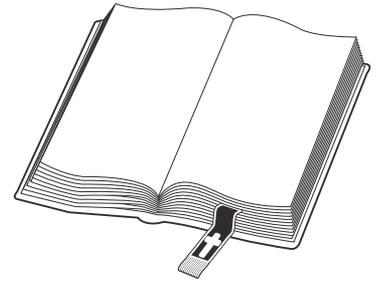


# Trusting in the Bible

*“Uphold me according to Your word, that I may live;  
and do not let me be ashamed of my hope.”* Psalm 119:116



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Beloved, as you know we live in a world where integrity, honesty, and commitment are hard to find! People make promises and vow vows and then break them. There was a time when a man or woman would be sure to honor his/her word. A handshake sealed his/her commitment. Today, even a legal contract can be broken, and few people honor their wedding vows. Few parents are honest, and few parents teach their children to be honest. I am not only talking about unbelievers. Integrity, honesty, and commitment are hard to find in the church! The divorce rate is higher in the church than among unbelievers. Bankruptcy is also high in the church.

One thing we can be sure of that never changes is the Word of God, the Bible. Time will not change it. Culture will not change it. Situations will not change it. The Lord never changes, and His Word *never* changes! His promises and commitments to His people are sure! He never breaks His Word to us! In my lifetime many people have broken commitments to me, and I have had to repent of breaking promises to others. But 1 Peter 1:25 tells us that the Word of the Lord endures forever. Proverbs 30:5 reads, *“Every word of God is pure; He is a shield to those who put their trust in Him.”* Matthew 24:35 reads, *“Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away.”*

Beloved, in this life our Lord and His Word are all that we can truly trust. Even those who

love us have human weaknesses, and they can fail us. The Lord does not always keep His promises the way we think He will or according to the day or time we expect; however, we can fully trust Him to be faithful, to fulfill His promises to us in His way and in His time. Many of His promises have conditions that we have to meet before He will bring them to pass. A good example of this is 1 John 1:8-9 that reads, *“If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”*

Beloved, in the years I have been a believer, I have often confessed my sins to Jesus. By His AMAZING GRACE, He has faithfully kept His promise and forgiven me and cleansed me. I encourage you to do this. Do not forget, others will fail you, but Jesus never will. Even those closest to you will fail you at times, but Jesus never will. You can always trust Him. You can always trust His Word.

Unbeliever, I know a lot of you are hurting. A lot of you have had painful things in your life or have had people disappoint you, but I want to encourage you today. Surrender your life to Jesus Christ. He will never fail you no matter what situation is in your life. Jesus will never fail you.

— *Janice McBride*

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*All scripture is taken from the New King James Version of the Bible.*

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