

Keep Trusting

Trust or faith is abandonment to God. It doesn't depend on feeling. It does depend on the will. Especially in the early days of our community our accounts could be terrifying – would we make it or not? It wasn't only the accounts! Other areas were equally alarming. Sometimes now as we recount our history visitors say to us, "You had a lot of faith". The truth is – we didn't. Fear and anxiety accompanied us every step of the way. They were our feelings. What mattered was our wills, our resolve to trust the heavenly Father whatever. The Lord kept us faithful on that path. It helped that we had written down our intention to trust the heavenly Father and not to place our trust elsewhere.

The temptation has always been and always will be to attempt to take control with our plans and good ideas. Of course this doesn't mean that we sit back and do nothing though occasionally it may mean that. There is all the difference in the world between quietly placing our trust in the Lord allowing his Spirit to lead us and taking the steering wheel back into our own hands. For most of us it is a learning curve with many failures on the way.

It is helpful at the beginning of every day to consciously abandon ourselves into the loving hands of the Lord just as we are – "little me", as Pat Nickson used to say. Feelings eventually fall in line behind our will. Sometimes it is helpful to write down a commitment to trust. "From today, I place my trust wholeheartedly in the Lord Jesus Christ, the heavenly Father and the Holy Spirit who enfold me in their love."

There is a blessed peace that comes in the end as we learn to let go and trust God.



Who is the driver in your life? God or you?