

Trust

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whose confidence is in him. Jeremiah 17:7*

With our nation's financial instability, our volatile stock market, and economic uncertainty, where do you place your trust? Are you trusting in our government to turn our nation around? Are you trusting in the stock market for your finances?

In your personal life, where are you facing hardship? Is it through your finances, your health, your career, or your relationships?

If you aren't facing trials now, it is almost certain you will face them in the future. Where will you place your trust? Will it be placed in your own ability to get through the crisis?

In the previous verses in Jeremiah, God says that those who put their trust in man are cursed. They will be like a bush in the wastelands and will dwell in the parched places of the desert where no one lives. This does not sound like a place I want to be. How about you?

In our verse this week, God says that those who place their trust in the Lord will be blessed. The following verse gives us an illustration of what trusting God is like. He will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream. It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green. It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit. This sounds like a place I want to be; a place with no worries and continual fruitfulness.

My first response to hardship is usually "poor me". Can you relate? But instead of worrying about my problem or trying to fix it myself, I want my reaction to be "Lord, I give this trial over to you and I trust you to grow me through it."

When we put our trust in the Lord in the midst of our trials, we will be blessed with peace instead of worry and we will bear fruit. Imagine going through hardships without worry. Imagine facing trials with Christ's perfect peace. Imagine producing fruit that will draw those around you closer to Christ because of your reaction to the crisis. When we place our trust in the Lord, these things will become a reality. Where will you place your trust? Will you trust in man or God when you are faced with the trials and uncertainties of this world? I pray you will place your trust in the Lord and experience the peace that comes with trusting in Him. Not only will you be blessed, but those who witness your peace in the midst of the storm will also be blessed.

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