

18. I Will Trust in Thee Forever

2 Nephi 3, 5;
Psalm 136

from "I Will Trust in Thee Forever"
Lehi, Ishmael, Nephi, Zoram, Sam, Sariah, Dinah, Deborah,
Jochebed, Hannah, Abigail, Rebekah, All Righteous Children

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With Hope ♩ = 60

mf [Scene change. The people of Nephi look out over a new valley.]

mf Joseph Ruth
Here's wa-ter, food, and space. What

mf Sam
We're blessed by hea-ven's grace.

Piano *mf*
con pedale

5 Jochebed Deborah
should we call this place? Call it Ne - phi. — Each

Zoram
And here we shall o - bey.

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8 Sam, Zoram, Deborah, Jochebed, Hannah,
Abigail, Rebekah, Righteous Children [Rebekah notices Aviva is weeping.] Rebekah
word that God shall say Through you to us each day, We thy peo-ple, Ne-phite peo-ple. A-vi va?

Pno.

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13 **Tenderly** ♩ = 76
Aviva

From my fam-ly I'm torn a - part. I chose to fol-low God and break my heart. O, will they e-ver see The won-ders of God's tree? Or

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19 *Rebekah* *Abigail*

are they now cast off for - ev - er? They are not cast off for - ev - er. God is mer-ci-ful for -

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24 *Rebekah, Abigail, and Aviva*

ev - er. The Lord will hear our plea. Lord, we will trust in Thee for - ev - er.

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29 *Eliana*

Mo - ther, ill - ness has made you blind. O this is so un - fair! You're good and kind. O will we al - ways suf - fer, And

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34 *Hannah*

life be e-ver tough-er? Has God for-sak-en us for - ev - er? I will praise His name for - ev - er. He is still the same for-

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40 *Eliana and Hannah* *Hannah*

ev - er. The Lord will hear our plea. Lord, we will trust in Thee for - ev - er. O

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45 *Faster* $\text{♩} = 88$ *f*

— the great - ness of our God! O the good - ness of our God! O the mer - cy

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50

of our God! O the wis - dom of our God! O the jus - tice

Nephi

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56

of our God! O how great the plan of our God! But

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8va-
8va-
8va-

61

have our peo-ple de - stroyed God's plan? Our bro - thers hate us now and formed their clan. Our u - ni - ty is shat - tered. Our

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mf

66

peo-ple have been scat - tered. Will we be torn a - part for - ev - er?

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Nephi

71

Ga - ther in His sheep for - ev - er, On these is - les of the sea, And one day there shall be

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75

p One fold, One Shep-herd, One King of Is - ra-el, One God, One peo-ple, Full joy _____ for -

Pno. *p*

83

mf $\text{♩} = 76$
 ev - er. _____ Now go! Pitch your tents and as - sem - ble! And to

Pno. *mf*

86

A - do - nai, _____ to Him we shall build a tem - ple! _____

Pno. *f*

89

All Righteous Company and Children

[During the next couple of pages, the family changes the set to a temple.] *f* O give thanks un - to the LORD, for he is good: for his

Pno.

91

mer - cy en - dur - eth for - ev - er. *f* O give thanks un - to the LORD, for He is good: for His

Pno.

93

mer - cy en - dur - eth for - ev - er. O give thanks un to the God of Gods; O give thanks to the Lord of lords: to

Pno.

96

Righteous Children, Abigail, Rebekah

him who a - lone — do - eth great won - ders: his mer - cy en - dur - eth for - ev - er. Live af - ter the man - ner — of

Pno.

99 *Zoram, Sam, Nephi, Deborah, Jochebed, Hannah*

An op - po - si - tion in all things. What joy that op - po - si - tion
hap - pi - ness. Walk in the beau - ty of ho - li - ness.

Pno.

102

brings. In - stead of chains, it gives us wings.
Teach all of your chil - dren with dil - li - gence. To love the Lord with all their

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105

Op - po - si - tion in all things! For His do - ings are right - eous for -
heart. Work af - ter the man - ner of right - eous - ness.

Pno.

108

ev - er. We're His boun - ti - ful trea - sure for - ev - er.

