

### **Volume 3, Day 15: Trust That I Am Loved**

It's a scary thing when someone has to demand that you trust them to prove your loyalty, to prove your faithfulness to God. Whether it's a spiritual leader or someone else, you've got to know that they don't understand trust. And because they don't, they're probably not worthy of it. Trust isn't given. Trust is won. And God began at the cross to win us back to Himself that we could trust that He in fact loves us and He's willing to walk in life with us and He's willing to lead us into His reality, His truth, His life, the way He wants us to have faith.

If it's just a religious work from our standpoint, then we're going to try to manipulate God to give us what we want. And I guess that's why a lot of people have a difficult time with trust. They've read scriptures about God that made Him seem scary. And so our misinterpretations of scripture don't lead us to be endeared to the Father in a way in which trust would grow. Also, a lot of believers have a lot of unanswered prayers and unmet expectations (hopes and dreams). And it's tough to trust God if He doesn't do the things we think He should do or the things we think love would compel Him to do.

But trust doesn't grow on that basis. Trust doesn't grow by getting God to do what I want. Trust grows when I live inside a relationship with Him, come to know I'm loved enough that I can put my whole life into his hands and believe that whatever He wants to do, whatever He has in the mind for my life, it will spill out and it will happen. And I found out that his ways of working are entirely different from my own.