# 3. Those who trust in the Lord experience His support.

Do good, O LORD, to those who are good, and to those who are upright in their hearts! But those who turn aside to their crooked ways the LORD will lead away with evildoers! Peace be upon Israel!

- Psalm 125:4-5 | ESV

# The Reward of trusting God is to know his faithfulness!

Every word of God proves true; he is a shield to those who take refuge in him. — Proverbs 30:5 | ESV

## God shows himself to be faithful

by protecting, securing, and supporting those who trust in Him!

#### LOOKING TO GOD | Faith

Pastor Barry Gorsuch 17 October, 2021 I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come? My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth. — Psalm 121:1-2 | ESV

Looking to God finds its focus in faith | He is trustworthy, so we can trust Him.

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. For by it the people of old received their commendation. By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible. — Hebrews 11:1-3 | ESV

To Trust in God is to Lean on Him | He is faithful, so we can place our faith in Him.

The meaning of Faith |

A strong confidence in, reliance upon, someone or something.

And when Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven." —Mark 2:5  $\mid$  ESV

...For truly, I say to you, if you have faith like a grain of mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move, and nothing will be impossible for you. —Matthew 17:20 | ESV

#### Faith in Salvation: Being made close!

This life transformation is completely a work of God! Trusting that the price Jesus paid, covers all your sin. This is trusting in Jesus as your Savior of your life.

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. — Ephesians 2:8-9 | ESV

## Faith in Sanctification: Drawing ever closer.

Trusting in Jesus as you live life with Him!
A Trust that is actively walking with God through his power.
This is trusting in Jesus as Lord of your life.

For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.— Ephesians 2:10 | ESV

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#### 1. Those who trust in the Lord are protected.

Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion which cannot be moved, but abides forever.

As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the LORD surrounds his people, from this time forth and forevermore.

— Psalm 125:1-2 | ESV

Great is the Lord, and most worthy of praise, in the city of our God, his holy mountain. Beautiful in its loftiness, the joy of the whole earth, like the heights of Zaphon is Mount Zion, the city of the Great King. God is in her citadels; he has shown himself to be her fortress. — Psalm 48:1-3 | ESV

# The Protection of the Lord in not just for a moment, it is ongoing and it is forever!

For it stands in Scripture: Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame. — 1 Peter 2:6 | ESV

I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. — John 10:28 | ESV

## 2. Those who trust in the Lord have a secure future.

For the scepter of wickedness shall not rest on the land allotted to the righteous, lest the righteous stretch out their hands to do wrong. —Psalm 125:3 | ESV

For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.

—Jeremiah 29:11 | ESV

We can be tempted to give in.

#### We can be tempted to give up.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

-- 1 Peter 1:3-5 | ESV