

# CELEBRATE AND TRUST GOD

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PHILIPPIANS 4:4–8



## The Heart of the Matter

Life is meant to be celebrated, not merely endured. Those who believe that understand that happiness is a choice we make every day. Happiness isn't based on who won the ballgame, how much weight we lose, or which lotto numbers we choose. It's not about the change in the weather, how young or old you are, or any other circumstance. None of these things matter. *Life is to be celebrated, not merely endured.* Get that into your head! To help you do that, let's look at a man who had every reason to be down in the dumps but wasn't. He could celebrate life because he celebrated God.



## Discovering the Way

### 1. Celebrate Life by Celebrating God (Selected Scriptures)

Paul knew the difficulties of life. But he didn't let life get him down; he celebrated life by celebrating God.

### 2. Celebrating God Helps Us Stay in the (Rat) Race (Philippians 4:4–8)

When running the race of life gets tiresome, remember four divine truths from Paul's pen.



## Starting Your Journey

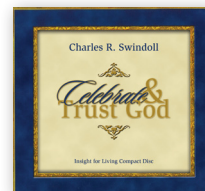
Make it your aim to celebrate God as a way of life, and you'll not only stay in the race of life; you'll win. God will see to it!



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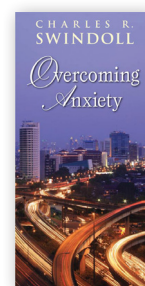
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1 SAMUEL 30:1-4; PSALM 91:1-2, 14-16; PROVERBS 3:5-6



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Sometimes the simplest messages are the hardest to obey. The simplest messages are also the easiest to forget. One such simple message is only two words. It rarely comes to our minds or crosses our lips when life suddenly turns dark and dreary, even though we know these two words are true and can have powerful results in our lives. What is this message? Well, in plain and simple language: TRUST GOD! Easy to say, hard to do. But perhaps a page from David's life can make remembering and obeying this simple message a little bit easier.



### Discovering the Way

#### 1. A Command That's Hard to Obey (Proverbs 3:5-6)

Proverbs 3 commands us to trust in the Lord and not in ourselves, but it sure is difficult to do.

#### 2. A Situation That Was Hard to Handle (1 Samuel 30:1-6)

David suddenly faced a life-and-death situation that left him one option: trust in God.

#### 3. A Promise That's Easy to Live With (Psalm 91:1-2, 14-16)

The Lord promises protection and blessings for those who trust in Him.

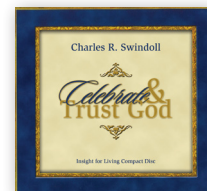


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We do not know what lies ahead of us in our lives, but God knows and He is trustworthy. So, today, make it your firm commitment to trust God, no matter what comes.



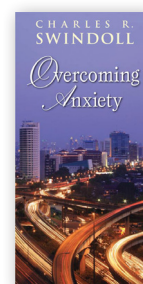
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# Celebrate God!

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Celebrate God all day, every day.  
I mean, *revel* in Him!  
Make it as clear as you can to all you meet  
that you're on their side,  
working with them and not against them.  
Help them see that the Master is about to arrive.  
He could show up any minute!

Don't fret or worry. Instead of worrying, pray.  
Let petitions and praises shape your worries into prayers,  
letting God know your concerns.  
Before you know it, a sense of God's wholeness,  
everything coming together for good,  
will come and settle you down.  
It's wonderful what happens when Christ displaces worry  
at the center of your life.

Summing it all up, friends,  
I'd say you'll do best by filling your minds and meditating  
on things true, noble, reputable, authentic, compelling,  
gracious — the best, not the worst;  
the beautiful, not the ugly;  
things to praise, not things to curse.

Philippians 4:4–8 (*The Message*)



# Trust God!

## *Songs of Worship*



### In Memoriam — Instrumental

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### Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God, my Father;  
There is no shadow of turning with Thee.  
Thou changest not; Thy compassions, they fail not.  
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

Chorus: Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided.  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
Thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide.  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow—  
Blessings all mine with ten thousand beside!

