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Trusting God
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In this teaching of learning to put our trust in God, we were reminded of the scriptures in Malachi, of God telling the Jews to bring all the tithe into His storehouse and that He would bless them and open the windows of heaven up for them. Learning to trust in God and His word, to prove Him is the lesson that is shared here. In order to put faith into action we must have corresponding actions.

Mal 3:10-11 "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it. 11 And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the Lord of hosts." KJV

Trust is earned, it is something that grows and because we trust God we have faith in Him. Faith is always released out of our mouth, we see it on the inside of us, we see it done and talk about it like it is already done.

We can all be great starters, but sometimes we fail to finish. Jesus and Paul teaches us the importance of finishing, that it is easier to start than to finish, but finishing teaches us different things, having endurance, learning how to overcome counter attacks, obstacles that may arise, may look like it is not working, but if we will hold on, God will come through for us. Favor and increase will follow us around.

2 Tim 3:1 "But understand this, that in the last days will come (set in) perilous times of great stress *and* trouble [hard to deal with and hard to bear]." AMP

Paul teaches that there will be times of stress, but that there is a place in Jesus as we grow in our faith and trust in Him, there is a place of safety and peace. There are challenging times but as we learn to stay in Jesus we will have the safety and peace that we need. It is like being in a storm at sea regardless of what is going on around us, if we stay in Him, the storm will not get into us, it is like water getting into a ship, it will not sink unless the water gets in. All the turmoil and agitation that is in the world will not bring us down unless it gets on the inside of us and if it does it will bring us down.

John 14:1 "Do not let your hearts be troubled (distressed, agitated). You believe in *and* adhere to *and* trust in *and* rely on God; believe in *and* adhere to *and* trust in *and* rely also on Me." AMP

We are the doorkeepers of our hearts, keeping our hearts clean, free from distress and agitation, rely and trust in the Lord. Jesus is saying to learn to trust Him. If we trust someone we learn to rely on, having confidence in them, depending on them and trusting in them. Many believers do not trust Jesus, they haven't learned who He is. If they are trusting Him, they will have no worries or cares, they know that they can fully trust, rely and depend on Him.

1 Pet 5:7 "*Casting all your *care upon him; for he careth for you." KJV

* care means to be drawn in different directions, it is a concern that weighs down our minds,

being oppressed in our minds, it will pull us away from the answer.

* cast means a decisive action, deliberate, stretched out, being trained without thinking about it, a part of you

Our responsibility in trusting God, how do we trust Him? Because we trust Him, we have faith in Him that He will do what He says that He will do and we begin to talk like that, we have the same spirit of faith.

2 Cor 4:13 "We having the same spirit of faith, according as it is written, I believed, and therefore have I spoken; we also believe, and therefore speak;" KJV

Fear will sometimes displace trust in our ability to feeling secure. In learning to trust we have to deal with fear. Fear will rob us in trusting God, we will miss out on the blessings of God. Trust is a learned process.

Matt 11:28-32 "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." KJV

Matt 11:28-32 "Come to Me, all you who *labor and are heavy-laden and overburdened, and I will cause you to rest. [I will ease and relieve and refresh your souls.] 29 Take My yoke upon you and learn of Me, for I am gentle (meek) and humble (lowly) in heart, and you will find rest (relief and ease and refreshment and recreation and blessed quiet) for your souls. 30 For My *yoke is wholesome (useful, good—not harsh, hard, sharp, or pressing, but comfortable, gracious, and pleasant), and My burden is light *and* easy to be borne." AMP

How we handle life determines how life handles us. If we are going to be champions or winners in any area of life, we will have to have short memories regarding missing the mark or having failures in our past. We get more than one chance. Don't let the cares of life pull us down, give them to Jesus and He will give rest, take His ways and learn of Him. God's ways are not hard, they are easy if we are not trying to do them in our own strength, but we must learn the ways of Jesus. When we learn of someone that they can be trusted it makes life easier for us. Casting our cares on Jesus is something that we should do without thinking about, a part of us that just does it, like a muscle memory.

* labor means it is a toil resulting in weariness and fatigue, being weighted down on the inside with problems, being overloaded

*yoke is being coupled together

Phil 4:6-7 "Don't fret or worry. Instead of worrying, pray. Let petitions and praises shape your worries into prayers, letting God know your concerns. Before you know it, a sense of God's wholeness, everything coming together for good, will come and settle you down. It's wonderful what happens when Christ displaces worry at the center of your life." MESSAGE

A spiritual memory cast upon Jesus is a decision action, but we cannot take back the cares, don't pick them up again. Begin to thank God for the answer to the cares that we have had, that we have cast over on Him. The greater knowledge that we get of God, will enable us to have greater faith in what God is saying. We can continue to have hope which is good for without hope we have no reason to live, developing trust enables us to have faith.

Jesus encouraged Martha to not worry or fret about things that were taking place, she did have responsibility for those at her home, but she had not learned to trust the Lord and cast her cares and worry on the Lord. Her sister Mary had learned how to receive the things that Jesus were

teaching. Martha's care had pulled her in a different direction over nothing. She didn't realize what she was missing out on, from hearing and being taught. Mary had chosen the best part. A choice had been made, we must make a choice as to what we are going to do, are we going to cast our cares or keep them with us.

Luke 10:38-42 "Now it came to pass, as they went, that he entered into a certain village: and a certain woman named Martha received him into her house. 39 And she had a sister called Mary, which also sat at Jesus' feet, and heard his word. 40 But Martha was cumbered about much serving, and came to him, and said, Lord, dost thou not care that my sister hath left me to serve alone? bid her therefore that she help me. 41 And Jesus answered and said unto her, Martha, Martha, thou art careful and troubled about many things: 42 But one thing is needful: and Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her." KJV

Luke 10:38-42 "As they continued their travel, Jesus entered a village. A woman by the name of Martha welcomed him and made him feel quite at home. She had a sister, Mary, who sat before the Master, hanging on every word he said. But Martha was pulled away by all she had to do in the kitchen. Later, she stepped in, interrupting them. "Master, don't you care that my sister has abandoned the kitchen to me? Tell her to lend me a hand." The Master said, "Martha, dear Martha, you're fussing far too much and getting yourself worked up over nothing. One thing only is essential, and Mary has chosen it—it's the main course, and won't be taken from her.""
MESSAGE

There were examples given of people who had to learn about trusting the Lord, regardless of what the situation was, some needed healing, others were needing salvation for loved ones. They had to learn to trust the Lord, cast their cares and worries onto Him, making that choice that would change their lives. There can be no faith without trust of God working in our lives, begin to give thanksgiving for the answers. Just relax in the Lord and see what He will do.