

## “Trusting God In Uncertain Times”

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We are living in very volatile times and the things that gave people confidence, stability and security have been shaken to the core. Our banner of confidence in our government’s democratic process has been the envy of other nations... today it has faltered. The greed of a few has outweighed the needs of the many. We have seen our society behave with such disregard for the truth, justice and holding each other accountable for their actions.

Today, our greed and waste has caused people to live as though our natural resources are limitless. People by the thousands are crossing our borders to escape the cruelty of leaders, corrupt political governments and systems. There’s a lack of personal safety and freedom in our cities and communities. Respect for other people, property and possessions, in the land of the free and the home of the brave, have ceased to be esteemed in our nation. Our sin of rejecting the wisdom of God has made us a disgrace to other nations. We profess that in God we trust on our currency and the reality is that we trust in the lies of men rather than the Truth of God’s word.

**Proverbs 13:16-17 RSV 16** *In everything a prudent man acts with knowledge, but a fool flaunts his folly. 17 A bad messenger plunges men into trouble, but a faithful envoy brings healing.*

We standby witnessing the destruction around the world of nations against nations. We take pride in being from America with a sense of false security as Western Christians. The time of the Lord’s return is at hand and the enemy is unleashing his arsenal to distract us from our purpose of being a witness for Jesus Christ.

**Everything that can be shaken** is being shaken from nature, people, places, governments, sea and sky. All signs are pointing to the Lord’s Return and technology is demanding our allegiance.... Update! Update! Update!

**Paul in Romans 8 shares** several powerful statements of blessings that we receive in our relationship with Jesus Christ which anchors our faith and trust: Verses **1)** *There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. 28)* *And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according*

to His purpose. **32)** *He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how will He not also with Him freely give us all things?*

**In These Uncertain Times let us be assured and convinced of the power of God's Word which has stood and will stand the test of time.** As a witness for Jesus Christ, throughout Paul's trials and tribulations, he was convinced of God's faithfulness.

**Romans 8:38-39 NKJV 38** *For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come,*

What is God doing in your life that helps you to be persuaded that whether you live or die, it will be well with your soul? If you had to face grievous hardships, do you have the kind of relationship with the Lord to endure to the end?

Life happens, the unimaginable occurs, a sudden storm comes to test your core beliefs.... Will you continue to look to Jesus as the Way, the Truth and the Life?

**Verse 39** *Nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing (AI), shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

If your gift elevated you to great honor and esteem among men, will you continue in earnest your relationship with Christ? If you acquired sudden wealth overnight, would you continue to humbly serve the Lord and provide for the needs of others?

**I Corinthians 1:9 NKJV 9** *God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Knowing that God has been faithful to you throughout your life, how does that inspire you to share His love to others? Are you praying for the Lord to use you to share your faith with others?

**Hebrews 10:23-25 NKJV 23** *Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful.*

If God doesn't answer your prayers the way that you desire and more challenges arise, will you stop trusting Him and devise a plan? What if your

circumstances appeared to be worse, are you willing to encourage others who are witnessing your dilemma?

**Verse 24** *And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works,*

Never forget that we all come from broken families who are in desperate need of God's love, grace, forgiveness and acceptance. Will you resist the temptation of judging one another because they don't measure up to your standards? Even if you haven't overcome certain flaws in your life will you be an encourager to others who may have glaring faults in your eyes?

**Verse 25** *not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.*

Growing your faith requires the discipline of mind, body and spirit. God gives us the opportunity to retreat from a hostile environment and come together to pray, encourage, share, bless and refresh each other. Will you resist the Tempter **IN HIS ATTEMPTS...** to isolate you? When others tell you that attending worship services isn't necessary to worship God... agree with them and gather with other worshippers!

As you Observe the signs of the times, will you be applying more effort to be a witness for Jesus Christ? In the power of the Holy Spirit, you can help people experience His love and grace.

#### **APPLICATIONS:**

Trusting in others has its limitations but trusting in God is living without limits.

Confidence comes with trusting and experiencing the truth of God's Infallible Word.