

# CAN WILL I TRUST GOD?

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Christ in Many Ways  
to Many People

Jeremiah 17:7-8 NLT – “But blessed are those who trust in the Lord and have made the Lord their hope and confidence. 8 They are like trees planted along a riverbank, with roots that reach deep into the water. Such trees are not bothered by the heat or worried by long months of drought. Their leaves stay green, and they never stop producing fruit.

If you don't place your trust in God, you place your trust in yourself, others, or your stuff.

Jeremiah 17:5-6 NLT – This is what the Lord says: “Cursed are those who put their trust in mere humans, who rely on human strength and turn their hearts away from the Lord. 6 They are like stunted shrubs in the desert, with no hope for the future. They will live in the barren wilderness, in an uninhabited salty land.

## 1) In order to trust God, you need to grow your knowledge of God.

In difficult moments, we don't ask “Who is God?” but “Where is God?”

Exodus 34:5-6 ESV – The Lord descended in the cloud and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name of the Lord. 6 The Lord passed before him and proclaimed, “The Lord, the Lord, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness,

Who is God when times are difficult? Who is God in times of waiting?

He is the God of all grace. Grace is giving me what I do not deserve.

He is the God of mercy. Mercy is not giving me what I do deserve.

Ephesians 2:4-5 NKJV – But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, 5 even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved),

He is the God who is slow to anger.

Typically, the more hurt someone's heart is, the angrier they are in their everyday behavior.

Genesis 6:6 NLT – So the Lord was sorry he had ever made them and put them on the earth. It broke his heart.

He is the faithful God.

1 Peter 4:19 ESV

2 Timothy 2:13 ESV – if we are faithless, he remains faithful—for he cannot deny himself.

“Craig, I don't love you because of you or because of what you do; I love you because I love you.”

## 2) In order to trust God, you need to grow your awe of God.

Psalms 33:8 ESV – Let all the earth fear the Lord; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him!

The Fear of God = it is not being scared of God; it is being overwhelmed by God.

### So how do we grow our awe of God?

#### Grow your awe by meditating on His scope.

Isaiah 40:26 NLT

Isaiah 40:22 NLT

Isaiah 40:12 NLT

Isaiah 40:15 NLT

Isaiah 41:13 NLT – For I hold you by your right hand—I, the Lord your God. And I say to you, “Don't be afraid. I am here to help you.”

#### Grow your awe by meditating on His deeds.

Psalms 66:3 NLT – Say to God, “How awesome are your deeds! Your enemies cringe before your mighty power.”

#### Grow your awe by meditating on His love.

Romans 8:35-39 NLT

**WELCOME! OUR STRATEGY AT DPC: GATHER (GATHERINGS),  
GROUP (CONNECT GROUPS), GROW (GROWTH PHASES),  
GIVE (GIVING/GIFTING TEAMS), GO (OUTREACH)**

**SUNDAYS IN DECEMBER- 9A + 11A -THE WAITING ROOM  
AN ADVENT SERIES**

As painful as it is for all of us, the truth of life is that we spend a lot of time waiting. Waiting to get married. Waiting for the birth of a child. Waiting for Christmas morning to come. For many, Christmas means overstuffed schedules, credit card debt, and skyrocketing stress. We struggle to find the connection between our holiday to-do lists and the story of Jesus' birth. Those who were originally waiting for the birth of the Messiah waited for centuries. This month we are going to examine the struggle and beauty of the wait. In fact, it's often where God does His very best work!

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24- 3P + 4:30P - CHRISTMAS EVE  
CANDLELIGHT GATHERING**

Join us for a full hour of anointed praise and worship, Christmas carols, communion, and a short message as we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ! Experience the breathtaking sight of a sanctuary full of candles. This is a gathering you don't want to miss!

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17 - FALL 2023 CONNECT GROUPS**

Connect Groups meet all over the community this day! We would love for you to get plugged into a group and experience transformation through genuine relationships with other believers. Visit the Next Steps table for more information!

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 11 - 7P - 9P - LAUNCH OF OUR  
WINTER SESSION OF GROWTH PHASES**

Sign up now at the Next Steps table to join us for our Winter Session of Growth Phases. We can't wait to see all the Lord will do in your life this session!

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SERVE IN THE COMING WEEKS.**

If you have questions, please stop by the Next Steps table in the foyer, or look for a team member. If we can help you in any way, please email us at [dwellingplacemovement@gmail.com](mailto:dwellingplacemovement@gmail.com)