



Walking in Kingdom Trust: Living From Unshakeable Foundation

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Intro

Walking in Kingdom Trust continues by addressing moments when human failure unsettles our faith. This teaching reframes disappointment as revelation, showing that when people fall and our view of God wavers, trust was anchored in the wrong place. Scripture reveals that God never intended leaders, movements, or systems to carry divine weight. Mature trust recents confidence directly in God, producing stability, discernment, and peace even when circumstances shake. From this alignment, believers live unoffended, unshaken, and rooted in rested authority rather than borrowed certainty alone.

My Intention and Assumptions

I hope that your relationship with God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit is strengthened through this teaching. My assumption is that you have read or are reading all 66 books of the Bible for context. This is meant to be 'salt' and make you thirsty. You're welcome.

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When Human Failure Exposes the Object of Our Trust

There is a moment that comes for every believer where **something collapses that was never meant to carry the weight it was given.**

Sometimes it is:

- A leader
- A movement
- A voice that once brought clarity
- A stream that once felt safe

And when it collapses, the internal reaction reveals something crucial.

Not about them.

About **us**.

A Core Kingdom Principle

When a person fails and your view of God is shaken, your trust was not anchored in God.

That is not condemnation.

That is revelation.

Scripture never presents human leaders as load-bearing structures.
They are **signposts**, not foundations.

“Do not put your trust in princes,
in human beings, who cannot save.”
(Psalm 146:3 AMP)

When trust is misplaced, disappointment feels like betrayal.
When trust is properly placed, disappointment becomes discernment.

Scripture Is Honest About Human Failure

One of the great mercies of Scripture is that it does not sanitize its heroes.

- Moses misrepresents God

- David abuses power
- Peter denies Jesus
- Paul confronts Peter publicly
- Leaders fail in front of everyone

Yet the Bible never frames these failures as proof that God is unreliable.

It frames them as **proof that God never asked you to trust people as substitutes for Him.**

God allows failure to **expose dependency**, not to destroy faith.

A Diagnostic Question (Not an Accusation)

Here is the quiet question moments like these ask us:

“When this fell apart, what did I lose?”

- If you lost peace, maybe peace was outsourced.
- If you lost confidence in God, maybe God was being viewed through a person.
- If you lost direction, maybe guidance had become externalized.

None of that means you were foolish.

It means **trust was still forming.**

The Difference Between Influence and Foundation

God uses people.

God speaks through people.

God gifts people.

But **God does not share His role as foundation.**

Paul makes this explicit:

“What then is Apollos? And what is Paul? Servants...
Neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything,
but only God who gives the growth.”
(1 Corinthians 3:5–7)

When growth is attributed to the planter,
the collapse of the planter feels like the loss of the harvest.

Kingdom trust keeps those categories clean.

Why This Is Actually a Gift

Moments like this feel disorienting, but they are **invitations**.

They invite us to:

- Bring trust back into **direct relationship**
- Separate gratitude for people from dependence on people
- Let God redefine maturity, not charisma or platform

This is not deconstruction.

This is **realignment**.

David as the Pattern (Connecting to Part 3)

In last week's teaching, you explored David in Saul's camp, living from rested authority rather than reaction or acceleration

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Here's the connection:

David did not lose trust in God when Saul failed as king.
David lost trust in **systems**, not in **promise**.

That distinction preserved his peace.

People failed David repeatedly.
God never did.

So David learned to:

- Receive anointing without worshiping the source
- Honor authority without confusing it for identity
- Wait without idealizing leaders

That is **formed trust**.

What Mature Trust Looks Like in These Moments

Mature trust does not say:

- “I can’t believe this happened.”
- “Everything I believed must be wrong.”
- “God must not be who I thought He was.”

Mature trust says:

- “God is still who He has always been.”
- “People are still human.”
- “My foundation remains intact.”

This is what it means to **live from rested authority**.

You don’t scramble.

You don’t explain.

You don’t panic.

You don’t defend God.

You **stand**.

A Closing Kingdom Insight

If the failure of a person causes you to re-evaluate *God*, that moment is not meant to produce cynicism.

It is meant to produce **clarity**.

Trust that is fully formed is not shaken by human collapse, because it was never anchored there to begin with.