

GOD CAN FIX IT! By Becky Combee



The heart of any marriage – of every marriage – is **TRUST**. When you trust your spouse, you are without fear. You rely on one another with an ease of "give and take" that plants hope in difficult moments and softens the advancing years. Day in and day out, the brightness of his face says, 'I am here for you," while your words offer godly compassion declaring, "I will help you." And together, "Everything is alright."

A good wife is a wonderful helper, and this is her God-given role. In Genesis 2: 18, God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a help meet for him." Although God had created many animals, He knew their companionship would be inadequate, so Eve was formed from Adam, a spirit being like him in nature.

What was her role? One Bible scholar writes she was a "helping being." He continues, "Of such a help man stood in need, in order that he might fulfill his calling, not only to perpetuate and multiply his race, but to cultivate and govern the earth."¹ Another scholar declares Eve was, "One to help him in all the affairs of life."²

It is interesting to note from the moment of creation God called THEIR name Adam.³ This

DO YOU TRUST GOD?

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Trusting God means trusting strength. Trusting God means trusting the Holy Spirit. Trusting that God is big enough and powerful enough for whatever you're going through.

Because you are going THROUGH it. In one side and out the other. Out the other mightier and more secure than you ever were to start with.

Trusting God means success and victory and knowing the outcome because God already said it thousands of years ago.

Because God said if you think on His Word day and night you'll be prosperous. (Jos 1:8) Because He said you're the head and not the tail. (Deu 28:13) Because He is your Shepherd leading you into green pastures and beside still waters. (Ps 23:2)

Because you sit beneath the shadow of His wings outside of any fear that might come against you. (Ps 91:2,5) Because His power has risen as bright as the sun with healing in its beams. (Mal 4:2)

Because Jesus said, "Ask and I'll give it to you. Seek and you'll find." (Mt 7:7) Because if you speak to the mountain in Jesus' name, it'll move. (Mk 11:23)

Because Jesus prayed for you. (Jn 17:20) Because Jesus forgave you. (Jn 3:16) Because shared identity is a tremendous declaration of unity and purpose. Together, they were to rule the earth. Together, they were to dominate all creatures. But after their sin, the bond that united them was altered. God said to the woman, "He [Adam] shall rule over thee." Then, "Adam called his wife's name Eve." This established a new matrimonial order.⁴

The apostle Paul explained this order to the Ephesus church at with two decisive declarations. First, he said, "Wives submit." ⁵ Then he added, "Husbands love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church." ⁶ This is God's domestic order for the home. However, it does not make men superior to woman. Instead, provides faithful husbands who it are responsible for the needs of their wife. The Scripture unveils this responsibility with the words "nourish" and "cherish." If we study the work of various Bible translations as well as Webster's Dictionary, we understand these two words to mean provide for, take care of, pamper, treat with tenderness, hold dear, sustain and support.

Every wife can submit to this kind of loving care! This kind of care establishes a bond of trust that is not overwhelmed by pain or traumatized by lack. The trusting heart of this "much-loved" wife sighs deeply saying, "He is here – the husband who loves me sacrificially has come to rescue me."

It is so easy for this wife to submit to such a wonderful, godly man. She yields to him, agreeing with his leadership, and steps forward to be the helpmeet he needs. She is not a victim, but a volunteer. After all, a victim MUST OBEY OR ELSE. A volunteer chooses to put her best foot forward. She wants to help her husband. She is not commanded, but is the love of his life and life is good.

Yet marriage is not always this ideal. The wife may suffer in a "loveless" atmosphere that fails to meet the criteria described by God's loving sacrifice. A husband may long for the supernatural help of his wife. What is God's answer? TRUST and HAVE FAITH IN GOD.

The apostle Peter says a husband may be won by the godly behavior of his wife. The apostle Paul declares that an unbelieving spouse "might be converted because of you."⁶

Can you TRUST you husband? Can you TRUST your wife? I know – I am absolutely positive – that you can TRUST GOD! Yes, we could do a poll, and I know we would find many marriage failures. Yet I also know we would find marriage disasters turned to delight. How did that happen? It was TRUST IN GOD! It was a loving spouse obeying God's Word no matter what, then God, Almighty God, turning their sorrow into joy.

There are always doubters who will say, "What if love, or submission, doesn't work?" To you we say, "What if it does?" **TRUST GOD! HE CAN FIX IT**.

 1 Keli & Delitzsch Commentary on the Old Testament 2 John Gill's Exposition on the Entire Bible 3 Ge 5:2 4 Ge 3:16 5 Eph 5:22 6 Eph 5:25 61Co 7:16 NLT

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Jesus rose again for you. (Jn 20:17)

Because the Greater One lives inside you. (1Jn 4:4) Because the Alpha and Omega has already told how it all ends. (Rev 1:8)

We trust God from a position of strength, not a position of weakness. It's not, "Oh me," but "Oh, yes. Yes, God has this. Yes, God can handle it."

Yes, God has provided my healing. (Is 53:4) Yes, God will prosper me. (1Pe 2:24)

Yes, with faith as small as a mustard seed, He will take care of me. (Mt 17:20) Think about that. A mustard seed. Do you know why a mustard seed? Because God's that big. God's so big all it takes is the smallest amount to bring life to pass.

And He's full of life. Full of love. Full of grace. Full of mercy. Full of blessing.

Given all of that ... Given all He is and all He's promised. Given He's faithful and willing and desires to do it for you ... **Do you trust God**?