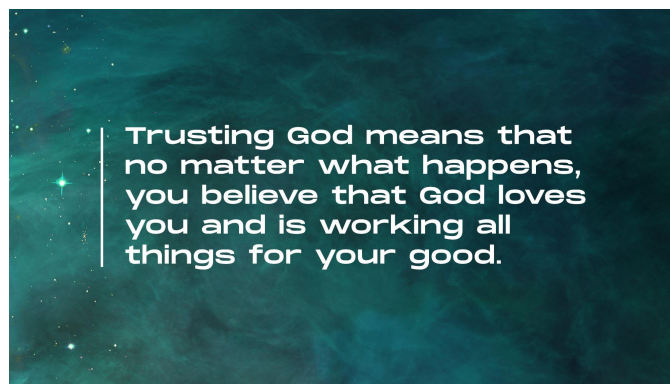
He does this for seven days until the child dies. But when he realizes that the child has died, he gets up, takes a shower, changes clothes, and worships. Then he resumes eating.

So, how do you do that practically?
What does it mean to trust God with all our hearts?

First, let's remember what it's not.

- **Trusting God doesn't mean you always get what you want.**

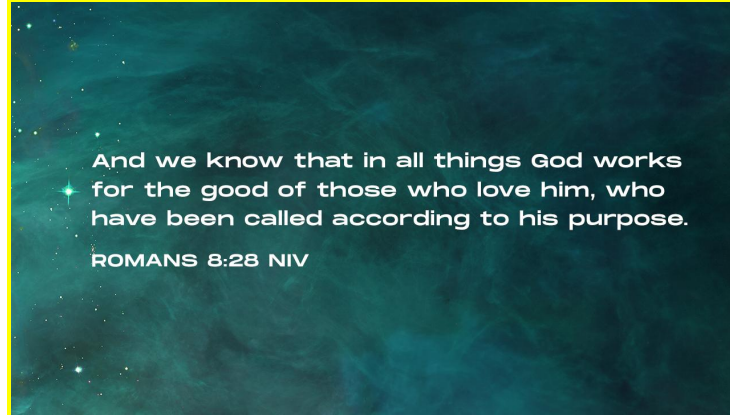
Doesn't mean nothing bad ever happens to you!



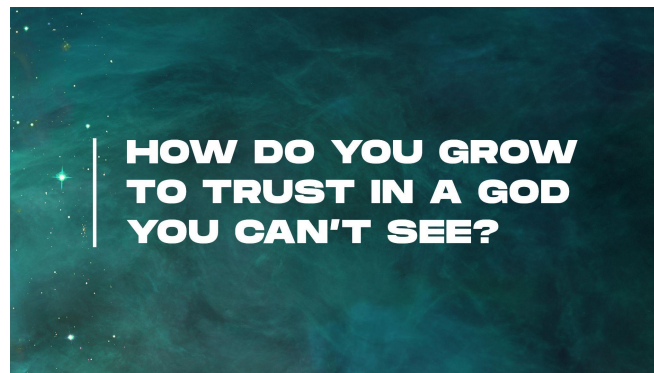
- **Trusting God means that no matter what happens, you believe that God loves you and is working all things for your good.**

Character, Nature, Goodness.

²⁸ *And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. Romans 8:28*



So how do you grow to trust in a God you can't see?



You Question—You Pray—You Surrender (2x)

- **What David did** He questioned—Where are you?
He prayed—One thing I ask, Dwell...
He surrendered—Some horses/char/Trust God
- **What Dad did** He questioned—Can you do anything?
He prayed—I do believe, help overcome
He surrendered—God healed son—Built faith
- **What Jesus did** He questioned— If this cup...?

done

He prayed— Not My Will But You're Will be

He surrendered—3 days later—Stone rolled

**Even though I don't understand the plan,
I trust God has a purpose.**

You may be hurting, struggling, or questioning God right now.

Maybe you are wondering... How do you trust God when...

- You want get married—no godly prospects—Clock ticking?
- Trying to save marriage—Only one fighting for it?
- Way more bills than you have income?
- You prayed & prayed & prayed—Nothing different!

You question—You pray—You surrender!

*Trust in God w/ all your heart — Lean **not** on your own understanding
In all your ways you acknowledge him — Make paths straight.*

Because trust doesn't mean you get what you want.

At your core—You believe that God loves you—working all things good.

That's why....

Some trust in horses and chariots—we trust in Lord, our God!

Those of you who are part of our e-family... although you may be far from us.... He is close to you.

Right there where you are... Ask Him to come into your heart. Ask Him to be the garment you put on today. Ask Him to forgive your sins. To help mortify this carnal nature to put on His spiritual One.

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I'd like to invite you to connect w/ us... Visitors link... fill out that connect card...

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“The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord make His face shine upon you,
And be gracious to you,
The Lord lift His countenance upon you,
And give you peace.”

I bless you in the Name of the Father, & of the SON, & of the Holy Spirit... Amen!!