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How do you learn to trust someone?

Webster's dictionary defines trust as "the assured reliance on the character, ability, strength, or truth of someone or something."

In a college course entitled Human Growth and Development, students learn that the first "task" of human development is to develop **TRUST**. Trust develops out of the relationship of the infant with the parent. As the child grows and learns that Mom and Dad can be trusted to feed, clothe, shelter and comfort, the child is secure in the knowledge that all will be well as long as Mom and Dad are near.

It is the same when it comes to trusting in God. If we do not know our Maker, if we do not acknowledge that He created us, designed us, and if we are not walking in relationship with Him, than how can we trust Him as we face the the storms that blow through our lives like whirlwinds?

Knowledge and relationship are integral to trust, which is integral to a life without worry and fear. Jesus knew this when he said *"So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Matthew 6:33-37*

Seeking the kingdom is God is an exercise guaranteed to deliver, because Jesus also said *"Whoever comes to me, I will never drive away."* The love that God has for us, so much that "He gave His only son so that no man should perish (John 3:16) can envelope us in a cocoon of trust and grow the love we have for our Lord. As our love and trust for the Lord grows, so our fears will fade away. *"There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear. 1 John 4:18*

Today I challenge you to walk in relationship with our marvelous, compassionate and powerful Redeemer. He knows what we need, and He came to save us from both this world and our own wicked hearts. He is calling to us, asking us to lay down our burdens and rest in His mercy and grace.