



# Trust



## *Unshakeable trust*

Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and not be afraid: for the LORD GOD is my strength and my song; he also has become my salvation. *Is. 12.2*

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1. Trust in God to Provide
2. Trust in God to Protect
3. Trust in God to be in Control

### 1. A trusting seawall story

- Fraser Cove Reserve June 28 walk around the sea wall to 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue and through to 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue and down Fraser St back to the Countdown carpark. .... Could these massive concrete blocks be trusted? What knowledge did I have of them? What experience did I have; what demonstration, or evidence of their effectiveness?
- Trust is the binding substructure of the Christian life.
  - **Trust in a God we know and have experienced**
  - The foundation - below the building, holding it up,
  - Binding it together
  - The unseen immovable part
  - Below the surface
  - Trust is that part –binding the structure together
- Not like the Trust Power app on my phone; opened it the other day to read “Unfortunately Trust power has stopped”
- The Russian proverb “Trust but verify”. Is that trust? Really?

### 2. How visible is trust?

- How much evidence does trust need?
- Or is it something unseen?
- Does trust have to be blind?

3. *Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.* Hebrews 11.1

#### 4. **Jesus' example of trust, through the Temptation**

In Matthew 4. 1-11

- Jesus is challenged:

- a) to doubt God in three domains of life, and
- b) to set aside his humanity which enabled him to be the substitute sin bearer on the cross

Will he trust God the father to PROVIDE?

"Tell these stones to become bread ..."

Will he Trust God the father to PROTECT?

"Throw yourself down ..."

Will he trust God the father to BE IN CONTROL?

"All the kingdoms of the world and their splendour ... I will give you if you will bow down and worship me."

Jesus response was, "Away from me Satan ..."

"...the devil then left him and angels came and attended to him."

Do we need to increase our trust Jesus to be in control of our own personal world of pain and sorrow?

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### Where is my/your security?

*Two wonderful names of God -*

*Jehovah Jireh, the Lord will provide* (Gen. 22.14)

*Jehovah Ra-ah, the Lord will protect* (Psalms 23)