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Faith - Trust

*Being Sure of God's
Care and Guidance*



Mary (strong)
Peter (rock)

*Blessed is she (Mary) who
has believed that what the Lord said
will be accomplished.*

Luke 1:45

*You are Peter, and on this rock
I will build my church.*

Matthew 16:18

*Take heart daughter, he (Jesus) said,
your faith has healed you.*

Matthew 9:22

*Blessed is the man
who makes the Lord his trust.*

Psalms 40:4

Two Arks

We all have read or heard about
old Noah and the Ark,
When times were evil as can be
and morally were dark.
And though we know the wicked
were destroyed by all the Flood
And it took many, many months
to dry up so much mud.

But that is not the only ark
the Bible tells us of,
There was a tiny little ark
built by a Mom with love.
King Pharaoh was an evil man
and gave a bad decree
That all the Hebrew baby boys
should die right instantly.

But one Mom hid her little boy
for three whole months, and so
She then made just a tiny ark
of bulrushes, you know.
She waterproofed the whole inside
with slime and also pitch
And when she tucked the babe in there
she hoped there'd be no glitch.

Then when she put the cover
on that tiny, floating boat
She must have wished with all her heart
that it would safely float.
Of course we know the story well
how Pharaoh's daughter found
The ark with baby safe inside
who made a crying sound.
She had compassion on the child
and took him as her son
And so the Lord saved Moses life
when it was just begun.

It's really quite exciting
how God makes things come to be
And He has plans for all of us—
including you and me.



For I know the plans
I have for you,
declares the Lord. . .
plans to give you hope
and a future.
Jeremiah 29:11

Passing Out Lunches

When Jesus fed five thousand
his disciples said, 'With what?'
And then He answered them and asked,
'Just what all have you got?'
They said there was no food around
except a youngster's lunch
And knew two fish and five small loaves
couldn't feed a hungry bunch.

But Jesus said to seat those folks
in groups upon the ground,
And when the Lord gave thanks to God
they passed the food around.
I'm sure the twelve disciples
were amazed and quite aghast
When Jesus used just one boy's lunch
and made it last and last.

No doubt they said among themselves,
'Wow! This is really great!'
And they rejoiced with all the crowd
because they ate and ate.

They must have almost danced for joy
as they walked down each aisle,
I'd guess when they were serving folks
they did it with a smile.
They'd seen a lot of miracles,
their trust in Christ was strong,
And now a miracle like this
sure helped their faith along.

I'm glad I serve a God like that
Who cares about our needs
And when we're tired and lonely
our hungry soul He feeds.
Don't miss the opportunity
to serve a God like this
For if you do you'll surely find
a lot of things you'll miss.

It is the Lord Christ
you are serving.
Colossians 3:24



Peter

There's something about Peter
when you read about his life
That makes you kinda' like him
though he had some toil and strife.
He really was outspoken
and he loved the Lord a lot,
If he was asked what he believed
he'd answer on the spot.

He had enthusiasm
and he had a lot of zest
He often spoke out for the Lord
when he was at his best.
Sometimes he also made mistakes
when he would speak too fast
But then he would apologize
so didn't come in last.

I like the way he followed Christ,
when he was called to serve
He simply left his boat behind
which took a lot of nerve.
He knew Christ was the Son of God
and said it loud and clear--
He was the first to voice this fact
to others standing near.

King Herod didn't like him
so he had him thrown in jail,
His praying friends were not allowed
to even pay his bail.
The night before King Herod
would call for him next day
We find that handcuffed Peter
between two soldiers lay.

The story we are told in Acts
says Peter was asleep
He must have trusted God
a lot
that He his soul would keep.
And then to think an angel came
and shook him wide awake
And told him to put on his clothes
and led him out the gate.



Yes, Peter was a special man
who dared to give his all
And was not disappointed
that the Lord gave him a call,
He left his nets and fishing boat
to follow Christ the King
And folks who do the same today
find it's worth everything.

Shaky Faith

If your faith is sometimes shaky
there is something you can do--
Just get your Bible off the shelf,
It has good news for you.
It tells of many people
who can build your faith a lot
And how they really trusted God
Who helped them on the spot.

Remember Jonah in the whale
was in a yucky place
But God was watching all the time
while in that little space
And He was counting days and hours
and when the time was right
The whale threw up old Jonah
and saved him from his plight.

