

Trust In. Build On. Abide In.

TRUST IN

Isaiah 26

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.

- Trusting in The Lord is a truly wonderful way to live. Every weight and care given to Jesus.
- Perfect peace. Liberty. Joy. Rejoicing. Looking to others. The Lord keeps him! Hallelujah!
- Choose to enjoy Christ or endure Christianity. The alternative is frustration, anxiety, lust and shame. It's sin!

Faith is a choice. You can choose right now to believe, repent and then rejoice! Or you can choose to keep carrying and living under the weight of your own cares, fears, sin and shame.

BUILD ON

Matthew 7

24 "Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock.

25 And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock.

26 And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand.

27 And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it."

- There was a wise man. There was a foolish man. Each man was responsible for the choice of his foundation. Each built a house.
- It was through the storm that the foundation was proved. What they had built upon became evident. The foundation/truth was exposed.
- What are you building on? What will be seen when the rain falls, and the floods come, and the winds blow and beat against your house?
- What is exposed in the 'little storms'? True trust, true surrender leaves ALL to The Lord. You can't hurt a dead man.

It is possible to change your foundation. Hallelujah!
Day by day, one day at a time, may we be careful to make Jesus and His Word the foundation for our understanding and actions.

ABIDE IN

John 15

1 "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser.

2 Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit.

3 Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you.

4 Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me.

5 I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.

6 If anyone does not abide in me, he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned.

- A wonderful invitation to live in the presence of God! To enter and to STAY! Hallelujah!
- In His presence is joy unspeakable full of glory and pleasures for evermore! Troubles vanish, hearts are mended. No enemy can enter there.
- Let's be careful not to take the invitation for granted and let it be fresh to us again...

Matthew 6

6 But you, when you pray, go into your room, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly.

- There is the invitation to enter and the responsibility to abide. It is an exhortation to heed, a command to obey. Just like in Luke 9.

Luke 9

23 And he said to them all, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me.

- This is the daily fight. The battle for the secret place of The Most High. It is a daily choice. Paul said he died daily.
- A life that trusts in Jesus, is built on His Word and abides in His presence is a life of victory, blessing, Joy and loving service... It is a life that has access to all things that pertain unto Life and godliness. It is so wonderful to trust! Hallelujah!
- We are either in His presence, following Him, enjoying Jesus abundant life; or we leave His secret place, follow our own desire and lean on our own understanding.
- The consequences are existential! Life and death!
- Where are you tonight? What reality are you living in?

There is an invitation into the presence of God. Will you confess your sin? Will you repent, surrender and enter His rest?
