

## "TRUSTING GOD"

Silence, stillness, and centering before God (2-5 minutes)



### SCRIPTURE / ROMANS 11:33-36 (NIV)

**33** *Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable his judgments, and his paths beyond tracing out!* **34** *"Who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has been his counselor?"*  
**35** *"Who has ever given to God, that God should repay them?"* **36** *For from him and through him and for him are all things. To him be the glory forever! Amen.*



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Paul praises God for His wisdom and knowledge and that all glory should be His forever. It's easy to trust God's wisdom when everything goes our way, but when life's challenges hit us head-on, it can cause us to question God's timing, wisdom, and power.

Some of the most amazing chapters in the Bible are Job 38-41. In it, God asks Job questions that no man can possibly answer. Questions like, "Where were you when I laid the foundations of the Earth?", "Where does light come from?", "Where does darkness go?" and "Can you shout to the clouds and make it rain?" Obviously, only God knows the answers to all of these questions, and because only God knows, it means that we can put our trust in Him each and every day. If God knows the answers to those questions, He knows the answers to questions you and I have about our past, present, and future.

How would your life be different if you made the decision to trust God completely? Would you have less stress and anxiety? Or maybe a deeper sense of security and hope for the future? Trust begins by knowing the person we're putting our trust in, so to begin trusting God more, a good place to start is by thinking about how faithful God is and how perfect His will is.

## REFLECT

Think deeply, process, and talk to the Lord (2-5 minutes)

- Say out loud, "God, I trust You. You are perfect and You are in complete control of every detail of my life."
- Lift up 1 or 2 issues to God and choose to trust that He will work them out in His perfect will and according to His perfect will.