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'Tis so Sweet To **'TRUST'** – Have **'FAITH'** – in Jesus!

The song that is ringing in my ear this morning is:

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus
Just to take Him at His Word
Just to rest upon His promise
Just to know 'Thus Saith the Lord
Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Thee
How I've proved Thee o're and o're.
Jesus, Jesus, Precious Jesus
Oh for grace to trust Thee more.

From my earliest days, this was a song that my Dad or different ones would lead out singing and we sang it many, many times during our ministry. Today, it even means more than it has ever meant in my life!

Each year I read through the Bible and try to read different versions each year. As I was reading through one of the versions last year, every time the word **'FAITH'** would be used in other versions, this particular one would use the word **'TRUST'**. Somehow the word **'TRUST'** is a word I seemingly understand. It seems like the way the word **'FAITH'** has been taught so many times it seems unattainable. We so many times seemingly think or say, "Oh, if I only had more **'FAITH'**."

Jesus said each one has been given the 'measure of **'FAITH'**' Romans 12:3b So we each DO have the 'measure of **'FAITH'**' (or **'TRUST'**).
But is it enough **'FAITH'**?

Walking toward Jerusalem one day, Jesus saw a fig tree in the distance that had leaves on it. He walked over to the fig trees and found out it had leaves but no



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fruit!! (That will preach right there!) Jesus told the tree no one would ever eat from it again. – Yes Jesus talked to the tree!!

The outcome was that when Jesus and the disciples were returning from Jerusalem the following day, the fig tree had completely dried up from the roots – it was completely withered away – in 24 hours just at the Word of Jesus! When the disciples saw it they were amazed at it.

²² So Jesus answered and said to them, “Have faith in God. ²³ For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, ‘Be removed and be cast into the sea,’ and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says. ²⁴ Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive *them*, and you will have *them*. Mark 11:22-24

Jesus answered them and told them to ‘BELIEVE’ – have ‘FAITH’ – ‘TRUST’ in God – and they could speak to mountains and they would have to obey and move! (That is immediately followed by a teaching on forgiveness. We MUST walk in forgiveness with everything and everybody!)

But ‘TRUST’ – I understand ‘TRUST’. I know people I really can ‘TRUST’. Conversely, I also know people I really cannot ‘TRUST’. I know people in whom I can really have ‘FAITH’. Conversely, I also know people in whom I cannot have ‘FAITH’.

‘Tis so sweet to ‘TRUST’ – to have ‘FAITH’ – in Jesus.

‘TRUST’ or ‘FAITH’ is simply just to take Him at His Word!

Then you just rest upon His Promise – you REST upon His Word

It’s because you KNOW THUS SAITH THE LORD.

Jesus, Jesus how I ‘TRUST’ YOU – How I have ‘FAITH’ in YOU

Why? Because I’ve proved YOU over and over again.

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(Even once again this morning as I asked the Lord to help me find something I had been looking for – as I prayed about it I suddenly knew where to look – and there it was. I had to let myself ‘REST’, ‘TRUST’ (have ‘FAITH’) in Him that He would show me the hidden thing. There it is now lying on my counter – a visible, tangible answer to prayer – ‘TRUST’ – -‘FAITH’- in HIM)

Jesus, Jesus, Precious Jesus

Oh for grace to ‘TRUST’ YOU more!

Oh to let go of my own thoughts – my own ‘wisdom’ - and
‘TRUST’ (have ‘FAITH’ in) YOU more and more!

Then I can be at REST in Him because I ‘TRUST’ Him to direct my path.

May you be at ‘REST’ today as you completely walk in ‘TRUST’ and ‘FAITH’
Just taking Jesus at His Word!

Blessings!

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