

# Trust God!

The apostle Paul wrote, “We know that all things work together for good to those who love God.” Romans 8.28.

What Paul said may not always seem so!

There was a time earlier in my Christian life when to me it certainly didn't seem so. I was confused.

God gave me separate experiences that on their own didn't seem to have any helpful connection. Only when everything fell into place did I see God had graciously been leading me to what he had all along been planning for me.

In his book, *The Goodness of God*, Randy Alcorn gives us a homely and delightful personal illustration of all things working together for good.

Before his mother made a cake, she set each ingredient on the kitchen counter. One day he experimented, tasting each individual ingredient for a chocolate cake – baking powder, baking soda, raw eggs, vanilla extract. He found that almost everything that goes into a cake tastes terrible by itself.

But with ingredients mixed in right amounts and baked together, the cake tasted delicious.

When God takes our individual trials and experiences, measures them out and mixes them together, he too can then produce his wonderful final product.

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**You can depend upon God; can he depend on you?**

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