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“Trust or Bust”

**“Blessed is the man who makes the LORD his trust, who does not turn to the proud to those who go astray after a lie!”
(Psalm 40:4)**

Transformative Trust

Isaiah 26:3-5 – ³ “You keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on you, because he trusts in you. ⁴ Trust in the LORD forever, for the LORD GOD is an everlasting rock. ⁵ For he has humbled the inhabitants of the height, the lofty city. He lays it low, lays it low to the ground, casts it to the dust.”

Psalm 16:8-11 – ⁸ “I have set the LORD always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken. ⁹ Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure. ¹⁰ For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let your holy one see corruption. ¹¹ You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.”

Transition from Faith to Trust Failure

Numbers 13:30, 14:6-9 – ³⁰ “But Caleb quieted the people before Moses and said, ‘Let us go up at once and occupy it, for we are well able to overcome it.’ ⁶ And Joshua the son of Nun and Caleb the son of Jephunneh, who were among those who had spied out the land, tore their clothes ⁷ and said to all the congregation of the people of Israel, ‘The land, which we passed through to spy it out, is an exceedingly good land. ⁸ If the LORD delights in us, he will bring us into this land and give it to us, a land that flows with milk and honey. ⁹ Only do not rebel against the LORD. And do not fear the people of the land, for they are bread for us. Their protection is removed from them, and the LORD is with us; do not fear them.’”

Potential Violations of Trust:

(1) “Powerful” People

Psalm 146:3-4 – ³ “Don’t put your confidence in powerful people; there is no help for you there. ⁴ When they breathe their last, they return to the earth, and all their plans die with them.” (NLT)

Isaiah 2:22 – “Don’t put your trust in mere humans. They are as frail as breath. What good are they?” (NLT)

(2) Our “Brilliant” Ideas & Schemes

Proverbs 28:26 – “Those who trust their own insight are foolish, but anyone who walks in wisdom is safe.” (NLT)

Psalm 20:7-8 – ⁷ “Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the LORD our God. ⁸ They collapse and fall, but we rise and stand upright.”

Isaiah 50:10-11 – ¹⁰ “Who among you fears the LORD and obeys his servant? If you are walking in darkness, without a ray of light, trust in the LORD and rely on your God. ¹¹ But watch out, you who live in your own light and warm yourselves by your own fires. This is the reward you will receive from me: You will soon fall down in great torment.” (NLT)

(3) Financial “Security”

Proverbs 18:10-11 – ¹⁰ “The name of the LORD is a strong tower; the righteous man runs into it and is safe. ¹¹ A rich man's wealth is his strong city, and like a high wall in his imagination.”

Psalm 52:6-8 – ⁶ “The righteous shall see and fear, and shall laugh at him, saying, ⁷ ‘See the man who would not make God his refuge, but trusted in the abundance of his riches and sought refuge in his own destruction!’ ⁸ But I am like a green olive tree in the house of God. I trust in the steadfast love of God forever and ever.”

Job 31:24-28 – ²⁴ “If I have made gold my trust or called fine gold my confidence, ²⁵ if I have rejoiced because my wealth was abundant or because my hand had found much, ²⁶ if I have looked at the sun when it shone, or the moon moving in splendor, ²⁷ and my heart has been secretly enticed, and my mouth has kissed my hand, ²⁸ this also would be an iniquity to be punished by the judges, for I would have been false to God above.”