



TRUST

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We know that God wants us to obey Him. He is **God**, and therefore we should obey Him. He is our **Father**, and therefore we should obey Him. He is the **highest authority** in our lives, and therefore we should obey Him. But this is not the whole picture.

It's possible to obey someone because they are an authority in our lives, without necessarily trusting them. But **God wants us not only to obey Him, but also to trust Him.**

Why should we trust God?

"*God is love*" (1 John 4:8). It's true to say that God loves us, and that's why He deals with us the way He does. However, it is only a half truth to say that. **It is not just that God has love towards us; God IS love.** So if God IS love, everything about Him is love. Everything He does is love. There is nothing God does or allows in our lives that is not love itself.

Isn't that reassuring? God IS love. So He can be trusted.

Can you trust this kind of God? Trust means choosing to believe, "I am alright in your hands." When I was a drama student, we had to do exercises, in order to build up trust between the different actors. In one exercise, I had to stand on a table, and fall backwards off the table into the waiting arms of some of my fellow students. As I fell, I had to keep my body straight. That requires some trust! I had to choose to believe that I would be OK in their hands, that they would not let me fall to the ground and injure myself. (Thankfully they proved trustworthy!) In the same way, **God wants us choose to believe that He is love; and so to trust Him.**

I imagine we're familiar with the parable of the two sons, or the "Prodigal Son" as it is sometimes known (Luke 15:11-32.) *And he said, A certain man had two sons: 12And the younger of them said to his father, Father, give me the portion of goods that falleth to me. And he divided unto them his living. 13And not many days after the younger son gathered all together, and took his journey into a far country, and there wasted his substance with riotous living.* (Luke 15:11-13) This young man didn't trust his father. He didn't trust in his father's love for him. He didn't trust that right there in his father's house, and in his relationship with his father, all his needs would be met.

So he went to the world, far away from his father. The father was willing to give him his share of the inheritance to enjoy, even though he was young. He could have remained in his father's house and used the inheritance wisely, opening his heart in relationship with his father, and all the while enjoying his father's love. But instead, he left.

How about the older brother? *And he was angry, and would not go in: therefore came his father out, and intreated him. 29And he answering said to his father, Lo, these many years do I serve thee, neither transgressed I at any time thy commandment: and yet thou never gavest me a kid, that I might make merry with my friends: 30But as soon as this thy son was come, which hath devoured thy living with harlots, thou hast killed for him the fatted calf. 31And he said unto him, Son, thou art ever with me, and all that I have is thine.* (Luke 15:28-30) **At first glance this older brother sounds like the model of obedience.** *These many years do I serve thee, neither transgressed I at any time thy commandment...* But he had something in common with his younger brother. This older brother didn't trust his father either.

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He didn't trust in his father's love for him. He didn't trust that in his father's house, and in his relationship with his father, all his needs would be met. So while his brother went to the world, he busied himself with 'sacrifice' and 'service' while he kept his heart closed, far away from his father's heart.

He could have opened his heart in relationship with his father, and enjoyed his father's love rather than just working for him. But not trusting in His father's love, he preferred to depend on himself and his own efforts; to be away from relationship with his father.

Both sons lacked trust in their father. Because of this, both of them separated themselves from him in different ways. They sought to get their needs met and find their identity elsewhere. One went to the world. The other went to religion, devoting himself to service. As a result, both turned away from and missed out on the joy of relationship with their father and of the benefits he wished to bestow on them.

And those are the two very same trends that we see in the church of Jesus Christ today. Much of the church tends towards worldliness; and much of the church tends towards religion and an addiction to "service." There is much talk of blessing, but it is often out of context, out of relationship with the Father. There is much hard work and service and ministry, but it too is often out of context, out of relationship with the Father. Both these trends, worldliness and religion, spring from a lack of trust in the Father. And both prevent us from enjoying the Father and glorifying Him.

**But there is another way.** It's the way of trust, relationship and obedience. If we open our hearts and choose to believe, "I am alright in His hands because He is love," then we can trust and walk in relationship with Him. And walking in relationship with Him we can enjoy our inheritance in Him, while serving Him on His terms; and we can serve Him while enjoying our inheritance in Him on His terms.

*His foundation is in the holy mountains. 2The LORD loveth the gates of Zion more than all the dwellings of Jacob. 3Glorious things are spoken of thee, O city of God. Selah. 4I will make mention of Rahab and Babylon to them that know me: behold Philistia, and Tyre, with Ethiopia; this man was born there. 5And of Zion it shall be said, This and that man was born in her: and the highest himself shall establish her. 6The LORD shall count, when he writeth up the people, that this man was born there. Selah. 7As well the singers as the players on instruments shall be there: **all my springs are in thee.** (Psalm 87)*

All my springs are in thee. All my needs are met in thee. I'm alright in your hands. This Psalm is speaking of the city of God, of Zion. What is the city of God? The body of Christ. Our Father's house.

There is no need to leave the Father's house. All our needs are met right here, in relationship with our Father, in His house. There is no need to look elsewhere, whether in worldliness or religion.

The authority in our lives is our Heavenly Father, and He is love. Do you trust Him? Keep yourself in His love (Jude 1:21.) Open your heart daily to trust Him and obey. He is enough. All my springs are in thee.

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(JOHN 7:37)**