



TRUST

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Repetition is good for us. We say what we know we should believe, what we want to believe, over and over so it gets stuck in our heads. So the song "Trust" begins with the repetition of phrase, *"I trust in You,"* because we're so prone to forget precisely what we constantly need to believe—that we trust God.

The first theological point of the song lies in the words, *"By Your blood, by Your power."* They answer the question, how do we trust in Jesus?

Whatever happens to us, good or bad, it is always a gift from God if we're able to tell Him, *"I trust in You."* I say it's a gift because we could not truly say this without God giving it to us. Our very power to say the words and mean them is not by our sacrifice or our will, but by Jesus's sacrifice and will. His blood shed on the cross made a way for us to be forgiven and His power is what changes our hearts to trust our unseen God. He gives us our faith and when we sing this we're declaring and rejoicing in the faith He gave.

The second theological point of the song lies in the words, *"Every breath, every hour."* They answer the question, how often do we trust in Jesus?

Faith is not a "one-and-done" thing. We can't say a prayer at youth camp or walk an aisle to say, *"I trust in You,"* and then live our lives with no regard for God. On the contrary, the proving ground that the initial faith was even real is in the daily grind of trusting our God. The Christian faith is not something we remember joining, it's something we actively work out every moment God gives us on this earth.

Just as we received this trust in Jesus as a gift originally, the ability to trust Him every breath and every hour also is a gift. He is the one that carries us and He is the one that perseveres us. So this statement and the next are not just hopeful for our frequent, enduring faithfulness, but to express our faith in God's promise to complete the good work that He began in us (Philippians 1:6).

The third theological point of the song lies in the words, "*All my life, all my days.*" They answer the question, how long do we trust in Jesus?

We want to be able to say with Paul, "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race" (2 Timothy 4:7 ESV). We want to say this while recognizing that our faith in Jesus originated with God, is sustained by God, and will be brought to completion by God. So saying, "*I will trust in You all my life and all my days,*" is simultaneously a promise to worship God for our whole lives and a prayer that He would give us the strength and ability to fulfill that promise. For without Him we would not endure a day, let alone a lifetime.

The song concludes with one more truth straight from Paul on the source of our faith: "This life I live is Christ in me."

Who is the root and center of our trust? Through it all, it's Jesus. From the day God gave us faith on, our entire ability to praise and honor God is dependent on Him giving us that ability. Having Christ in us is the only hope of glory in this life and in the one to come.