

Trusting God in Changing Times

Joshua 1; Acts 16

In 1964, Bob Dylan released *The Times They Are a-Changin'*; the youth then took it as a rallying call. Sixty years on, Dylan’s haunting lyrics are truer now than when he wrote them! The bizarre has become customary, and no knows where it will end. These are times to trust God!

- Reasons to fret...Reasons to trust
- Example of Trusting #1: Joshua (Joshua 1)
- Example of Trusting #2: Paul (Acts 16)



1. Learning to trust God is a lifelong process – every phase of life has its unique challenges, and there are no do-overs. So wherever you are in your life, you have a decision to make: *Will I trust God with what I’m facing now...or will I wait till it’s too late?* A key part of trusting God is identifying areas that are stressors: What right now is blocking your faith in God? What pursuits are consuming you to the extent that you don’t have room for God? What fears or failings are keeping you from walking with Jesus each day?

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2. Joshua was facing a daunting task – take over from Moses, a legend, and lead the Israelites in the conquest of violent and godless Canaan. He felt alone, and he felt inadequate. How did God advise Joshua in Joshua 1.6-9? How can you apply that advice to your life in 2026?

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3. In Acts 16, Paul has just been encouraged by the Jerusalem Council (Acts 15) in his mission to the Gentiles. He and Silas go to Galatia, and everything is going swimmingly – until the Spirit stops them in their tracks (Acts 16.6-7)! After an inspired dream, they travel into Macedonia, but their first stop resulted in few converts, and prison! Have you ever felt like you’ve done everything ‘right,’ but nothing is working out the way you want? Can you trust God in those times?

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