

WORD: FAITH AND TRUST

THE NATURE AND POWER OF FAITH

WEEK 3 | DAYS 15 - 20 ABIDE QUESTIONS

AUGUST 17TH

Look at the unique cause-and-effect in this verse: Abraham "grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God." What is the difference between focusing on difficult circumstances or delays versus choosing to praise God in the middle of them? How does knowing that Abraham was human yet did not waver in his faith, encourage you in your own journey of faith?

AUGUST 18TH

The natural response to anxiety is to overthink and attempt to control our lives. Why is it so tempting to view anxiety as a valid response to problems instead of seeing it as a sign that we need to surrender? What are some practical steps you can take to trade worrying about a problem for letting your requests be made known to God with thanksgiving?

AUGUST 19TH

Think of a recent moment when you felt overwhelmed by fear. How would reminding yourself that trust is a conscious, deliberate choice, rather than just an emotion that happens to you by chance, help in a moment like that? What are some specific promises about God's character you can anchor yourself in to deliberately turn from fear toward trust?

AUGUST 20TH

The statement, "Anxiety is often a symptom of pride because we assume we must control the future ourselves" is a profound truth. How does viewing your worry as a form of hidden pride challenge or change the way you look at stress? How can you purposefully choose to live under the mighty hand of God instead of trying to micromanage your own life?

AUGUST 21ST

Since a refuge protects you from storms and a fortress protects you from enemy attacks, how does trusting in God to be both bring security and peace amid the varied difficulties of life? What is one practical step you can take to move away from constant worry during times of struggle and instead rely fully on God as your fortress and refuge?

AUGUST 22ND

When a season of tribulation strikes, do you tend to view it as a sign that God has abandoned you, or as an invitation to run to Him as your stronghold? In what ways does your level of daily trust in God directly reflect how well you intimately know Him and His character; what is one attribute of God's character that you can rest in to silence your fears?