And read how Noah and his sons
built that great big old boat
And though it rained for forty days
they found that it would float.
When all the flood was over
and the land outside was dry
God surprised the eight survivors
with a rainbow in the sky.

And other folks had faith in God
it tells us in His Book
Of David, Moses, and St. John,
so take the time to look.
Their faith was not on shaky ground
but it was firm and strong;
They sometimes suffered for their faith
when people did them wrong.

At times it takes a lot of trust
to stay on top th' heap
But if your hand keeps clasping His,
your soul He'll always keep.



You, Lord, keep my lamp burning;
My God turns my darkness into light.
Psalm 18:28



*Just Count
Your Blessings*

You think that you've had troubles
and could even name them all?
I wish you'd read some verses, friend,
that tell about St. Paul.

Have you sat in a prison cell
and prayed and sang at night?
Have you been beaten thrice with rods
right out in broad daylight?
Have you had forty stripes save one
five times upon your back?
Have you been shipwrecked several times
so that you have lost track?

Have you been let down from a wall
to get outside a gate?
Have you been stoned or left for dead
by folks all filled with hate?

I know that we have problems
that we face along the way
And aggravations rankle us
and cloudy up our day,
But even if our times are tough
and find it hard to cope
If we will count our blessings
we may find there still is hope.

Now if we count our problems
they just add to our distress
And where we'll end up if we do
is anybody's guess.
Be thankful you're not dodging stones
or in a prison cell--
As you can see we're mighty blest
and things are going well.

The Fiery Furnace

The fiery furnace was a threat
for three young Hebrew men,
But they'd not bow to other gods
no matter who or when.
They really had their mind made up;
they would not bow the knee,
If God delivered them, okay--
if not, they'd wait and see.

And when the king said, 'Throw 'em in,'
it didn't singe a hair,
It only burned off all their ropes,
no smell of smoke was there.
But when the king, to his dismay,
saw still another face,
It scared him that he saw God's Son
was also in that place.

I'm glad I serve a God like that,
for when we're in the fire
He's right there close beside us
to give help and to inspire.
If you don't have a God, my friend,
to help when things go wrong
I'd recommend you serve the Lord,
He'd give your heart a song.



Exciting Days

It must have been exciting, folks,
to live in Jesus' day
And follow Him from place to place
to hear the words He'd say
And watch how He'd do miracles,
no matter of what kind,
In fact he fed the multitudes
and often healed the blind.

To see Him walk on water, too,
and even raise the dead
Sure fascinated lots of folks
who thought on what He said.
There was no thing too hard for him
no matter what was wrong,
He cleansed the folks with leprosy
and gave their heart a song.

No wonder people followed Him,
His message was quite clear,
He showed the world
what God is like
and brought them hope and cheer.
And Jesus still works miracles
and changes hearts of stone
Of those who'll up and follow Him
and make His will their own.

... the people were delighted
with all the wonderful things
that he (Jesus) was doing.

Luke 13:17



God Did It

I don't believe all things I read
or all things that I hear--
Some scientists promote some stuff
that's really kinda' queer.
They don't believe God made the world
and work hard to explain
Some crazy theory they've hatched up
somewhere inside their brain.

They talk of evolution
but they really are not sure
Of just how all things came to be
and how they still endure.
They can't explain a lot of stuff
and tell it blow by blow,
Though they may have a lot of smarts
some things they do not know.

Another thing I'd like to ask
is who made gas and oil
And other things like diamonds
hidden down beneath the soil?
The rubies and the sapphires
and some other fancy gems
Are not picked off some kind of tree
or from some flower stems.

They can't explain the sun or moon
or who hung earth in space,
Or how the stars got where they are
with each one in its place.
There's one more thing I'd like to ask
before I up and quit--
I'd like to know where love comes from,
are folks just born with it?

It's hard for me to understand
why folks don't read God's Book;
It tells how all things came to be
if they'd just take a look.



In the beginning God created
the heavens and the earth.
Genesis 1:1

*The
Rose*



When you see roses on a bush
I wonder what you see--
Do see yellow, red, or pink,
as pleasing as can be?
And do you take the time to smell
the fragrance of that flow'r?
It's better than the best perfume
all day at any hour.

Some folks just will not take the time
to stand and gaze a while
At things God made so beautiful
that ought to bring a smile.
And some, of course, will see the thorns
that decorate the stem,
And wonder why God put them there
as if to spoil a gem.