Repeat chorus

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## My Jesus, I Love Thee

My Jesus, I love Thee, I know Thou art mine;  
For Thee all the follies of sin I resign;  
My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art Thou;  
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

I love Thee because Thou has first loved me,  
And purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree.  
I love Thee for wearing the thorns on Thy brow:  
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus 'tis now.

In mansions of glory and endless delight  
I'll ever adore Thee in heaven so bright;  
I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow:  
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.  
My gracious Redeemer My Savior art Thou;  
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus 'tis now.  
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## Amazing Grace—Instrumental

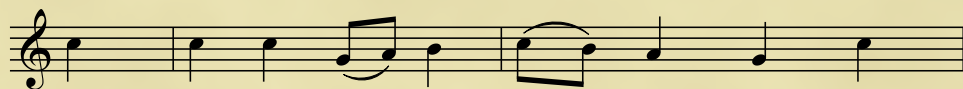
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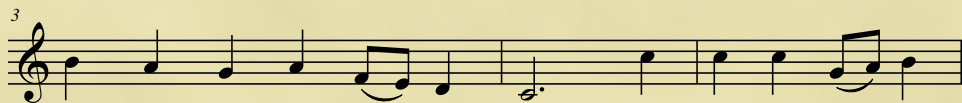
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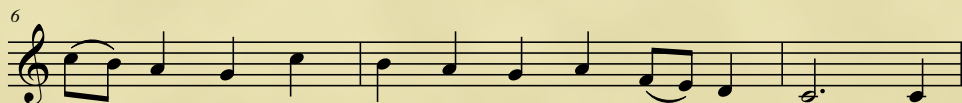
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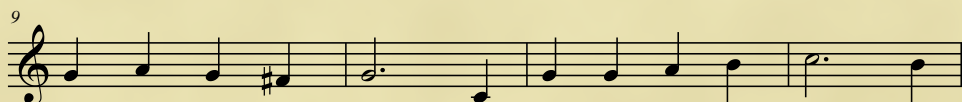
1. A might - y for - tress is — our God, A  
 2. Did we in our own strength con - fide, Our  
 3. And tho' this world, with dev - ils filled, Should  
 4. That word a - bove all earth - ly pow'rs, No



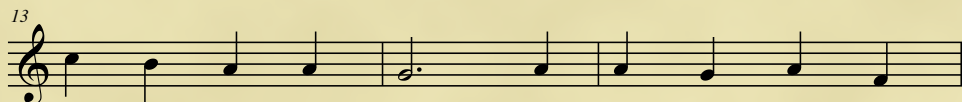
bul - wark nev - er fail - ing; Our help - er He — a -  
 striv - ing would be los - ing; Were not the right man  
 threat - en to un - do — us; We will not fear, for  
 thanks to them, a - bid - eth; The Spir - it and the



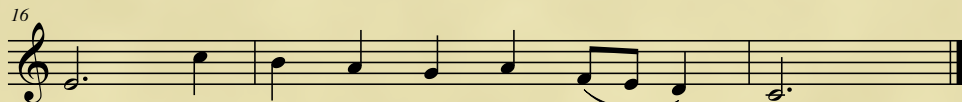
mid the flood Of mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing. For  
 on our side, The man of God's own choos - ing. Dost  
 God hath willed His truth to tri - umph thro' — us. The  
 gifts are ours Thro' Him who with us sid - eth. Let



still our an - cient foe Doth seek to work us woe. His  
 ask who that may be? Christ Je - sus, it is He. Lord  
 prince of dark - ness grim, We trem - ble not for him. His  
 goods and kin - dred go, This mor - tal life al - so. The



craft and pow'r are great, And armed with cru - el  
 Sab - a - oth His name, From age to age the  
 rage we can en - dure, For lo, his doom is  
 bod - y they may kill; God's truth a - bid - eth



hate, On earth is not his e - qual.  
 same, And He must win the bat - tle.  
 sure: One lit - tle word shall fell — him.  
 still: His king - dom is for - ev - er.