

TAKE HOME SHEET



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Trusting God is what distinguishes genuine followers of Christ from mere fans. Trusting Him means surrendering our will to follow His, as we place our hope (see definition) in Him. Joseph and Mary are solid examples of this and make great role models for us. The following verses are from the Old Testament and were foundational for Mary and Joseph as they built their faith and trust in God. These same passages guide us into the life of trusting and obeying God, and the benefits that come with following Him.

³ But when I am afraid, I will put my trust in you.
⁴ I praise God for what he has promised.
 I trust in God, so why should I be afraid? What can mere mortals do to me?
 Psalm 56:3-4 (NLT)

¹ Why do you boast about your crimes, great warrior? Don't you realize God's justice continues forever? ² All day long you plot destruction. Your tongue cuts like a sharp razor; you're an expert at telling lies. ³ You love evil more than good and lies more than truth. ⁴ You love to destroy others with your words, you

liar! ⁵ But God will strike you down once and for all. He will pull you from your home and uproot you from the land of the living. Interlude ⁶ The righteous will see it and be amazed. They will laugh and say, ⁷ "Look what happens to mighty warriors who do not trust in God. They trust their wealth instead and grow more and more bold in their wickedness." ⁸ But I am like an olive tree, thriving in the house of God. I will always trust in God's unfailing love. ⁹ I will praise you forever, O God, for what you have done. I will trust in your good name in the presence of your faithful people.

Psalm 52:1-9 (NLT)

How does a man become wise? The first step is to trust and reverence the Lord! Only fools refuse to be taught.

Proverbs 1:7 (TLB)

Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the LORD our God.

Psalm 20:7 (NIV)

⁷ Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the instructions Moses gave you. Do not deviate from them, turning either to the right or to the left. Then you will be successful in everything you do. ⁸ Study this Book of Instruction continually. Meditate on it day and night so you will be sure to obey everything written in it. Only then will you prosper and succeed in all you do. ⁹ This is my command—be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.

Joshua 1:7-9 (NLT)

Those who listen to instruction will prosper; those who trust the LORD will be joyful.

Proverbs 16:20 (NLT)

BIBLE TRANSLATIONS:

NIV – New International Version
 NLT – New Living Translation
 TLB – The Living Bible

MESSAGE NOTES



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cheer (def): encouragement, hopefulness

Hope: Approaching life with confidence that God will be with me and make good on His promises.

¹⁸ This is how Jesus the Messiah was born. His mother, Mary, was engaged to be married to Joseph. But before the marriage took place, while she was still a virgin, she became pregnant through the power of the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹ Joseph, her fiancé, was a good man and did not want to disgrace her publicly, so he decided to break the engagement quietly. ²⁰ As he considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream. "Joseph, son of David," the angel said, "do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife. For the child within her was conceived by the Holy Spirit. ²¹ And she will have a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." ²² All of this occurred to fulfill the Lord's message through his prophet: ²³ "Look! The virgin will conceive a child! She will

give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel, which means 'God is with us.' ²⁴ When Joseph woke up, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded and took Mary as his wife. ²⁵ But he did not have sexual relations with her until her son was born. And Joseph named him Jesus.

Matthew 1:18-25 (NLT)

Difficult circumstances reveal where our hope is truly placed.

²³ Love the LORD, all you godly ones! For the LORD protects those who are loyal to him, but he harshly punishes the arrogant. ²⁴ So be strong and courageous, all you who put your hope in the LORD!

Psalms 31:23-24 (NLT)

Troubles and trials help us develop our faith in ways that comfort and ease never will.

¹ Therefore, since we have been made right in God's sight by faith, we have peace with God because of what Jesus Christ our Lord has done for us. ² Because of our faith, Christ has brought us into this place of undeserved privilege where we now stand, and we confidently and joyfully look forward to sharing God's glory. ³ We can rejoice, too, when we run into problems and trials, for we know that they help us develop endurance. ⁴ And endurance develops strength of character, and character strengthens our confident hope of salvation. ⁵ And this hope will not lead to disappointment. For we know how dearly God loves us, because he has given us the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with his love.

Romans 5:1-5 (NLT)

We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure.

Hebrews 6:19 (NIV)