But then, I guess we wonder, too,
when life seems kinda' tough
Why God will let us suffer
when our road is long and rough.
But God knows what He's doing, friend,
when thorns beset our way;
It's then that we lean hard on Him
to help us through the day.



There are some folks with illnesses
who suffer lots of pain,
Though life for them is pretty tough
they rarely will complain.
It seems they have a secret code
all hidden in their mind;
If you could see inside their heart
some good stuff you would find.

They think on happy times they've had
and count their blessings, too,
And do not think depressing thoughts
that leave them feeling blue.
They have a happy world inside
for faith in God is strong
And so in turn He gives to them
a heart that has a song.

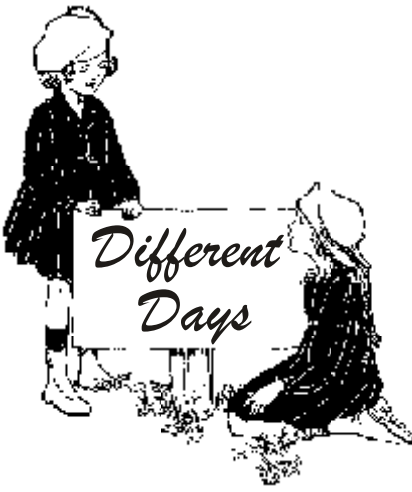
Brighter Days

If your heart is apprehensive
about the days ahead
It could spoil a lot of livin'
and fill your mind with dread.
God has a remedy for this,
the Bible says it best:
Christ said if we would come to Him
He'd give us peace and rest.

So if your future's in His hands
the best thing you can do
Is take the time to live each day
like He would want you to.
It's not too smart to let a day
go by without a song
For days are so much brighter
if you have the Lord along.



Peace I leave with
you; my peace I
give unto you.
John 14:27



When skies are blue and problems few
and life is kind and good
It's easy then to hum and sing
if we do like we should.
But when we have a lousy day
and stuff keeps going wrong
It takes an awful lot of grace
to hang on to our song.

It seems we have to realize
life can be mean and tough
And trust the Lord to help us cope
so we'll have strength enough.
God loves us on the mountaintop
and in the valley, too,
And if our hand is clasping His,
He'll surely see us through.

He will keep you strong to the end
so you may be blameless on the day
of our Lord Jesus Christ.
1 Corinthians 1:8

Not Everything Is "Iffy"

It might, it could, I wonder if,
perhaps, it well may be,
I think, I wish, I guess, I hope,
are used so frequently.
It seems we aren't too sure of things,
we talk of 'iffy' stuff,
There's not too much we know for sure,
and this is kinda' tough.
But one thing that we're sure about
is God is in control
So if you're really wise, my friend,
you'll trust to Him your soul.



Know therefore that
the Lord your God
is God; he is the
faithful God
Deuteronomy 7:9

Bedtime

At night before I go to sleep
I like to read a while
And just enjoy some happy stuff
that makes me kinda' smile.
I try not think of lumps and bumps
that may have come my way,
I know I'll sleep much better
if I read awhile and pray.
One thing that I appreciate
is that God doesn't sleep
And with that knowledge in my heart
I know my soul He'll keep.



When I awake, I am still with you.
Psalm 139:18

The Untroubled Heart

If you let you heart be troubled
you are sure to lose your song;
There's stuff out there to rankle you
and make your day go wrong.
If hatred dwells within your heart
it's sure to make you blue,
It doesn't hurt the folks you hate
but it will damage you.
Your anger will not change a thing
to even up the score,
It could give you a heart attack,
a stroke, or something more.
It really isn't worth it, friend,
to harbor worthless stuff--
It's better far to just forgive
then life won't be so tough.
The Bible has the answer
how to live life to the max:
Forgive the folks who've done you wrong
then love 'em and relax.

Do not condemn and
you will not be condemned.
Forgive, and you will
be forgiven. Luke 6:37



Details Inside

If you want to go to Heaven
when life down here is through
You need to read your Bible, friend,
it has good news for you.
It tells of things you need to know
to give your heart a song--
You'll find that livin's mighty good
if you've the Lord along.
You'll find why Jesus Christ was born
and even why He died
So read God's Handbook often
for it gives details inside.



For God so loved the world that he gave his
one and only Son, that whoever believes in
him shall not perish but have eternal life.
John 3:16 (1 John 1:9 and Revelation 3:20)