

# Do you Trust Me?

When I say the word “trust” what comes to mind? For me it's the scene in Aladdin where he asks Jasmine "Do you trust me?" before they jump off the roof.

Did you realize that everyday you trust in a LOT of different things? When you get ready to eat breakfast, you open the fridge and trust that your mom or dad has food in there for you. When you get in the car to go on vacation, you trust that the car won't fall apart going 65 miles an hour down the highway. When you are dropped off at school you trust that your mom or dad will pick you up when school is over.

Has anyone ever had to wait a while for their parents at school and they didn't know where they were? It's a little scary, right? You know why you get scared? It's because the trust you had in your parents to pick you up, has disappeared. Now you are worried IF they will pick you up at all. All of us know in the back of our minds, that our parents will eventually pick us up, but there are moments where the trust you had in them gets a little shaky.

Every day there are hundreds of things we put our trust in. So let me ask you another question. Why do you trust your parents? Have you done a complete background check on them to make sure they are good people? (No!) Have you asked a bunch of their friends if they are nice and if they can be trusted? (No!) Have you interviewed them yourself to see if they are trustworthy? (No!)

The reason you trust them is because of what they have done for you in the past. When you were a baby, they kept you alive. They fed you when you couldn't feed yourself. When you tried to play in the road, they stopped you before you got hurt. When you tried to eat bugs, they told you that probably wasn't a good idea. You trust your parents to take care of you because they have been doing it for a long time, already, right?

Today we are going to explore how we can trust God no matter what. God doesn't leave us in the hard times, and though life can be unfair, things change all the time and people and situations can be unreliable—God never changes. We often forget God in the hard times, but can read in the Bible all the stories where God has shown us that he comes through. God knows every little detail about us, so we can trust Him with anything and everything.

This is a story about Daniel. He actually came to Babylon with Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, and each king that came and went liked these men

because they were honest and hard workers. They were always given the most important jobs which made the other workers of the king jealous.

This time the king's name was Darius and he also liked Daniel. He knew that Daniel was a good worker so he decided to put Daniel in charge of the whole country. The other servants of the king were very jealous of Daniel and they tried to find something that would get Daniel in trouble. They were trying to get him fired, but Daniel obeyed God so they couldn't find anything.

Finally these men said to each other, "We can't find any reason for the king to fire Daniel. The only way we could get him to disobey the king is if we made a law against his god." So they went to king Darius and said, "O great king, you are so wonderful that no one should pray to anyone but you." The king said, "That sounds like a great idea!" Then the men continued, "All of your workers have agreed that this should be done and that anyone that prays to any other god should be thrown into the lions den."

The workers lied and said that everyone who worked for the king agreed, but of course they never talked to Daniel because they knew he wouldn't agree. The king didn't know this, so he made the law and it couldn't be changed.

When Daniel heard about the new law he did what he always did. He went home to a room upstairs and opened the windows that looked out over the city. Three times that day he went down on his knees and prayed to God just like he always had.

These men went as a group to Daniel's house and found him praying and asking God for help. So they ran straight to the king and told him, "Your worker Daniel is ignoring your command. We have seen him praying to his God three times today."

When the king heard this he was very sad. He really liked Daniel and he didn't want him to die. He tried everything to get the law changed to stop Daniel from being thrown in the lions' den, but the men came to him and reminded him that the law could not be changed and Daniel would have to be punished.

So at the end of the day the king gave the order, and they brought Daniel and threw him into the lions' den. The king said to Daniel, "I hope your God who you serve and pray to will rescue you!" A large, heavy stone was rolled in front of the den and the king went back to his palace with tears in his eyes. That night King Darius couldn't eat or sleep he was so worried for Daniel.

The next day, as soon as the sun came up the king got up and ran to the lions' den. As he got closer he shouted, "Daniel, has your God who you serve and pray to rescued you from the lions?" The king waited quietly for a response.

Then all of a sudden Daniel said, "O king, live forever! My God sent an angel, and he shut the mouths of the lions. They have not hurt me because I have done nothing wrong."

The king jumped with joy and immediately ordered that Daniel be removed from the den. And when Daniel was lifted from the den, there wasn't even a scratch on him because he **trusted** in God.

The king knew that the men had tricked him into punishing Daniel so he punished them. After that the king made a new law and he said, "Daniel's God is great, and I order that everyone in my kingdom must respect the Lord God, who rescued Daniel from the hungry lions."

Sometimes it can be difficult to trust when we don't know what the plan is, what the bigger picture looks like or what your part is in the grand scheme of things.

When we don't see the full picture, things can look pretty messy. You know, from where we are, sometimes we look at our life and think, "Well, things aren't going too well at the moment. This is wrong and this is wrong and this is wrong." But God sees the full picture of our lives. He can see what's happening around us and he can see what's happening in our future. So if life is a bit like a messy corner of a painting at times, remember that God sees the whole masterpiece and knows what is happening. You just have to trust Him.





Whenever  
I AM  
afraid,  
I  
WILL TRUST  
in  
YOU.

Psalm 56:3

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## DANIEL IN THE LION'S DEN

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# The Lions' Den

Can you be as successful with the lions as Daniel was?  
Find your way through the maze without going through  
any lion cages.

