YEAR OF GLORY TO GOD: "HOW WILL MY TESTIMONY MAKE THE "GLORY LIST OF 2021"?

"TRUST IN THE LORD WITH ALL YOUR HEART"

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TRUST IN THE LORD WITH ALL YOUR HEART Text Proverbs 3:5-6

⁵"Trust in the LORD with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding.
⁶ Seek His will in all you do, and He will <u>show you which path to take</u>."

Psalm 20:7, David said

"Some trust in chariots and others in horses, but we trust in the name of the LORD our God."

Trust brings enlightenment to our strategy and path. Those who trust in the Lord get the unique/BLUE OCEAN ideas that would distinguish them from others.

TRUSTING and BELIEVING IN GOD ARE DIFFERENT.

- Believing is the acceptance that God is and can do something and He does something.

1 Thessalonians 2:13 "13 And we also thank God continually because, when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as a human word, but as it actually is, the word of God, which is indeed <u>at work in you</u> who believe.

Acts 16³⁰ The jailer brought them out and asked, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?"

³¹ They replied, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved—you and your household." ³² Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all the others in his house. ³³ ... and all his household were baptized. ³⁴ The jailer brought them into his house and set a meal before them; he was filled with joy because he had come to believe in God—he and his whole household."

Often, believe is backed by action/confession with righteousness (flee from sin) as the foundation: Prayers, fellowshipping, evangelism, spreading the word, etc.

Reward of believe is salvation, God's mercy, favour and grace.

Example: **Romans 10:10** "For with your heart you believe and are justified, and with your mouth you confess (action) and are saved."

TRUSTING

Willingness and obedience to Strategize and Execute with God.

Isaiah 1:19 "19If you are willing and obedient, you will eat the best of the land."

- Trusting is a higher layer on believing.

Mark 4:¹⁴ The farmer sows the word ... on good soil, it hears the word, accept it (believe), and produce a crop—some thirty, some sixty, some a hundred times what was sown.

The level you produce depends on how much you are willing and obedient to strategize and execute with God.

Examples: (1) Isaac trusted God with all his heart.

In Genesis 26 - Isaac sowed seed in the land, and that very year he reaped a hundredfold. And the LORD blessed him. ¹³ The man became rich, and his wealth continued to grow until he became very wealthy.

Isaac's wealth started with Isaac Trusting God with all his heart:

Genesis 26:1There was a famine in the land—besides the previous famine in Abraham's time—and Isaac went to Abimelek king of the Philistines in Gerar. ² The LORD appeared to Isaac and said, "**Do not go down to Egypt**; live in the land where I tell you to live. ³ Stay in this land for a while, and I will be with you and will bless you.

Brethren, God is strategizing with Isaac and expects Isaac to obey and execute.

For to you and your descendants I will give all these lands and will confirm the oath I swore to your father Abraham. ⁴ I will make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and will give them all these lands, and through your offspring all nations on earth will be blessed, ⁵ because Abraham obeyed me and did everything I required of him, keeping my commands, my decrees and my instructions."

Isaac executed the instruction!

⁶ So Isaac stayed in Gerar.... ¹² Isaac planted crops in that land and the same year reaped a hundredfold, **because the LORD blessed him.** ¹³ The man became rich, and his wealth continued to grow until he became very wealthy.

Brethren,

Believe leads to action What are you doing because of your faith/you believe?

While as Trust is progressive:

Genesis 26 (contd.)

²³ From there Isaac went up to Beersheba. ²⁴ That night the LORD appeared to him and said, "I am the God of your father Abraham. Do not be afraid, for I am with you; I will bless you and will increase the number of your descendants for the sake of my servant Abraham." ²⁵ Isaac built an altar there and called on the name of the LORD. There he pitched his tent, and there his servants dug a well.

Example (2): Moses trusted God with all his heart.

In Exodus 13: ¹⁷ When Pharaoh let the people go, God did not lead them on the road through the Philistine country, though that was shorter. For God said, "If they face war, they might change their minds and return to Egypt." ¹⁸ So God led the people around by the desert road toward the Red Sea.... ²¹ By day the LORD went ahead of them in a pillar of cloud to guide them on their way and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light, so that

they could travel by day or night. ²² Neither the pillar of cloud by day nor the pillar of fire by night left its place in front of the people.

Exodus 14: 1Then the LORD said to Moses, ² "Tell the Israelites to turn back and encamp by the sea, directly opposite Baal Zephon. ³ Pharaoh will think, 'The Israelites are wandering around the land in confusion, hemmed in by the desert.' ⁴ And I will harden Pharaoh's heart, and he will pursue them. But I will gain glory for myself through Pharaoh and all his army, and **the Egyptians will know that I am the LORD." So the Israelites did this.**

⁹ The Egyptians pursued the Israelites and overtook them as they camped by the sea.
¹⁰ As Pharaoh approached, the Israelites looked up, and there were the Egyptians, marching after them. ...Do not be afraid. Stand firm and you will see the deliverance the LORD will bring you today. The Egyptians you see today you will never see again. ¹⁴ The LORD will fight for you; you need only to be still."
¹⁵ Then the LORD said to Moses,¹⁶ Raise your staff and stretch out your hand over the sea to divide the water so hat the Israelites can go through the sea on dry ground.

¹⁷ I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they will go in after them. And I will gain glory through Pharaoh and all his army, through his chariots and his horsemen. ¹⁸ The Egyptians will know that I am the LORD when I gain glory through Pharaoh, his chariots and his horsemen." ¹⁹ Then the angel of God, who had been traveling in front of Israel's army, withdrew and went behind them. The pillar of cloud also moved from in front and stood behind them, ²⁰ coming between the armies of Egypt and Israel.

²¹ Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and all that night the LORD drove the sea back with a strong east wind and turned it into dry land. The waters were divided, ²² and the Israelites went through the sea on dry ground.... ²⁶ Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea so that the waters may flow back over the Egyptians and their chariots and horsemen." ²⁷ Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at daybreak the sea went back to its place. The Egyptians were fleeing toward it, and the LORD swept them into the sea.

Brethren, believing God is fundamental; trusting God enables us to inherit the land and bring glory to God. LET US BUILD ON OUR BELIEVE BY STEPPING UP TO THE NEXT LEVEL, WHICH IS TRUSTING IN THE LORD WITH ALL OUR HEART! GOD BLESS YOU!