

## THE SPIRITUAL CONNECTIONS



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**Proverbs 3:5-6; Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight.**

**TRUSTING IN THE LORD**  
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Hello again my brothers and sisters in the Lord Christ Jesus, welcome to the Spiritual Connection's monthly inspired Word for May 2016.

This month's inspired message has to do with Trusting in the Word of the Lord Christ Jesus. When it comes to trusting anything or anybody including our family, it can be very disappointing at times. Also, when our bond of trust has been violated for whatever reason, sometimes emotional devastation, depression, and despair can set in quickly.

Most of us have felt like our trust has been compromised at some point in our lives. Needless to say, these experiences can be very painful! We think to ourselves, "who can I trust now, or how do I know I can trust people anymore? Well let me tell you from a human standpoint, you really cannot trust anyone but God 100%!!! Reason being, is that we all live in a broken/fallen world. Our original parents Adam and Eve fell out of God's Trust from the beginning of creation, according to the Holy Bible! Adam and Eve's sins, have been pass down from generation to generation! However, God tells us in **Psalm 37:3-5** to; **Trust in the Lord and do good; dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture. Delight yourself in the Lord and He will give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the Lord; trust in Him and He will do this.** The Holy Bible tells us to take delight in the Lord and commit everything we have and due from our way, to His way! But how do we do this? To delight in someone means to experience great pleasure and joy in his or her presence. This only happens when we know that person well! Thus, to delight in the Lord, we must know Him better to enjoy His Blessings. Knowledge of God's great Love for us, will indeed give us joy and delight. To commit ourselves to the Lord means, entrusting everything---our lives, families, jobs, possessions, etc, to His control and guidance. To commit ourselves to the Lord means to trust in Him, believing that He can take better care of us than we can. We should be willing to wait patiently for Him to work out what is best for us. In order to Trust in the Lord we must avoid anger, worrying (fretting) at all cost. Reason being is that they reveal a lack of faith that God loves us and is in complete control. We should not worry, instead we should trust in God, giving ourselves to Him for His use and safekeeping. When we dwell on our problems, we will become anxious and angry. But if you concentrate on God and His goodness, you will find peace. The Lord also tells us in **Psalm 46:1-2** that;

**God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.**

**Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the**

**mountains fall into the heart of the sea.** The fear of mountains and cities suddenly crumbling into the sea as the result of a nuclear blast haunts many people today. But God tells us that even if the world were to end today, God's people need not fear! In the face of utter destruction, God's people can express a quiet confidence in His ability to save us. It seems impossible to consider the end of the world without being consumed by fear, but the Holy Bible is crystal clear that God is our refuge, even in the face of total destruction. The Lord is not merely a temporary retreat; He is our eternal refuge and can supply strength in any circumstance!

As this world of sin and darkness draws closer to the end, trusting in the Lord is all we really have. The ways of this sinful world, leaves most people trusting in themselves and not trusting in the Lord. However, the Holy Bible tells us in **Psalm 40:4** that; **Blessed is the man who makes the Lord His Trust.** Waiting for God to help us in these hectic times is not easy. There are 4 benefits for waiting. (1) **God will lift us out of despair.** (2) **God will set our feet on solid ground, not sand.** (3) **God will give us a firm place to stand, not like the world gives us.** (4) **God will put a new song of praise in our heart.** However, often blessings cannot be received, unless we go through the trial of perseverance during life's storms, while waiting for God's blessings. If we trust completely in the Lord, He will be our strength during any trial or tribulation! God tells us in **Habakkuk 3:17-19** that; **Though the fig tree does not bud and there are no grapes on the vines, though the olive crop fails and the fields produce no food, though there are no sheep in the pen and no cattle in the stalls, yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will be joyful in God my Savior.** Then the Lord goes on to say in verse 19 that; **The Sovereign Lord is my strength; He makes my feet like the feet of a deer, He enables me to go on the heights.**

My friends, when we put our trust in the Lord, He will give His followers surefooted confidence through difficult times. Sometimes in life we will run like a deer across rough and dangerous terrain. At the proper time, God will bring about His Justice and completely rid the world of evil. In the meantime, God's people need to live in the strength of His Spirit, and confident in His ultimate victory over evil. Hallelujah, Amen to that!!! Let us pray: Heavenly Father, Lord Jesus, and the Holy Spirit, may we thank You, praise You, and bless you Lord for this month's inspired message. May all who have eyes to see, and have ears to hear, put their trust in the Lord. For with Him, through Him and in Him we have life. Abba Father, please help us to trust fully in You Lord. May we all see Your Eternal Light of

Salvation before its too late. Again Father, we thank You, praise You and bless You in Jesus name.....Hallelujah....Amen!!!!

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### **PEACE** *By Sarah Young*

**MY PEACE IS SUCH AN ALL ENCOMPASSING GIFT THAT IS INDEPENDENT OF CIRCUMSTANCES.** Though you loose everything else, if you gain My Peace you are rich indeed. Let that be a deep comfort to you, especially amid the many aspects over your life over which you have no control! When you are feeling at the mercy of your circumstances, My all encompassing Peace is exactly what you need, even though you sometime feel unable to receive it. Perhaps that is because you cling to other things---- your loved ones, your possessions, your reputation. It's as if you are wrapping your fingers tightly around a small copper coin while I am offering you unlimited supplies of pure gold. My desire is to help you treasure My Peace above everything in the world—recognizing it as a supernatural gift, bequeathed to My followers shortly before My death. A man who knows that he will soon die wants to leave something precious with those he loves. Therefore, I “willed “My Peace to My disciples and all who would follow Me. I know this was a difficult gift to accept, especially in the midst of adversity. So, after My resurrection, the first words I spoke to My disciples were, ”Peace be with you!” They needed this reassurance to reinforce what I taught them before I died. We all need to be reminded of the divine nature of this gift, for it is not the world’s peace I give you; but My Peace, that transcends, all understanding!

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### **SPIRITUAL WISDOM**

**Proverbs 24:28:** Do not testify against your neighbor without cause, or use your lips to deceive.

**Proverbs 22:22:** Do not exploit the poor because they are poor and do not crush the needy in court, for the Lord will take up their case and will plunder those who plunder them.

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### **SCRIPTURE OF THE MONTH**

**John 15:5-7:** “I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in Me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from Me you can do nothing. If anyone does not remain in Me, he is like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, and thrown in

the fire and burned. If you remain in Me and My Words remain in you,  
ask whatever you wish, and it will be given to you.

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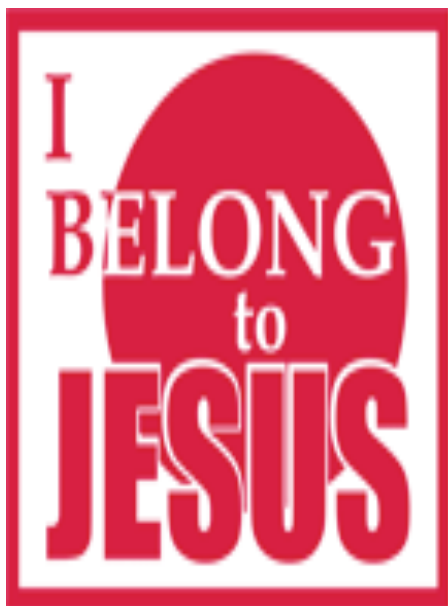
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Well my friends, it is my hope that this month's inspired message is helpful to you in better understanding what God's love, grace, and mercy is all about. If you like this month's message, please pass it on to family and friends!! Until next month's inspired message, with God's help, may the good Lord richly bless you.....Amen!!

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