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Trust is always a hard thing to give. We have given it so often to other humans and it was broken. We cry, we harden our hearts and revolve to never to give it again. But to God it is different:

Proverbs 3:5-6

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<sup>5</sup>Trust in the Lord with all your heart  
and lean not on your own understanding;  
<sup>6</sup>in all your ways submit to him,  
and he will make your paths straight.<sup>[a]</sup>

So the Bible says to trust but what else can we do?

Psalms 94:19

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<sup>19</sup>When anxiety was great within me,  
your consolation brought me joy.

So, the Bible says trust but where he won't let us down? In the New Testament:

Hebrews 13:5

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<sup>5</sup>Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said,

“Never will I leave you;  
never will I forsake you.”<sup>[a]</sup>

But where did Jesus get this from? He always quotes from the Old Testament:

Genesis 15: 8-19

<sup>8</sup> But Abram said, “Sovereign Lord, how can I know that I will gain possession of it?”

<sup>9</sup> So the Lord said to him, “Bring me a heifer, a goat and a ram, each three years old, along with a dove and a young pigeon.”

<sup>10</sup> Abram brought all these to him, cut them in two and arranged the halves opposite each other; the birds, however, he did not cut in half. <sup>11</sup> Then birds of prey came down on the carcasses, but Abram drove them away.

<sup>12</sup> As the sun was setting, Abram fell into a deep sleep, and a thick and dreadful darkness came over him. <sup>13</sup> Then the Lord said to him, “Know for certain that for four hundred years your descendants will be strangers in a country not their own and that they will be enslaved and mistreated there. <sup>14</sup> But I will punish the nation they serve as slaves, and afterward they will come out with great possessions. <sup>15</sup> You, however, will go to your ancestors in peace and be buried at a good old age. <sup>16</sup> In the fourth generation your descendants will come back here, for the sin of the Amorites has not yet reached its full measure.”

<sup>17</sup> When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, a smoking firepot with a blazing torch appeared and passed between the pieces. <sup>18</sup> On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram and said, “To your descendants I give this land, from the Wadi<sup>[a]</sup> of Egypt to the great river, the Euphrates— <sup>19</sup> the land of the Kenites, Kenizzites, Kadmonites, <sup>20</sup> Hittites, Perizzites, Rephaites, <sup>21</sup> Amorites, Canaanites, Girgashites and Jebusites.”

This ritual was a common one in Abraham's day. But man did it where both walked the path where God did. God walked it alone to signify that Abraham did not have to do anything. All the work is to be done by God and was guaranteed.

Peace be with you.

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