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A few months ago I was being trained in a new job. I was given instructions on the procedures I needed to follow, and I was also given a flash drive for the computer. I had a specific place where I stored the flash drive at the end of every workday. One day I came to work and couldn't find the flash drive. I let my supervisor, who is a believer, know about it, and we prayed that God would show me where the flash drive was. We knew that He promises to supply our need (Philippians 4:19). After both of us looked for it and were unable to find it, my supervisor gave me another flash drive to work with. But I did not stop believing for God to show me where the first one was.

For three days I prayed before going to work with the confidence that God would show me where the flash drive was. Then the fourth morning, I went to work and saw that my trash can was almost full, so I took it to the central trash can to empty it. As I was about to empty my can, I heard, "Lift up the trash first"; so before emptying the can, I lifted up a handful of trash from the top of my can. And there it was, the flash drive I had been looking for! Now I could continue working without worrying about losing what was given to me. I had put my confidence in God to perform His promise to supply my need, which was to find what I had lost. And He directed my steps. As His sons and daughters, we can have full confidence that God will perform His promises.

*Romans 4:21:*

*And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform.*

God is able and willing to perform the promises in His Word. We don't have to rely on our own understanding to solve all the problems or situations that can challenge us in our lives. We have the greatest backup ever, our heavenly Father. He is always there to carry out His promises; we just have to claim them and believe that they will come to pass.

For us to be completely sure that God will perform His promises and to claim them, we need to know what promises are for us. And we find that out by studying God's Word and getting to know those promises. Then we can meditate in them and see the results in our lives.

*Psalms 1:2,3:*

*But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.*

*And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.*

We can put our confidence in God always, not just for a short time or in one specific situation, but always, because He is trustworthy. He never changes (Malachi 3:6). God is willing and able to carry out His Word. The following verses show us that we can trust in Him.

*Psalms 34:8:*

*O taste and see that the Lord is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in him.*

*Psalms 62:8:*

*Trust in him at all times; ye people, pour out your heart before him: God is a refuge for us. Selah.*

*Psalms 34:22:*

*The Lord redeemeth the soul of his servants: and none of them that trust in him shall be desolate.*

*Psalms 37:5:*

*Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass.*

*Proverbs 16:20:*

*He that handleth a matter wisely shall find good: and whoso trusteth in the Lord, happy is he.*

*Proverbs 3:5:*

*Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.*

*Psalms 118:8,9:*

*It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in man.*

*It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in princes.*

We go to God first and put our confidence in Him. We know that we can go to Him at any time, that He will supply our need, that He is trustworthy, and that He is our refuge, our protection. We don't have anything to fear or worry about when we have confidence in God, because He will perform His promises.

*Proverbs 29:25:*

*The fear of man bringeth a snare: but whoso putteth his trust in the Lord shall be safe.*

When we feel like things are too hard, we can have complete confidence in God. We can go to His Word to find the promises for the situation, believe them, and claim them. We know that God not only has the power to bring to pass what we need, but also that He is willing to do it. And as we get to know more and more of God's Word, there won't be a place for fear, because we know what promises God has for us as His children. We can have godly confidence that God will perform His promises!

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