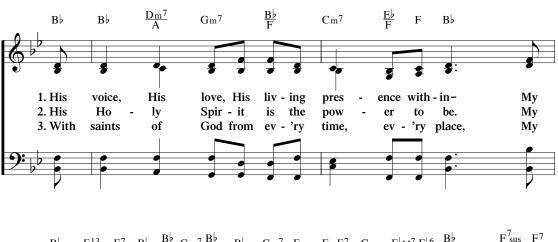
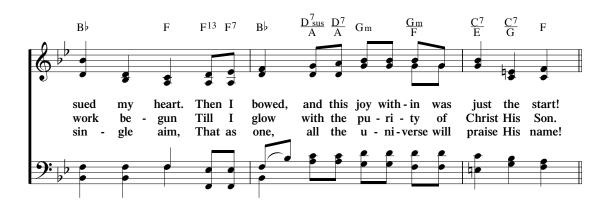
We Are Trusting in the Lord

Psalm 20:7; John 3:16, 36; Romans 15:5-6; 2 Corinthians 5:7; Galatians 2:20; 3:2, 5; 5:22; Ephesians 2:8-10, 19-20; Philippians 1:6; Colossians 1:27; Hebrews 11:6

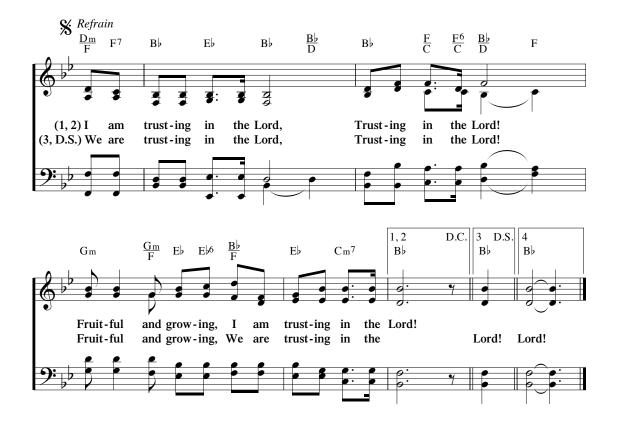
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LEAD-IN: Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the Lord our God. (Psalm 20:7, NIV)

LEAD-IN DEVOTIONAL READING:

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As we trust God, as we believe that He is and that H

as we believe that He is and that He rewards those who seek Him, as we believe that Jesus is His Son and that God raised Him from the dead, as we respond to God's word with faith, as we entrust ourselves to Him,

Faith bears fruit within us:

- We are justified. God declares us completely innocent. We will not be judged by Him (John 3:18; 5:24; Romans 5:1; et al).
- God cleanses our hearts (Acts 15:9) and gives us His own righteousness (Romans 3:21-24; 10:4, 9-11; et al).
- We are sealed in Christ. We are marked as God's own possession and put under His protection. This sealing is by the Holy Spirit, who is our down-payment on our full redemption to come (Ephesians 1:13-14).
- We have eternal life. We have God's boundless, timeless, endless life, here and now and forever (John 3:16, 36; et al). Jesus Christ Himself lives in us (Galatians 2:20; Ephesians 3:17). We share His completeness (Colossians 2:9-10) and are being filled to all the fullness of God (Ephesians 3:19).
- We draw near to our Father God in full confidence (Hebrews 10:22).
- We enter into God's deep and endless rest (Hebrews 4:3).
- All our hunger and thirst is satisfied in God (John 6:35-36). We have the living water of the Spirit flowing within us (John 7:38-39).
- At work within us are the all-creating Word of God (1 Thessalonians 2:13) and the power of God that raised Christ from the dead (Ephesians 1:18-20).
- We have an unchanging, unshakable hope for the future that is unthreatened even by death (1 Thessalonians 4:14; 2 Timothy 1:12; et al).
- We rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory (1 Peter 1:8).
- We enjoy peace with God and full access to His boundless grace (Romans 5:1-2).
- We know God's love for us (1 John 4:16). We are rooted and grounded in it and begin to grasp how wide and long and high and deep it is (Ephesians 3:17-19).
- We are protected by a shield and a breastplate that can deflect and extinguish anything Satan throws at us (Ephesians 6:16; 1 Thessalonians 5:8).
- We grow in faith and pursue more and more faith throughout your lives (2 Corinthians 10:15; 1 Timothy 6:11; et al). Faith continues to grow as a natural fruit of God's Spirit within us (Galatians 5:22).
- As faith grows, so does the precious quality of patient endurance (2 Thessalonians 1:4; James 1:2-3; 1 Peter 1:6-7, 9).

Faith also bears fruit in our daily, outer life:

- God enables us to obey Him (Romans 1:5; 16:26).
- We overcome the evil world in which we live (1 John 5:4-5).

- God is perfecting us by faith (Galatians 3:2, 5).
- We know the truth, and the truth sets us free (John 8:30-32).
- If we lack wisdom, all we have to do is ask God, and He supplies it gladly (James 1:5-6).
- We can move mountains (Matthew 17:20). All things are possible to us (Mark 9:23 et al).
- We are fabulously wealthy, even when we are poor (James 2:5).
- We rest our physical bodies in the hands of the Great Healer (Matthew 9:22; James 5:14-15; et al).
- We remain confident and calm through every storm of life (Mark 4:40; Luke 8:25). We walk safely and confidently, even when we can't see the path ahead (2 Corinthians 5:7). We stand firm, no matter what problems or opposition we meet (1 Corinthians 16:13 et al). We fight the good fight of faith and lay hold of eternal life (1 Timothy 6:11-12; 2 Timothy 2:22; 4:7-8).

Since faith unites us with Jesus Christ, we are one in Him with all believers of every time and place (Galatians 6:10; Ephesians 4:5; et al):

- We are children of God and members of God's family (John 1:12; Ephesians 2:19; et al).
- We are children of Abraham and thus heir to all God promised him (Romans 4; Galatians 3; Genesis 12:1-3).
- We do the works of Christ, and together, we do even greater works than He did (John 14:10-12).
- All we have is His and thus is the common property of His people (Acts 4:32 et al).
- We are being built into a spiritual house, a holy temple, with Jesus Christ as the cornerstone (Ephesians 2:20-22; 1 Peter 2:4-7).
- We have the joyful opportunity of encouraging our fellow believers (Romans 1:12 et al). God gives us beautiful, life-giving spiritual gifts to share with them (Romans 12:3, 6). We nourish each other with words of faith (1 Timothy 4:6).
- We are granted the great privilege of suffering for Christ's sake (Philippians 1:29).
- Our example of faith is a heritage that we pass on to our children and grandchildren (2 Timothy 1:5).

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