



WOW: Word Of the Week

Trust

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Trust. We often use it as a synonym for faith, but we also recognize that trust and faith are not exactly the same. Alan Robertson shared a good example of trust and its relationship to prayer. At times, we struggle with how to pray; we don't know how to pray. Alan gave the example of a medical test and a how a family should pray about the results after the test is administered.

Our lives are filled with situations where the outcome has already been determined and is unchangeable. We can pray about the lab results of the medical test after the test is administered, but the outcome is already determined. When we pray for a certain desired result after the test has been administered, are we asking for a false result? Do we believe the lab result going to miraculously change after the fact? When I am sick and a medical test is administered, I pray for a correct result to inform treatment, not for a certain result. We can pray about our health, but we cannot undo what has already occurred. Can we learn to trust God in every situation, regardless of what comes?

How should I pray about the current situation in our nation, or the needs of our world? How should I pray about injustices, conflicts, and lack of peace? I understand the desire to see change. I also want to say something that leads to positive changes. But somewhere in the mix, I have to trust God to act, to accomplish his will in ways I may not know or understand.

I pray for the triumph of good and the defeat of evil. But I will not be so bold as to tell God how he must do it. Prayer and trust -- this is ultimately a question about how I understand God. What kind of God do I serve? My God is worthy of my trust. May his will be done—even if the medical test result is not what I had hoped or would have liked. God is still God. God is still on his throne.