

TRUST

5-DAY DEVOTIONAL

Day 1

*Trust in the LORD with all your heart,
And lean not on your own understanding;*

Proverbs 3:5, NKJV

Trust

I am taking care of you. Trust Me at all times. Trust Me in all circumstances. Trust Me with all your heart. When you are weary and everything seems to be going wrong, you can still utter these four words: “I trust You, Jesus.” By doing so, you release matters into My control, and you fall back into the security of My everlasting arms. Before you arise from your bed in the morning, I have already arranged the events of your day. Every day provides many opportunities for you to learn My ways

and grow closer to Me. Signs of My Presence brighten even the dullest day when you have eyes that really see. Search for Me as for hidden treasure. I will be found by you.

—SARAH YOUNG

Taken from *Jesus Calling Devotional Bible*.

Day 2

Then they journeyed from Mount Hor by the Way of the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; and the soul of the people became very discouraged on the way. And the people spoke against God and against Moses: “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and our soul loathes this worthless bread.” So the Lord sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people; and many of the people of Israel died.

Therefore the people came to Moses, and said, “We have sinned, for we have spoken against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord that He take away the serpents from us.” So Moses prayed for the people.

Then the Lord said to Moses, “Make a fiery serpent, and set it on a pole; and it shall be that everyone who is bitten, when he looks at it, shall live.” So Moses made a bronze serpent, and put it on a pole; and so it was, if a serpent had bitten anyone, when he looked at the bronze serpent, he lived.

Numbers 21:4-9, NKJV

Healing

I do not like snakes! I cringe in horror just thinking about a multitude of snakes writhing throughout the Israelite camp. Why was this happening?

These serpents were sent by God to chastise His ungrateful, angry children for their lack of trust in Him. Life was just not being lived on their terms.

Enter the snakes—God’s judgment for their sin. Judgment, though, that was tempered by love and mercy and alert to cries for help. As the people repented, God provided deliverance in the form of a bronze snake set on a pole. All that was needed to live was to look at the serpent in faith.

Does this passage of scripture have a ring of familiarity to it? Jesus refers to this incident while talking to Nicodemus in John 3:14, 15. He explains that just as the serpent was lifted up, so the Son of Man will be lifted up, and whoever believes in Him will not perish.

The good news about snakes? The old Serpent, the devil, and all his fiery messengers were defeated at the Cross.

—CYNTHIA HEALD

Taken from *Women of Faith Devotional Bible*.

Day 3

*He will feed His flock like a shepherd;
He will gather the lambs with His arm,
And carry them in His bosom,
And gently lead those who are with young.*

Isaiah 40:11, NKJV

Trust In a Sovereign God

How do you respond when tragedy strikes your family? I had to grapple with that question when our thirteen-year-old son Samuel was diagnosed with a rare neurological disorder that took away his ability to run. Barbara and I grieved for our son and his loss. It's in these moments that what you truly know about God will determine how you process circumstances that make no sense. At various points in our lives we will likely face difficult experiences that leave us with thorny questions, questions that remain unanswered.

Why would God allow a child we know to be sexually molested?

Why do so many couples who desperately want children, find themselves infertile?

Why do some spouses who have every reason to remain faithful, suddenly abandon their families?

Why would God seemingly take a good young person to heaven and leave an evil old person here?

While Scripture rarely provides simple answers to such questions, it does invite us to trust the God who in the midst of adversity promises to be our Great Shepherd, gathering us in His arms and carrying us close to His heart (40:11). When the Bible asserts that God is in control, it invites us to believe that evil does not have the last word. A loving, sovereign God can be trusted to overwhelm present evils. In our own situation, a hint of how God is using adversity to mold our character came one evening when Samuel and I were driving home from the grocery store. As we talked about his limitations, Samuel turned from gazing out the window, looked at me, and said resolutely, "Well, Dad, I guess you don't need legs to serve God."

The Scriptures never promise that Christians will be kept from adversity. But God does promise to provide grace to face the challenges and to use trials to make us more like Jesus Christ.

Taken from *FamilyLife Marriage Bible*.

Day 4

I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, the First and the Last.

Revelation 22:13, NKJV

Assurance

In a world of unrelenting changes, I am the One who never changes. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End. Find in Me the stability for which you have yearned.

I created a beautifully ordered world: one that reflected My perfection. Now, however, the world is under the bondage of sin and evil. Every person on the planet

faces gaping jaws of uncertainty. The only antidote to this poisonous threat is drawing closer to Me. In My Presence you can face uncertainty with perfect Peace.

—SARAH YOUNG

Taken from *Jesus Calling Devotional Bible*.

Day 5

*Though He slay me, yet will I trust Him.
Even so, I will defend my own ways before Him.*

Job 13:15

Choosing to Trust

Job was a good and righteous man who walked in the ways of the Lord. In fact, his righteousness prompted God to say of him, “There is none like him on the earth” (Job 1:8). God blessed Job for his righteousness and so Job earned the title, “the greatest of all the people of the East” (Job 1:3).

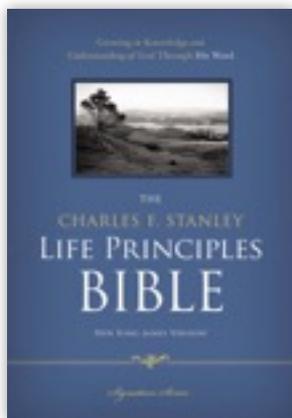
Yet Job endured unspeakable suffering. Though he had done nothing wrong, he lost everything – his family, his wealth, his reputation, even his health. If that weren’t enough, his wife and his friends offered him no real comfort. Job’s friends told him that he had suffered because of some hidden sin in his life.

Job is a stark biblical example of a fact we need to understand: Even those who are right before God suffer adversity. Will we allow the suffering to tear down our faith or build it up? These are our only choices.

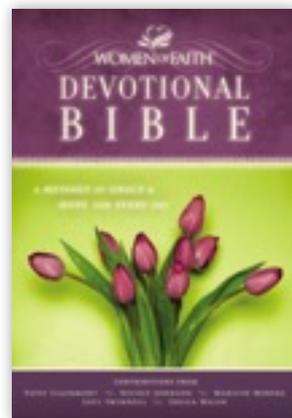
In Job 13:15, Job said, “Though He slay me, yet will I trust Him.” Job chose to place his complete faith in God, his Redeemer, throughout all of his difficult circumstances (see Job 19:25,26).

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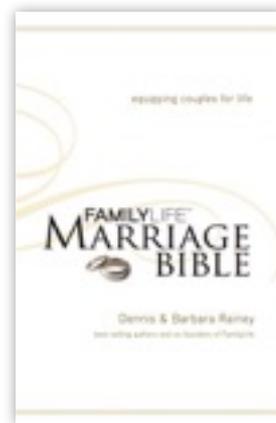
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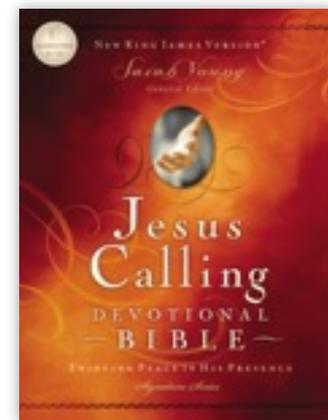
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