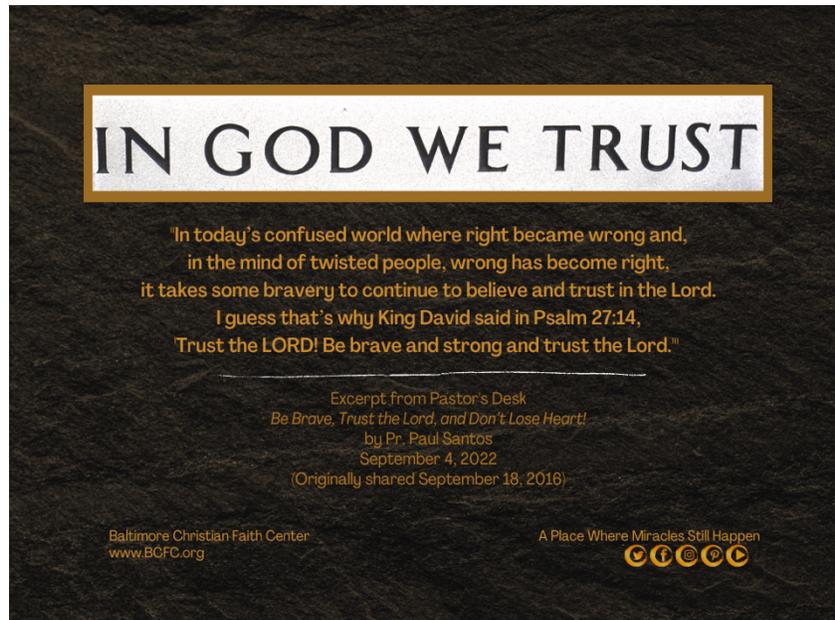


**Be Brave, Trust the Lord, and Don't Lose Heart!**  
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In today's confused world where right became wrong and, in the mind of twisted people, wrong has become right, it takes some bravery to continue to believe and trust in the Lord. I guess that's why King David said in Psalm 27:14, "Trust the LORD! Be brave and strong and trust the LORD."

Amidst so much injustice and calamities wherever we turn, there are so many tragedies and mis-happenings that it's easy to be shaken in our beliefs and ask, "Where is God?" "What happened with the world I once knew?"

The Message Bible puts the same verse even better: "Stay with God! Don't quit. I'll say it again: Stay with God." As tough, difficult, hard, and disheartening things may be, always remember 2 Corinthians 3:18, 4:1 – "And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image (of Christ) from one degree of glory to another. This comes from the Lord who is the Spirit ... we do not lose heart."

Someone recently told me, "Many times when I look around and see all that is going on even in my own family, I feel like crying!" I replied with a scripture, Revelation 21:4-7, "He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away. Behold, I am making all things new [Jesus' Words]. The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son."

At the end of the day, we need to remember that our Lord has warned us in His Words that things would become really bad at end times, and He promised to be with us all the days until the end, and He also promised that He will make all things new. So don't lose heart, be brave and continue to believe in Him.

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