Promise Number Two: God is IN CONTROL I will not DOUBT.

Proverbs 3:5,6  
Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; 
6 in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.

Trust in the LORD with all your heart …

The Problem: Doubt

Doubt is devastating to your soul….  
Like what cancer is to your body

When I doubt what God has said, it is destructive to me. It’s unhealthy.  
When I believe what God has said, it is really good for me.

Consequences of Doubt

1. Doubt is the soil that fear grows in.

Luke 24:36-39  
Jesus Appears to the Disciples  
While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. He said to them, “Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have.”

2. Doubt is the cause of our emotional peaks and valleys.

James 1:5,6  
If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him. 6 But when he asks, he must believe and not doubt, because he who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind.
3. **Doubt is the direct result of taking our eyes off the Lord.**

*Matthew 14:28-31*

“Lord, if it’s you,” Peter replied, “tell me to come to you on the water.” “Come,” he said. But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, “Lord, save me!”

“What’s going to happen to me?”

**Living by faith gives us strength and stability…. God has made His promises to us!**

Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. “You of little faith,” he said, “why did you doubt?”

Why do we doubt?

We quit looking to God.

All we see are the wind and waves.

That’s when we begin to sink.

I don’t know where you’ve been this week …

… but if you’re beginning to sink you’re not keeping your eyes fixed on Jesus.

You’re looking at the wind and the waves.

“Why did you doubt?”

**The Christian Life is a Life of Faith**

God said it, I believe it.

I may not understand why something is happening, or when God will answer … but if God has promised to work on my behalf … I believe it.

Do you want to trust in God with all of your heart?

Look at the next phase:

*… and lean not on your own understanding*

It’s not bad to use your brain, but when the crisis of life comes is your confidence in yourself?

“I know how to fix this.”

“I know how to get what I have to have.”

*in all your ways acknowledge him …*

In every choice.

In every decision.

If you want to honor God, acknowledge Him in every detail of your life.

Think of the kinds of problems we face in life:
Financial
• Relational
• Health

Do you think God knows your situation?
If you try to face these and come up with answers to these on your own, what will the outcome be?

Do you think you’ll do better with your problem without God?
Trust in the Lord with all your heart!

… and he will make your paths straight.

This means God will make smooth out the road ahead of you.
How many things do you have on your mind today?
God’s promise is, that as you trust in Him with all of your heart, He will give you a smooth path in this area.

God promises the safest, fastest, smoothest road to the best possible destination.

How do we get this?
By trusting in the Lord with all our heart, acknowledging Him in all of your ways.
This is quite a promise, and quite a commitment on God’s part.
That’s because there is nothing that’s too hard for Him.
He’s God.

God is in control means He is sovereign.
Behind every promise in God’s Word is this word.
He can do it – He’s in control.

Acts 17:24-31
“...The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by hands, 25 and he is not served by human hands, as if he needed anything, because he himself gives all men life and breath and everything else. 26 From one man he made every nation of men, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he determined the times set for them and the exact places where they should live. 27 God did this so that men would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from each one of us. 28 ‘For in him we live and move and have our being.’ As some of your own poets have said, ‘We are his offspring.’

29 Therefore since we are God’s offspring, we should not think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone—an image made by man’s design and skill. 30 In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent. 31 For he has set a day when he will judge the world with justice by the man he has appointed. He has given proof of this to all men by raising him from the dead.”

God is sovereign over the universe.
He is sovereign over humanity.
He is sovereign over all countries, races and governments.
He is sovereign over all world events.
God is who God is.
He isn’t who we think He is.
He is in control of everything that exists.
He never gets stressed.
Nothing escapes His notice.

**Ephesians 1:11,12**

In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will, \(^{12}\) in order that we, who were the first to hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory.

God works out everything according to His purposes. Everything.

**Hebrews 6:18,19**

God did this so that, by two unchangeable things in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have fled to take hold of the hope offered to us may be greatly encouraged. \(^{19}\) We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure.

Do you need an anchor for your soul? God has one for you. It is His precious promises.

So as you face life, and difficulties arise … don’t doubt. God is in control. And that includes what you’re going through. He has a plan, and He will work in your life to accomplish His purposes.

As you Believe His Promise today, then walk in faith until that day that your Receive His blessing …

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- and lean not on your own understanding
- In all your ways acknowledge Him
- and He will make your paths straight.