

# First Light

## TRUST

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Humans have always had the need to trust. Actually, not a need as much as a yearning for peace of mind and affirmation. Most of us take for granted that we can trust those who make the food we eat or the automobiles we drive. We trust that the companies who make our electrical systems or natural gas pipelines know exactly what they are doing and that they genuinely care that their products and/or services don't cause us to become ill, injured or die. We take wedding vows in confidence that our spouse will be trustworthy during the years we spend together. Trust is the acceptance of the truth without evidence or investigation. As Christians we agree to the rulership of God as a trust, assuring us of his love and authority over our lives, and those we love. In 2021 our world seems more absent of trust than ever before. Many of the entities we felt we could rely on for truth and leadership have disillusioned us. Our government, the media and many of the companies and organizations we use to trust have become untrustworthy. According to Harvard Business Review roughly half of all managers don't trust their leaders. The University of Chicago surveyed 800 Americans and discovered that more than four out of five had "only some" or "hardly any" confidence in the people running major corporations. Granted, trusting corporate leaders in the abstract is different from trusting your own CEO or boss, and some companies and executives are almost universally considered trustworthy; but the general trend is very troubling. Another survey conducted recently asked company workers to describe how an environment feels when it is characterized by low levels of trust. The most frequent responses include "stressful," "threatening," "divisive," "unproductive," and "tense." God's Word reads, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding." (Proverbs 3:5) To me, this means that if every company, manufacture, news anchor, newspaper, financial institution, not-for-profit, and church leader became untrustworthy I can still believe and trust in our Lord. Trust has always been scrutinized. We desperately want to believe, yet this sinful world is full of those who live in disguise. With the present COVID-19 pandemic there is more to scrutinize than ever before. Those who tell us to wear a mask, not wear a mask, stay home, don't stay home, take the new vaccine, don't take the new vaccine, all want us to trust them. It is time to realize that we can much more likely find the answers to questions about who and what we can trust in God' Word. The peace of mind and affirmation that tomorrow will be okay is not held in the hands of those who claim to rule and mislead us, but to Him who created us. The scriptures are full of wisdom that will help us find peace of mind in today's world.

[Psalms 37:4-6](#) [Psalms 9:10](#) [Jeremiah 29:11](#) [Romans 15:13](#) [Mark 5:36](#) [Psalms 118:8](#)