

CONFIDENT IN CHRIST

The Benefits of Trusting God



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CONVERSATION GUIDE

Psalm 23 is a comforting passage, but most people don't understand its depth. David, shepherd-turned-king, likens God to a caring shepherd. It's no wonder that 1400 years later, Jesus, the long-awaited Messiah, will describe himself and his redemption efforts in such a tender and loving manner.

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THE SEED OF TRUST

Since the fateful Fall in the Garden of Eden, enemies of God have made it their ambition to cast doubt upon the trustworthiness of God. Is God withholding good things? Is God remiss in keeping promises? Is God abandoning his people? When times are tough, it may seem that God vanishes, but nothing can be further from the truth. Before we begin a series about trusting God, it's important that we know who God is, and frankly, why He's trustworthy.

SPRINGBOARD VERSE

Deuteronomy 32:4 ESV

"The Rock, his work is perfect, for all his ways are justice.

A God of faithfulness and without iniquity, just and upright is he."

QUESTIONS

- Let's start with basic definitions – What is trust? Trustworthiness? (According to Noah Webster's 1828 definition: Confidence; a reliance or resting of the mind on the integrity, veracity, justice, friendship or other sound principle of another person. The definition of WORTHY is Deserving; such as merits; having worth or excellence; equivalent; with of, before the thing deserved. She has married a man worthy of her.)
- In Lifeway's Explore the Bible Series, Dwayne McCrary identifies 3 reasons God is trustworthy. Let's explore each one and add to them! They are: He is able to save us; God, our heavenly king does not die; God's plans last.
- What do you say to the person who feels that they trusted God, but were let down? Is it merely a case of unmet expectations? Or is it about having the wrong expectations? Is it wrong to expect things from God?