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In the Old Testament the two Hebrew words translated "trust" mean to lean on, and to take refuge in. In the New Testament the Greek word translated "trust" means to have confidence in.

In the Old Testament "trust" occurs many times in the Psalms, Proverbs, Isaiah and Jeremiah.

Ps 37:3 Trust in the Lord and do good, so shall you dwell in the land......

*Pro 3:5* **Trust** in the Lord with all your heart......

Is 26:4 Trust in the Lord forever: for in the Lord Jehovah is everlasting strength.

Jer 17:7 Blessed is the man that **trusts** in the Lord,......

2Cor 1:9 ......that we should not **trus**t in ourselves but in God.

2Cor 3:4 And such **trust** have we through Christ towards God.

Why do you put your trust in a person? Maybe you trust in your Mother, Father, brother, sister or your doctor, your lawyer, etc.

- 1. Because they have a special caring relationship to you and you know them well.
- 2. Perhaps, like a doctor, they have trained and qualified for a special work or position, to help you.
- 3. They have a proven reliable character of honesty, faithfulness, caring and thoroughness.
- 4. In the past they have done well and have a good reputation among the people.
- 5. They are still performing well and achieving good results.

Your trust becomes real and active when you visit the doctor, act on his advice, take his/her medicines and pay his/her bills.

When Peter stepped out of the boat and walked on the water, Mat 14:24-32, he acted in trust and faith. He had trust in the Lord and faith in His word, "Come". When his faith failed, v30, his trust in the Lord cried out, "Lord, save me." The Lord saved him!

Trust is full dependence upon the Lord no matter what is happening. Trust considers that God is in control and working things out.

Joseph was sold as a slave, by his brothers, *Gen 37:28*, worked as a slave for Potiphar, *Gen 39:1-19*, and was put into prison,

Gen 39:20-23. Joseph knew the call of God on his life was to be the spiritual leader of his family, Gen37:5-11. Through all his years of tests and trials, he kept trusting God and believing His word. He trusted God to work it all out as he kept believing His word, Gen 50:20, Rom 8:28. Joseph realised that God was in control and working things out, Ps 105:17-22. This is trust.

There are times when our faith in God's Word is severely tried. In these times trust in God's faithfulness, goodness, power and overruling is very important.

## Trust works together with our faith and undergirds it.

Before the three boys were thrown into the burning fiery furnace, **they declared their trust in God, no matter what,** *Dan3:17,18*.

See verse 28.

When Daniel spent a night with the lions, God sent His angel to shut the lions' mouths, *Dan* 6:22, and there was no hurt found on him **because he believed in his God**, *Dan* 6:23.

Trust is full surrender to God, and reliance upon God, to work things out for good, no matter what the situation is like, and what is happening. Trust is in the character and Person of God.

**Faith and belief are focused more on the Word of God** and especially on the Holy Spirit revelations of the Word to us. *Rom 10:17, Mat 4:4.* Our faith is our belief in the rhema Word of God which He reveals to us.

## Some powerful Scriptures on trust.

Trust in the Lord and do good, so shall you dwell in the land, and truly you shall be fed, Ps 37:3.

Commit your way unto the Lord, **trust also in Him**, and He shall bring it to pass, *Ps 37:5*.

They that trust in the Lord shall be as mount Zion, which cannot be removed, but abides for ever, Ps 125:1.

He who puts his trust in Me shall possess the land, and shall inherit My holy mountain, Is 57:13.

You will keep Him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on You: because he trusts in you, Is 26:3

Trust in the Lord forever: for the Lord JEHOVAH is everlasting strength, Is 26:4.

**Trust in the Lord with all your heart** and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him and He will direct your paths, *Pro 3:5,6*.

Blessed is the man/woman that trusts in the Lord, and whose hope the Lord is. For he/she shall be as a tree planted by the waters, and that spreads out her roots by the river, and shall not see when the heat comes, but her leaf shall be green, and shall not be careful (or anxious) in the year of drought, neither shall cease from yielding fruit. *Jer 17:7,8*. And they were helped against them, and the Hagarites were delivered into their hand, and all that were with them; for they cried to God in the battle, and He was entreated of them; because they put their trust in Him, 2*Chr 5:20*. But I will deliver you in that day, says the Lord, and you will not be given into the hand of the men of whom you are afraid. For I will surely deliver you, and you shall not fall by the sword, but your life shall be for a prize unto you, because you have put your trust in Me, says the Lord, *Jer 39:17,18*.

At one time we were praying very hard in a children's hospital for the life of a young baby, to be healed from a serious illness. As we were claiming God's promises and crying out to God, **He showed us both, at the same time, a vision of the Cross.** Without speaking we both knew what God was saying to us. So we went back to our house nearby, and handed the life of the baby over to God whether he lived or died. **After we had taken this step of trust and dependence on God, the Holy Spirit spoke clearly to us and said,** "The prayer of faith shall save the sick and the Lord shall raise him up." Then we knew that God was going to fully heal the baby. As we thanked and praised God for His healing and restoration, God showed us how to pray, step by step, to full recovery. This was a great joy in the Lord.

Trust in God and faith in His Word work together.

From my experience trust in God is like a foundation out of which faith in God's Word is established.