

# CONFIDENT TRUST

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Do not throw away your confident trust in the Lord because what He spoke over your life will be fulfilled if you don't give up.

Hebrews 10:35-36 (AMP) – *“So do not throw away this confident trust in the Lord. Remember the great reward it brings you! Patient endurance is what you need now, so that you will continue to do God’s will. Then you will receive all that he has promised.”*

- *Endurance* – to be brave; the characteristic of someone unswerved from their deliberate purpose even by the greatest trials and sufferings

## FAITH

- Hebrews 11 is filled with testimonies of what happens when we live by FAITH
- Faith means divine persuasion.
- It is always received from God and never generated from us (Ephesians 2:8).
- Since faith comes from God, we must keep our eyes on Him instead of what is happening or not happening around us.
- Faith is a confidence that we shall receive the good things for which we hope and we enjoy the anticipation of these good things in our soul.

Hebrews 11:7 (TPT) – *“Faith opened Noah’s heart to receive revelation from God about what was coming, even things that had never been seen. But he stepped out in reverent obedience to God and built an ark that would save him and his family. By his faith the world was condemned, but Noah received God’s gift of righteousness that comes by believing.”*

- Faith is putting ourselves on the line.
- He trusted the Person who spoke the word; therefore He could trust the word.
- Noah’s faith grasped the unknown because he ultimately grasped the Lord.

Hebrews 11:1 (TPT) – *“Now faith brings our hopes into reality and becomes the foundation needed to acquire the things we long for. It is all the evidence required to prove what is still unseen.”*

Abraham received fulfillment of the promise of descendants when Isaac was born.

- God led Him to sacrifice Isaac.
- Abraham was willing because he knew the promise of God—*“Through your son Isaac your lineage will carry on your name”* (Hebrews 11:18 TPT).
- Verse 19 (TPT) – *“Abraham’s faith convinced him (made it logical to him) that God could raise Isaac from the dead...”*

### Heroes of Faith (Hebrews 11)

- Hebrews 11:13 (NIV) – the heroes of faith clung to their faith and some died without receiving the things promised—“they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance.”
- They had faith so a future generation could receive the blessing.
- Hebrews 11:34 (TPT) – *“In their weakness their faith imparted power to make them strong! Faith sparked courage within them and they became mighty warriors in battle, pulling armies from another realm into battle array.”*
- The Bible says they lived in hope.

### ***How do we not give up believing for fulfillment?***

#### REHEARSE THE FAITHFULNESS OF GOD

Psalm 89:1-2, 5-9 (NLT) – *“I will sing of the Lord’s unfailing love forever! Young and old will hear of your faithfulness. Your unfailing love will last forever. Your faithfulness is as enduring as the heavens. All heaven will praise your great wonders, Lord; myriads of angels will praise you for your faithfulness. For who in all of heaven can compare with the Lord? What mightiest angel is anything like the Lord? The highest angelic powers stand in awe of God. He is far more awesome than all who surround his throne. O Lord God of Heaven’s Armies! Where is there anyone as mighty as you, O Lord? You are entirely faithful.”*

Rehearsing – we can read about His faithfulness, but we have to rehearse it.

- We have to consistently rehearse the faithfulness of God so we know Him inside and out and can put our heart into the waiting process.

In the OT it was customary to set up some type of stone monument (memorial) at the site of God’s miraculous intervention.

- The monuments would serve as a testimony of the faithfulness of the Lord and to remind future generations about God’s ability to save and deliver.
- *Memorial* – to trigger your memory and rehearse it.

#### Joshua 4

- The Israelites were on their journey into the Promised Land. They approached the Jordan River (at flood stage).
- The Lord instructed them to take the Ark of the Covenant.
- The Lord parted the waters and the Israelites walked on a dry riverbed to the other side.
- When the Ark was removed from the river, the water began to flow again.

- When the Israelites had crossed the Jordan, the Lord told Joshua to have one man from each of the 12 tribes of Israel get a stone from the Jordan River to place as a stone monument so they never forget how the Lord rescued them.

Joshua 4:6-7 – *“We will use these stones to build a memorial. In the future your children will ask you, ‘What do these stones mean?’ Then you can tell them, ‘They remind us that the Jordan River stopped flowing when the Ark of the Lord’s Covenant went across.’ These stones will stand as a memorial among the people of Israel forever.”*

Proverbs 30:5 (NIV) – *“Every word of God is flawless...”*

- (AMP) – *“Every word of God is tried and purified...”*
- *tried and purified* – with no mixture of error—perfectly pure
- There is no flattery in what He says.
- *Flattery* - excessive and insincere praise, especially that given to further one's own interests.
- Psalm 12:6 (NLT) – *“The LORD's promises are pure, like silver refined in a furnace, purified seven times over.”*
- Jeremiah 15:16 (NIV) – *“When your words came, I ate them; they were my joy and my heart’s delight...”*

Matthew 4:4 - Jesus said, *“It is written: ‘Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.’”*

Hebrews 11:11 (TPT) – *“Sarah’s faith embraced the miracle power to conceive even though she was barren and was past the age of childbearing, for the authority of her faith rested in the One who made the promise, and she tapped into his faithfulness.”*

- Notice it doesn’t say the authority of her faith rested in the promise or in what she wanted, but in the One and His faithfulness.
- She initially laughed at the impossible—the unforeseen, but her unbelief was overcome by faith in the One.
- Sarah judged the Lord as faithful and therefore trusted Him and became expectant—in her heart and in her womb.

The Psalmists knew how to rehearse God’s faithfulness

- David pulled out the big gun memory of the Red Sea miracle when he needed to be reminded.
- Psalm 73:16 (NIV) – Asaph was overwhelmed with how the wicked prospered then he said, *“When I tried to understand all this, it troubled me deeply till I entered the sanctuary of God; then I understood their final destiny.”*
- Cynthia and Lovelin Bevin (Joshua/Aaron) (2 SLIDES)

## HOLD ON AND DON'T GIVE UP!

### David's Mighty Men (2 Samuel 23)

- Eleazar was with the men of Israel as they taunted the Philistines. The Israel men retreated, but Eleazar *“stood his ground and struck down the Philistines till his hand grew tired and froze to the sword. The Lord brought about a great victory that day.”*
- *“When the Philistines banded together at a place where there was a field full of lentils, Israel’s troops fled from them. But Shammah took his stand in the middle of the field. He defended it and struck the Philistines down, and the Lord brought about a great victory.”*

### Don't let go of the promise!

- Sarah rested in the One, not what she saw with her eyes (barrenness) and this gave her the ability to have faith

Isaiah 35:2-4 (NIV) – *“Strengthen the feeble hands, steady the knees that give way; say to those with fearful hearts, “Be strong, do not fear: your God will come, he will come with vengeance; with divine retribution he will come to save you.”*

- *Strengthen hands* – so you can continue to hold on to something
- *Steady the knees* – the firmness to keep your ground and not be dislodged