

# DISCIPLESHIP TODAY

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## THIS MONTH'S FOCUS – Choosing to Trust God

### And So the Story Goes....

"When my son was a toddler, washing his hair was always a problem. He would sit in the bathtub while I put shampoo on his hair. Then, when I poured on the water to make a lather, he would tip his head down, (and) the shampoo ran into his eyes, causing pain and tears. I explained that if he just looked straight up at me, he could avoid getting the shampoo in his face. During one of our sessions, while I was trying to convince him to lift up his head and trust me, I suddenly realized how this situation was like my relationship to God. Often in the Bible, we are told to lift up our head to God when problems come. Now, when I find myself in a situation where it would be easy to panic, I picture my son sitting in the bathtub, looking up at me, learning to trust me. Then I ask God what I should do. One thing I am sure of – He'll never pour shampoo in my face!"

– Jeanette Strong

### They Said It:

"Trust the past to the mercy of God, the present to His love, and the future to His providence."  
– Augustine



"I have held many things in my hands, and I have lost them all; but whatever I have placed in God's hands, that I still possess."  
– Corrie Ten Boom

"The greatest glory Jesus brought to God was not when He walked on the water or prayed for long hours, but when He cried in agony in the Garden of Gethsemane and still continued to

follow God's will. (He did so) even though it meant isolation, darkness, and the silence of God. Thus, we know that when everything around us fails, when we are destroyed and abandoned, our tears ... are the greatest worship songs we have ever sung." – Ziya Meral

"Trust in yourself and you are doomed to disappointment. Trust in money and you may have it taken away from you. But trust in God and you are never to be confounded in time or in eternity."  
– Dwight L. Moody

"Trust is not a passive state of mind. It is a vigorous act of the soul by which we choose to lay hold on the promises of God and cling to them despite the adversity that at times seeks to overwhelm us."  
– Jerry Bridges

### Readings From The Scriptures About Trust:

**Day 1** – Exodus 14:31

**Day 2** – Deuteronomy 1:29-36

**Day 3** – Psalm 13:3-6

**Day 4** – Psalm 37:3-6

**Day 5** – Isaiah 25:1-9

**Day 6** – Romans 15:13 (NIV)

**Day 7** – 1 Peter 2:6 (NIV)

### Try This Memory Verse:

"The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in Him, and He helps me." (Psalm 28:7)

## News & Notes . . .

- **Join us for a Zoom Workshop!** – "Easter and the Disciple of Christ" will be presented on **Sat., Feb. 17, from 10-11:15 a.m.** by Zoom. Contact us ([edarlin1@gmail.com](mailto:edarlin1@gmail.com) or at 315-256-6548) for more information or to register.
- **"New" Zoom Bible Study** – Beginning **March 6th from 7-7:45 p.m.**, Ed will lead a weekly Zoom Wednesday night study on the book of Romans. This study will include a "verse-by-verse" look at Romans, with a discipleship flavor added. Contact us to join.
- **Free Resource** – We have written two discipleship-related small group studies: "How to Know and Do God's Will" and "Reading and Studying the Bible." These studies provide understandable, helpful insights as well as discussion questions. Contact us if you are interested in receiving a copy.
- **Discipleship Nuggets Return** – Nuggets are a weekly email that focus on various aspects of practical discipleship. It's free - just sign up by contacting us at [edarlin1@gmail.com](mailto:edarlin1@gmail.com). Sign up soon to begin receiving these Nuggets in **February!**
- **Visit our website** – for all kinds of discipleship tools, helps and workshop options: [www.discipleshipcenter.org](http://www.discipleshipcenter.org)
- **Many THANKS!**
  - To all of you who have been praying for us during our time of transition to Ohio. It's been a busy and challenging time, but God has helped us and provided for us in every way.
  - To the Cammer family and Harvey & Dianne Davies for organizing a fellowship gathering with many of our Central NY friends, prior to our move.
  - To everyone who assisted us in some way during our recent move.
  - To all of you who support Discipleship Center ministry with prayers & finances.



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# Bible Items Connected to TRUST

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 COMMANDS  
 GOD  
 JOY  
 PRAYERS  
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 PEOPLE  
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