

TOTAL TRUST

Trust: To have a confidence or dependence on the reliability, truth, or strength of someone or something.

THE TWO CHOICES FOR PLACING YOUR TRUST:

1. MAN

Jeremiah 17:5 (ESV)

Thus says the Lord: "Cursed is the man who trusts in man and makes flesh his strength, whose heart turns away from the Lord."

**Man: Limited – Finite – Flawed
Result of Trusting in Man = Cursed!**

2. GOD

Jeremiah 17:7 (ESV)

Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord.

**God: Unlimited- all powerful; Infinite – unmeasurable; Perfect – all knowing
Result of Trusting in God = Blessed!**

TWO TRUTHS THAT WE MUST ACCEPT ABOUT GOD AS WE MOVE TOWARD TOTAL TRUST:

1. God is bigger than we think He is – we must let him out of the box.
2. We must recognize that God is in ALL things.

KEY AREAS FOR TOTAL TRUST IN GOD:

1. YOUR DIRECTION

Genesis 12:1-4 (ESV)

Now the Lord said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house **to the land that I will show you.** ² And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³ I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.” ⁴ **So Abram went, as the Lord had told him,** and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.

2. YOUR REPUTATION

Daniel 3:13-18 (ESV)

Then Nebuchadnezzar in furious rage commanded that Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego be brought. So they brought these men before the king.¹⁴ Nebuchadnezzar answered and said to them, “Is it true, O Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, that you do not serve my gods or worship the golden image that I have set up? ¹⁵ Now if you are ready when you hear the sound of the horn, pipe, lyre, trigon, harp, bagpipe, and every kind of music, to fall down and worship the image that I have made, well and good. But if you do not worship, you shall immediately be cast into a burning fiery furnace. And who is the god who will deliver you out of my hands?” ¹⁶ Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego answered and said to the king, “O Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to answer you in this matter. ¹⁷ If this be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of your hand, O king. ¹⁸ But if not, be it known to you, O king, that we will not serve your gods or worship the golden image that you have set up.”

Daniel 3:28-30 (ESV)

Nebuchadnezzar answered and said, “Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, who has sent his angel and delivered his servants, **who trusted in him,** and set aside the king's command, and yielded up their bodies rather than serve and worship any god except their own God. ²⁹ Therefore I make a decree: Any people, nation, or language that speaks anything against the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and

Abednego shall be torn limb from limb, and their houses laid in ruins, for there is no other god who is able to rescue in this way.”³⁰ Then the king *promoted* Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego in the province of Babylon.

3. YOUR PROVISION

Genesis 22:9-14

When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood.¹⁰ Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son.¹¹ But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven and said, “Abraham, Abraham!” And he said, “Here I am.”¹² He said, “Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.”¹³ And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son.¹⁴ So Abraham called the name of that place, “*The Lord will provide*”; as it is said to this day, “On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided.”