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*He rescued me because He delighted in me. Ps 18:19b*

**THIS MONTH'S MEDITATION SCRIPTURE: *And He said, "Come!" And Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water, and came toward Jesus. Matt 14:29***

### **Trusting God Means Taking a Risk**

According to StillFaith.com, there are over 150 Bible verses about trusting God. I don't recall any of them where God says the words, "I command you to trust Me." He just says it matter-of-factly. But it is an instruction to us, His sons and daughters, so that we might live the abundant life He has chosen for us.

But if you're anything like me, trusting doesn't come easy, because it means that I have to give up some of my control of something to someone other than myself. If I am trusting only myself, I can take credit when things go well; and if things don't go well, I can take full responsibility. But the fact is, I'm not always trustworthy. I don't always make the best decisions. But there is One who is always trustworthy, and because He is all-knowing with all wisdom, He does make the best decisions.

When we are children, we instinctively trust our parents and care-givers because we are incapable of caring for ourselves. As we get older, though, our trust in those others can be broken. Promises not kept, feeling we were let down, suffering some kind of violation by physical, emotion, verbal or sexual abuse, can cause our trust to be breached and once that happens it is very difficult to ever trust them again. Rebuilding trust has to be worked from both sides, and may take a good deal of time to accomplish. The one who broke the trust must work to prove himself/herself trustworthy again, while the one whose trust was broken must take the risk of being hurt again in a repeated violation, or multiple ones.

God isn't like we are. He is completely trustworthy, and with Him there is no risk. For us, though, if our trust has been violated by those we know and love, it makes it harder to trust God. Having had our trust violated makes us want to remain in control of our lives. But if we're ever going to have an intimate relationship with our heavenly Father, we must surrender control of our own lives and the lives for whom we give care, and learn to allow Him to move us and guide us as He pleases; especially if we are going to be effective for His kingdom on earth.

Twelve years ago, I wrote, “Our trust in God is daily, sometimes hour-by-hour, and even moment-by-moment. If our lives are truly committed to His plan and purposes for us and we are committed to giving over control to Him, then our survival as His sons and daughters depends on our choosing to entrust our souls, spouses, children, families, homes, careers, possessions, our very lives, to Him.” That is surrender, and surrendering is what our risk is all about.

### [Responses From You](#)

From a dear, dear friend in England: Hi Daniel. Great word, my friend, and thank you for your faithful service over the years. Oh that I could spend some time with you and Fran. Big hugs all round.

From a pastor friend who for decades has held me responsible for the weather in his town: While Daniel you didn't mention the number of years you've been involved in meteorology; I must say it's a beautiful day outside today! I rejoice with you Daniel over the many years God has shown His steadfast love and faithfulness in your life—in ministry within your home as well as ministry beyond it! Of that steadfast love and faithfulness, the Scriptures tell us they are from of old and that they are from everlasting to everlasting. In other words, you are in Good Hands brother no matter how many days our Lord has assigned to you. May there be many many more!

From a local brother in Christ: Hi Daniel, Contentment seems to be an issue where much of America struggles. The Lord told me to be thankful for what I've been given and not worry about things I don't have. Regarding obedience and surrender to His will, I'm reminded that I will give account for myself, and nobody else. That has changed how I see others. On a personal note- I've been working with men getting out of prison for most of the past year now. Freedom Lake and The Prisoners Hope are the 2 ministries. The Lord led me there so I don't know what the future holds, but I will walk that out. I enjoy Bible study with the men right now. The harvest field there is huge. I didn't realize you have a few yrs on me, I will be 64 this Fall. The Lord has blessed both J and me with pretty good health. I'm thankful for that. Like you, I will press on for the rest of my days and do what I can to make some kind of difference in this fallen world. I hope He continues to use you for many more years.

From a co-ministry leader in GA: Daniel, this was an inspiring and empowering Newsletter. Thank you for sharing. I pray you, your family and those in your area haven't been impacted by the devastation of that flooding. I'm praying for all those who have been. God bless you abundantly my friend and ministry partner.

From one of my BFFs: Great words for life. Keep those long-distance running/walking shoes fresh. As a brother in Christ for 49yrs, I'm whole-heartedly convinced we're not done yet (learning how to follow Him) until our last breath.

From a brother in CA: Press on pilgrim.

### [Upcoming Ministry Meetings](#)

Overcomers Group: Thurs, Sep 1, 2022; Thurs, Sep 15, 2022; Thurs, Sep 29, 2022

Family & Friends Group: Tues, Sep 6, 2022; Tues, Sep 20, 2022

### [Upcoming Ministry Events](#)

Washington, D.C., September 18-22, 2022

Transformation Ministries Alliance: Luncheon @ Buckheads, Atlanta, GA Friday, 10/28/22, 11:30am Further details to follow

Freedom March: Atlanta, GA, Saturday, 10/29/22 Further details to follow

### [Ongoing Prayer Requests](#)

New Participants for Overcomers Group and new online lay-counselors • New members for our Family & Friends Group (especially wives) • Ministry Finances • Open doors to churches, so pastor and staff can be effectively equipped • Those currently being served by Abba's Delight ministry, both Overcomers and Family & Friends • Continued freedom to operate ministry in Kentucky • Smooth establishment of new network, Transformation Ministries Alliance  
New male board member for Abba's Delight

If you do not wish to receive the Abba's Delight Ministry Newsletter any longer, please let me know. If you do wish to continue to receive it, please be certain to put our email address in your address book, so that this mailing does not go to your spam, and report to your carrier. Thank you.

***Now unto Him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to make you stand in the presence of His glory blameless with great joy, to the only God our Savior through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion and authority before all time and now and forever. Amen. Jude 24-25***