God's boun - ti - ful trea - sures en - joy. Mul - ti - ply and re -

Pno.

111 *Jochebed, Deborah, Hannah*

Fill the earth, And live af - ter the man - ner of hap - pi - ness and joy. For His mer - cy en - dur - eth for -

ple - nish the earth, and live af - ter the man - ner of hap - pi - ness and joy.

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[Scene change complete. A temple dedication with all in the company present.]

115

ev - er, He'll es - ta - bish our peo - ple for - ev - er, And our joy shall be full for - ev - er! *Nephi*

To -

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118

day we de - di - cate this house un - to the

Pno.

121

Lord. We con - se - crate as priests Jo - seph, Ja - cob! And

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126

then to - day I'll share what I've en - graved with care. Our sto - ry and our prayer to the God of

Pno.

132

[As Nephi speaks, Sariah, Lehi, Dinah, and Ishmael come forth again and stand unseen.]

Ja - cob, the Migh - ty One of Ja - cob. By faith they shall pro - ceed for -

Pno.

137 *rit.*

ev - er. Our weak - ness - es made strong for - ev - er, And cry - ing from the dust, "Re -

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(8^{va}) *a tempo*

141 pent, re - mem - ber trust in God and His cov - 'nant for - ev - er.

Pno. *mp*

Rubato, Chant-Like ♩ = 50

146 *mp*

Ho - du I'A - do - nai ki ³ tov kiy le - 'o - lam chas - do! _____

O give thanks unto the LORD, for he is good: for his covenant love endureth for ever. (Psalm 136:1)

Pno. *mp*

150 *Sariah*

Ho - du le - 'o - he ha E - lo - him kiy le - 'o lam chas - do! _____

O give thanks unto the God of gods: for his covenant love endureth for ever. (Psalm 136:2)

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O give thanks unto the Lord of lords: for his covenant love endureth for ever. (Psalm 136:3)

154

Sariah, Dinah, Hannah, Sam, Nephi, Zoram

Ho - du la'A-do-nai ha - 'a - do - nim kiy le-'o - lam chas - do!

*Sariah, Dinah,
Lehi, Ishmael*

158

I trust in the covenant love of God for ever. (Psalm 52:8)

All Women *All Children* *Women and Children* 0 -
Ba - tach - ti b' - che - sed, Ba - tach - ti b' - che - sed E - lo - him

All Men *Sam, Zoram, Nephi*
Ba - tach - ti - b' - che - sed,

162 *Tenderly* ♩ = 66 *p*

lam. For His mer-cy en-dur-eth for - ev-er. For His mer-cy en-dur-eth for -

p I will trust in Thee for - ev-er. I will trust in Thee for - ev-er.

Pno. *p*

[Lights slowly fade.]

166 *rit.* **THE END**
S. D. G.

ev - er. For - ev - er.

I will trust in Thee for - ev - er.

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The Words I Heard When the Lord Told Me to Write This Opera:

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"The Book of Mormon teaches the pattern God uses to stretch us in order to build strong relationships with us. [I] recently studied about how Nephi's trust in God was tested when he and his brothers were commanded to return to Jerusalem to obtain the brass plates. After their initial attempts failed, his brothers gave up and were ready to return without the plates. But Nephi chose to place his complete trust in the Lord and was successful in obtaining the plates. That experience likely strengthened Nephi's confidence in God when his bow broke and the family was facing starvation in the wilderness. Again, Nephi chose to trust in God, and the family was saved. These successive experiences gave Nephi even stronger confidence in God for the enormous, trust-stretching task he would soon face of building a ship.

Through these experiences, Nephi strengthened his relationship with God by consistently and continuously trusting Him. God uses the same pattern with us. He extends us personal invitations to strengthen and deepen our trust in Him. Each time we accept and act on an invitation, our trust in God grows. If we ignore or decline an invitation, our progress stops until we're ready to act on a new invitation.

The good news is that regardless of the trust we may or may not have chosen to place in God in the past, we can choose to trust God today and every day going forward. I promise that each time we do, God will be there to catch us, and our relationship of trust will grow stronger and stronger until the day that we become one with Him and His Son. Then we can declare like Nephi, "O Lord, I have trusted in thee, and I will trust in thee forever."