Corporate-Cell Ministry Relationship 18 Stimulation for Abundant life 7—Trust

Text: II Sam.22:31; Isaiah 26:3-4.

2 Samuel 22:31 "As for God, His way is perfect; The word of the LORD is proven; He is a shield to all who trust in Him." (NKJ)

The previous message focused on trust. This message is an expansion.

- According to BlueLetterBible.com, the word "trust" occurs 134 times in the Old Testament in the KJV. However, there are variations of trust such as "trusting" which are not accounted in this search.... Trusted - appears 29 times. Trustedst - appears 3 times.
- Trust: assured reliance on the character, ability, strength, or truth of someone or something (MW Collegiate Dict. 11th Ed.).
- KJV dictionary, trust (n): Confidence; a reliance or <u>resting of the mind</u> on the integrity, genuineness, justice, friendship, or other sound principle of another person. Trust (verb): to place confidence in; to rely on. We cannot trust those who have deceived us. (Adapted).

God is perfect in everything needed to trust.

- 1. Reliability: able to be trusted to do what is expected or has been promised (Encarta dictionary).
 - a. God cannot lie—Titus 1:2; Heb.6:18.
 - b. God doesn't make promises He cannot keep—Gen.18:12-14; Nu.23:19.
- 2. Receptivity/acceptance: accepted for who you are, not judged, criticized or made to feel inferior because of ethnicity.
 - a. God values you as a person—Jn. 3:16.
 - b. God confirms you are always in His plan—Matt. 28:19; Rev.5:9.
- 3. Revelatory impartation: pointing out or revealing clearly.
 - a. God is open "Always level with you"—honest.
 - b. The root for the Hebrew word "Jehovah" is the verb "hava", which means "to be, to become, to exist". Used as a descriptive noun, Jehovah literally means, "the one who has existence in Himself"—Gen. 2:4, and self revealing—Ex. 6:2-3.

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