

# Trust

## **Knowing God Means Trusting God**

The better we know God, the more intimate our fellowship is with Him, the more we will trust God to do what He has said He will do (Stanley, *Our Unmet Needs* 66)

## **Our Unmet Needs**

The first place you need to look when a need is not being met is not at God, or at His Son, but at yourself. You are wise to ask yourself, "What am I doing that is keeping God from fulfilling this promise in my life ....We must understand that God's primary purpose in our lives is not to meet our needs but to conform us into the likeness of His Son...God is not present in our lives to do things our way. We exist so that we might have a part in His plan and purpose for the ages... God meets our needs always in the context of making us more and more like Jesus (Stanley, *Our Unmet Needs* 69-71).

List the things that I know are keeping me from being like Jesus. If my need is not being met, ask yourself: am I spending quality time with Christ so that I am living in His presence (sitting at the feet of Jesus), and, am I doing some things that conform me to this world rather than transform me to the kingdom of God (fulfilling His purpose and not my own desires). Lack of purpose leads to apathy which leads to discouragement and depression. Fulfilling God's purpose leads to passion, encouragement, and a closer walk with God.

## **God's Power, Our Trust**

The inhabitants of the heavenly universe expect the followers of Christ to shine as lights in the world. They are to show forth the power of the grace that Christ died to give men. God expects those who profess to be Christians to reveal in their lives the highest development of Christianity. They are to be men of faith, who, without questioning, trust in God and His promises (9 Testimonies 22)

My God shall supply ALL your needs according to His riches in glory (Philippians 4:19). He is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think (Ephesians 3:20).

Through our needs we learn to trust God at a deeper level, and in the process of having our needs met we grow in our relationship with Him and strengthen our ability to be and do what He has created us to be and do...In other words; you cannot have a need that is too great for God to meet (Stanley, *Our Unmet Needs* 84, 85).

Wait on the Lord: be of good courage, and He shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the Lord (Psalms 27:14). Fear not: for I have redeemed thee, I have called thee by name; thou art mine (Isaiah 43:1).

When Jesus was awakened to meet the storm, He was in perfect peace. There was no trace of fear in word or look, for no fear was in His heart . . . He trusted in the Father's might. It was in faith—faith in God's love and care—that Jesus rested . . . As Jesus rested by faith in the Father's care, so we are to rest in the care of our Savior (White, *Desire of Ages*, 336).