

The Channel of Trust

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Imagine having the Omnipresent attribute of God. You would be able to be present everywhere at the same time. Imagine having the Omnipotent attribute of God. You would have ALL power. These were just two of the attributes that Jesus had while He was in heaven before He came to the earth. When Jesus came to the earth, He was limited by His physical body! Can you imagine how Jesus felt restricted? How He felt trapped or limited? How He must have even felt frustrated by these limitations and restrictions that were now imposed upon Him? But through these limitations Jesus, our example, proved to us that we can TRUST God, the Father, to help us and protect us in any situation.

Jesus trusted God **and** believed what God said! God sent Jesus to redeem us. Jesus took on a physical body that had limitations. He was no longer able to perform like He did in heaven. It was not easy to find Himself limited and physically away from His Father. Do you think that was one reason Jesus talked to God continuously? He physically missed being with His Father; however, He knew He could talk to His Father whenever He wanted. So many times Jesus would steal away from the crowds and His disciples to commune and talk with His Father. When He talked to His Father, do you think He was more aware of God's presence? When you talk to God, aren't you more aware of His presence?

God told Jesus He would have to face death to redeem mankind on earth; however, God also told Jesus He

would raise Him up and give Him back His glorified body, in which there are no limits! Jesus would once again be able to perform as He was created to do.

A lot happened to Jesus between the time He volunteered to come to earth to redeem us and the time God raised Him from the dead. It started with the devil tormenting Him for 40 days and 40 nights. But the devil didn't leave Jesus alone after that. The people He came to redeem rejected Him. Some made fun of Him. Some wanted to argue that He was trying to be God. Many called Him names and ridiculed the good that He was doing. Religious people tried to get Him arrested numerous times; however, Jesus would disappear into the crowd of people who surrounded Him. Then Jesus was betrayed by His disciples who pretended not to even know who He was. How would that make you feel?

Imagine how the devil tormented Jesus while He was on the cross. The devil thought he had conquered Jesus. I can hear him speaking into Jesus' mind saying, "You are going to die. God isn't going to save you." And then to top it off, as Jesus hung on the cross and the sins of the world were upon Him, we hear Jesus say, "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" When Jesus felt the emptiness inside because God's presence had departed from Him, I am sure the devil spoke to His mind and said, 'See, I told you so. Your Father has left you.'

But because Jesus had a relationship with His Father, Jesus **trusted God** to be with Him despite how His flesh felt, despite what the devil was telling Him. Jesus **trusted God** to raise Him from the dead. (II Corinthians

1:9) Jesus could not raise Himself – He had to rely on God’s word that it would happen. Jesus **trusted God** to accept the sacrifice Jesus made to redeem us back to God. (Revelation 5:9) Jesus **trusted** that **God** would allow the Holy Ghost to come when He returned to heaven. (Acts 2:1-4)

Doesn’t the Bible say that we, too, are children of God? (Galatians 3:26) Doesn’t the Bible say that in the beginning, before Adam’s fall, we were created in God’s image? (Genesis 1:26) Our spirit man realizes that one day we too will be in a glorified body – there will no longer be any physical limitations! Our spirit man cries out for the redemption which is so close, but seemingly so far away.

We can trust God to do exactly what He says He will do! Jesus proved it to us. Everything God had told Jesus came to pass. Every little detail was fulfilled just like God spoke it.