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Do I Really Trust You God?

Recently, I came across a book called *The Red Sea Rules* by Robert Morgan. As I was reading through it, one of the chapters caused me to pause and re-evaluate my approach to trusting the Lord.

Many of us deal with the challenges of a demanding and busy schedule. We are tasked with making tough decisions for the good of our company. We go from the demands of a busy work day, to busy family, church and community activities. As leaders, many of us are naturally wired to be in charge and when circumstances cause our world to spin out of control, our natural reaction is to do everything humanly possible to bring it back under control.

In his book, Morgan states, “Someone defined worry as a small trickle of fear that meanders through the mind, cutting a channel into which all other thoughts flow. The preacher John Rice said, ‘worry is putting question marks where God has put periods.’ Bishop Fulton Sheen called worry a ‘form of atheism, for it betrays a lack of faith and trust in God.’”

A recent example of my lack of trusting God was a situation with a new, head strong, management employee. He was well qualified for the technical skills of the position, however shortly after starting with our company, he rushed to make changes before absorbing our culture and pushed the boundaries. At times he would bypass needed input from his peers, which alienated him from them. The amount of time required to coach him was increasing and soon the situation consumed my thoughts and mounted my frustrations. I began to wonder if we were going to have to make a tough decision as to the future of his employment. I worried about the impact it was going to have if the situation came to that because he was well liked by his direct reports. After a period of time went by, I realized that I was not committing the situation to the Lord. I redirected my focus on praying over the situation and asked the Lord for guidance as to how I might get through to him and help him understand the impact of his behaviors. As a result, the weight of frustration was lifted from me and I began to gradually see progress in his change of behavior and a genuine desire on his part to want to improve.

Through this, I am learning that I must focus my energy on trusting God each step of the way and praying for wisdom and guidance. I can rest easy knowing He is in control of everything and nothing slips from His grasp. Matthew 10:29 (NLT) “.....But not a single sparrow can fall to the ground without your Father knowing it.” Philippians 4:6 (NASB) “Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.”

We are commanded to trust our great God, and what a great God He is! Proverbs 3:5,6 (ESV) “*Trust in the Lord with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways, acknowledge Him and He will make straight your paths.*”