

# Supporting Christian Unity in the Alfred Community



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## Trust Me

I can't remember exactly how old I was when I first became skeptical of people and their motives but I think it was shortly after someone I looked up to and cared about said, "Trust me" and then betrayed that trust in some way. I am reminded of that familiar Peanuts cartoon aired every fall where year after year Lucy entices Charlie Brown to kick the football while she holds it upright and while he refuses at first ~ remembering all those times she yanked the ball away at the last moment sending him sailing head over teacup ~ He finally relents when she says, "trust me."

While I wish I could tell you that the story had a happy ending for Charlie Brown it does not. As you may have already guessed ~ she tricks him again and sends him bouncing along the leaf covered turf. Shame on you if you are grinning 😊

Whether by accident or design the simple truth is that, sooner or later, we will disappoint each other in some way or another. But that doesn't mean we have to give up on trust entirely. No, we are to trust God in all our circumstances.

In fact, Proverbs 3:5-6 instructs us to, *"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight."* (NIV)

Elton Trueblood put it this way, "Faith is not believing without proof, but trust without reservation." (Quoted from Chuck Swindoll, Perfect Trust)

"Trust without reservation!!?", I know from my own history that this admonishment seems nearly impossible but let me ask that we strive together to achieve that level of trust in the Lord daily. Remember, we are all works in progress and God knows our shortcomings and fears. He will give us what we need at the point He deems we should have it. Even if our circumstances don't change ~ we are changing in the process.

## May God Reveal Himself to You!