

Uncertainty for Your Future

Devotions for the 20-Something Woman

Trust in the Lord and do good; dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture. Delight yourself in the Lord and he will give you the desires of your heart (Psalm 37:3–4 NIV).

In the last year or so of my life I have learned to trust in the Lord and lean on Him in ways I have never had to before. As a senior in college, I have been going through the process of applying to graduate schools. Once my applications were finished and sent, I was just left waiting. Waiting in the unknown is terrifying and nerve wrecking. Through this I have learned the significance of what it means to truly trust in the Lord.

Uncertainty is a state that many young women find themselves in. Whether it is a result of schools, relationships, jobs, or concerns for the future, we all find ourselves uncertain of what the future holds. When this uncertainty strikes, as children of God, we can choose to either let it destroy us slowly or we can choose to turn to the Lord Who holds the future in His hands. I have learned to approach situations where I am uncertain by asking the Lord to align my heart with His, my plans with His, my desires with His, and to see with eyes like His. Notice the order of verse four, *Delight yourself in the Lord* — delight in Him, find your peace and strength in Him, trust in Him, align your heart with His, and *he will give you the desires of your heart*. As you place your trust in Him and as you align your heart with His, His desires become our desires and His plans become evident to us. As the desires of my heart become more about enjoying God's grace and extending His glory, the more satisfaction I find in Him and in general!

Prayer: God of all grace and mercy, guide me as I move through life. Help me to align my heart with Yours; guide my plans and desires to honor You. In Your name I pray. Amen.



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