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Voice of Triumph

"In [Jesus], because of our faith in Him, we dare to have the boldness (courage and confidence) of free access (an unreserved approach to God with freedom and without fear)."

Ephesians 3:12, Amplified Bible, Classic Edition

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ONLY TRUST THE ABSOLUTE TRUTH: IT WILL NEVER LIE TO YOU

Personalize the following (AMPC) scriptures aloud. Remind God of your trust in Him that yields confidence. "You will guard him *and* keep him in perfect *and* constant peace whose mind [both its inclination and its character] is stayed on You, because he commits himself to You, leans on You, *and* hopes confidently in You. [Then speak the truth to your own soul], "So trust in the Lord (commit yourself to Him, lean on Him, hope confidently in Him) forever; for the Lord God is an everlasting Rock [the Rock of Ages]," Isaiah 26:3-4. Never forget your standing posture to always trust God, even in the midst of deception, error, or lies. "Lean on, trust in, *and* be confident in the Lord with all your heart *and* mind and do not rely on your own insight *or* understanding. In all your ways know, recognize, *and* acknowledge Him, and He will direct *and* make straight *and* plain your paths," Prov. 3:5-6.

CONTINUAL REST IS BIRTHED OUT OF GOD'S EVERLASTING LOVE

The rest that first looked permanently revoked was overturned by God's love. He simply loved you too much to leave you in a state of unrest. "So then, there is still awaiting a full *and* complete Sabbath-rest reserved for the [true] people of God," Hebrews 4:9. "Accordingly, I swore in My wrath *and* indignation, They shall not enter into My rest. [Therefore beware] brethren, take care, lest there be in any one of you a wicked, unbelieving heart [which refuses to cleave to, trust in, and rely on Him], leading you to turn away *and* desert *or* stand aloof from the living God. But instead warn (admonish, urge, and encourage) one another every day, as long as it is called Today, that none of you may be hardened [into settled rebellion] by the deceitfulness of sin [by the fraudulence, the stratagem, the trickery which the delusive glamor of his sin may play on him]. For we have become fellows with Christ (the Messiah) *and* share in all He has for us, if only we hold our first newborn confidence *and* original assured expectation [in virtue of which we are believers] firm *and* unshaken to the end. Then while it is [still] called Today, if you would hear His voice *and* when you hear it, do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion [in the desert, when the people provoked and irritated and embittered God against them]," Hebrews 3:11-15. Let this be said how you invoked the blessing of the Lord. "...For we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus [the leaning of your entire human personality on Him in absolute trust and confidence in His power, wisdom, and goodness] and of the love which you [have and show] for all the saints (God's consecrated ones), Because of the hope [of experiencing what is] laid up (reserved and waiting) for you in heaven. Of this [hope] you heard in the past in the message of the truth of the Gospel," Colossians 1:4-5. What made the difference? They learned how to rest in God's unfailing love without any reservation at all.

ASSURANCE ON ALL LEVELS: ENDORSED, EMPOWERED, ENGAGED

God endorsed Jesus: "And being found in fashion as a man, He humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Wherefore God also hath highly exalted Him, and given Him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father," Phil. 2:8-11. **Jesus empowered us:** "I have told you these things, so that in Me you may have [perfect] peace *and* confidence. In the world you have tribulation *and* trials *and* distress *and* frustration; but be of good cheer [take courage; be confident, certain, undaunted]! For I have overcome the world. [I have deprived it of power to harm you and have conquered it for you,]" John 16:33. **Be engaged:** "Let us then fearlessly *and* confidently *and* boldly draw near to the throne of grace (the throne of God's unmerited favor to us sinners), that we may receive mercy [for our failures] and find grace to help in good time for every need [appropriate help and well-timed help, coming just when we need it]," Hebrews 4:16.

Thought for Transformation

From the onset, we usually don't believe God simply because we don't know Him so we won't know how fearfully and wonderfully He has made us. In transferring our trust to Him, doubts dissolve. We learn how to develop a trusting relationship with Him perpetually that is based on the truth we have come to know for ourselves. "Then shall we know, if we follow on to know the Lord: His going forth is prepared as the morning; and He shall come unto us as the rain, as the latter and former rain unto the earth," Hosea 6:3. Refuse to believe God ever breaches His promises to you. "For the seed shall be prosperous; the vine shall give her fruit, and the ground shall give her increase, and the heavens shall give their dew; and I will cause the remnant of this people to possess all these things. And it shall come to pass, that as ye were a curse among the heathen, O house of Judah, and house of Israel; so will I save you, and ye shall be a blessing: fear not, but let your hands be strong," Zechariah 8:12-13. No matter where you get your start, be determined to stay the course so you can see for yourself that God is true to His Word: the blessing shall flow as far as the curse is found.

"...TRUST IN GOD...IS THE FIRM FOUNDATION UNDER EVERYTHING THAT MAKES LIFE WORTH LIVING." HEB. 11:1 MSG