

TRUSTING GOD

When Life Changes

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Truths about change:

- **Change is inevitable.**

"As long as the earth remains, there will be springtime and harvest, cold and heat, winter and summer, day and night." Genesis 8:22 (NLT)

- **Not all change is good.**

And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them. Romans 8:28 (NLT)

- **God's purpose can include evil.**

"As far as I am concerned, God turned into good what you meant for evil. He brought me to the high position I have today so I could save the lives of many people." Genesis 50:20 (NLT)

- **Change is always a test.**

These trials are only to test your faith, to see whether or not it is strong and pure. 1 Peter 1:7 (TLB)

Trusting through change

1. **Look for** _____.

You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. Jeremiah 29:13 (NIV)

"Those who search for me will surely find me." Proverbs 8:17 (NLT)

2. **Ask** _____.

If you need wisdom—if you want to know what God wants you to do—ask him, and he will gladly tell you. James 1:5 (NLT)

3. **Listen for** _____.

"Go out and stand before me on the mountain," the LORD told him ... a mighty windstorm hit the mountain. It was such a terrible blast that the rocks were torn loose, but the LORD was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake, but the LORD

was not in the earthquake. And after the earthquake there was a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire. And after the fire there was the sound of a gentle whisper. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. 1 Kings 19:11-13 (NLT)

4. **Ask** _____, **not** _____.

I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation ... I can do everything through him who gives me strength. Philippians 4:12-13 (NIV)

We also have joy with our troubles, because we know that these troubles produce patience ... character, and ... hope. Romans 5:3-4 (NCV)

... give thanks in all circumstances ... 1 Thessalonians 5:18 (NIV)

5. **Focus on** _____.

"I have loved you with an everlasting love." Jeremiah 31:3 (NIV)

"The grass withers, and the flowers fade, but the word of our God stands forever." Isaiah 40:8 (NLT)

But his plans endure forever; his purposes last eternally. Psalm 33:11 (GN)

6. **Rely on** _____.

And I am sure that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on that day when Christ Jesus comes back again. Philippians 1:6 (NLT)

7. **Trust God** _____.

Though He slay me, yet will I trust Him. Job 13:15 (NKJV)

Trust in the LORD with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek his will in all you do, and he will direct your paths. Proverbs 3:5-6 (NLT)