

My Dear Loved Ones:

God says in Psalm 37:3-5, “Trust in the Lord, and do good; / Dwell in the land, and feed on His faithfulness. 4 Delight yourself also in the Lord, / And He shall give you the desires of your heart. 5 Commit your way to the Lord, / Trust also in Him, / And He shall bring it to pass.”

There is a situation that is known to pediatricians concerning the physical well-being of infants: “failure to thrive.” If not stopped, the consequences can be fatal. There also a situation known to psychologists and psychiatrists as “failure to cope.” It deals with someone who is unable to cope with the pace, pressures and problems of life. If it goes on for very long, it triggers a whole chain reaction of physical, emotional and spiritual responses that can be devastating. Failure to cope comes from a “failure to hope” (trust).

God has called us to do more than merely cope with life; God has enabled us to conquer; indeed, He calls us “more than conquerors through Him Who loved us.”

The evangelist Dwight Lyman (D. L.) Moody was holding a meeting, when someone came up to him and gave him a newspaper clipping with a poem. The author of the poem was Ezra Page Stites, a lay worker in the Methodist Church in Cape May, NJ. Moody quickly read it, and thought that it should be put to music, and who better to get that job done, than Moody’s music director, Ira Sankey? Moody gave the clipping to Sankey and asked him to write music for it. The words were:

Simply trusting every day, Trusting through a stormy way;  
Even when my faith is small, Trusting Jesus, that is all.

Singing if my way is clear, Praying if the path be drear;  
If in danger for Him call; Trusting Jesus, that is all.

God commands us to trust Him; He’s proven Himself repeatedly in the past, but why don’t we trust Him more? As the verse says, it’s simple, but it sure isn’t easy sometimes (easier said than done). But God promises to help us trust Him if we keep running to Him in our minds, hearts and lives by praying and meditating on His Word.

We face a storm of this virus, and we may even feel like our faith is quite weak. We must not lose sight of our Savior and the fact that as long as He is in the boat, we can smile at the storm.

Psalm 37 and the song “Trusting Jesus” both tell us that God will bring it all to pass. So, loved ones, this day, and the rest of our lives, may we trust Him for everything.

Praying for you today.