


Confidence in the Lord


As I sit here at my desk this morning I have meditated for some time about the many experiences in life I have faced. Experience is a great teacher if we would only pay attention. One of my favorite past times is watching people. I love to try and analyze people to better understand human nature and why people do the things they do. I have come to realize that I haven't seen it all, and people still amaze me by the things they do and say.

One of the biggest things I have observed about others, myself included, is that people are slow to trust. Trust is an interesting word. The American Heritage Dictionary gives several meanings, of which I will share two that fit what I am talking about: 1. Firm reliance on the integrity or



JUST A THOUGHT

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ability of a person or thing. 4a. the condition and obligation of having confidence placed in one. There are other applica-

ble definitions for trust listed, but these two work best. Where do you put your trust? Where do you put your confidence? Trust is one of the most difficult things we will ever do because it seems that it is against our human nature. Have you ever wondered why it is so easy to not trust? Why we don't put confidence in people or things? There are many good answers to these questions. We fail to trust because of past experiences such as others betraying us and doing us wrong. What do you think the solution to this problem is?

As a believer in Jesus Christ it is easy for me to put my trust and confidence in Him. The answer to each and every issue we face in life is found in God's Word. The Psalms give great insight into this

issue of trust. David is the human author of Psalm 20. It only consists of nine short verses, but it has a lot to say. As David is praying in this psalm, he is asking God to lead him and answer his requests. Verse seven gives us the true heart of the psalm when it tells us, "Some trust in chariots, and some in horses; but we will remember the name of the Lord our God." We know that David put his confidence in God and God alone. In this psalm David suggests several thoughts:

1. May the Lord respond to your cry (Verses 1 & 9). It is assuring to know that the Lord hears us when we pray, and it is a blessing when He responds.

2. May the Lord keep you safe (Verse 1). We should never lose sight of the promises of God when

it comes to His children. Jesus told His disciples in Matthew 28:20, "I will never leave you nor forsake you, I am with you, even to the end of the world." He is our Great Protector.

3. May the Lord send you help and strengthen you (Verse 2). Paul told Timothy, "Be strong in the power of His might" (II Timothy 2:12). We can't go it alone, we must put our confidence in God for the strength we need.

4. May the Lord look favorably on your offerings (Verse 3). As we give our time, talents, and treasure, we know we are being pleasing to God.

5. May the Lord grant your heart's desire (Verse 4). We are told in Philippians 4:19 that our Heavenly Father will supply all of our needs, but I am persuaded that He is also inter-

Psalm 20

ested in our wants. He loves His children.

6. May we shout for joy over the victory (Verse 5). As a believer, I am no longer a slave to sin. We are new creatures (II Corinthians 5:17) because we are now His creation.

7. May the Lord answer all your prayers (Verse 5). Luke 18:1 tells us "Men ought always to pray, and not faint." If we are going to spend time praying, let's have the confidence that He is listening and really cares for us.

The reassurance we see through these seven thoughts is that David did put his confidence in the Lord (Verses 6-8). My prayer for all of us is that we will put our confidence in our Heavenly Father alone. People will undoubtedly let us down, but the Lord never will.

Weekly Schedule

Schedule March 18-25

Thursday, March 18

10 a.m. – Quilters Hall of Fame Exhibit, Quilters Hall of Fame, 926 South Washington Street, Marion.

Florida Quilt Study Group: Antique Quilt Block Challenge. The challenge was to take an antique block and incorporate it into a small quilt measuring 24"x24". Artists were allowed to use the block whole, cut it up,



or dismantle it. They could add vintage or new fabrics; whatever it took to create a quilt of their own design and creativity. Admission \$4, \$3 for seniors and students, \$1 for children ages 6-12,

and free for children under 6 years of age. Tuesday – Saturday.

Friday, March 19

6 pm – Third Fridays at The Kingdom, Join us for the Fusion Arts Alliance Artist Mixer on the third Friday of each month. This is an immersive experience for FAA members, art supporters and the creative community who would like to unwind, share meaningful conversations and chill

out. Each month we will feature arts, live music, jam sessions, art exhibits, artist talks, acoustic sessions, book launches, photography, painting sessions, table talks, karaoke, spoken poetry, dining,

cocktails, drinks, games, merchandise, and good times with your friends.

Thursday, March 25

7 pm – Live Music at Sender Café, Sender Café of Marion, 100 S. Washington St., Marion. Live

music in our intimate, smoke-free setting. No admission charge. Enjoy great music from Keith Rea. Bring in your canned goods all month long - we'll attempt to create a 'can-struction' sculpture.

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