

Hi KC Parents!

As I was reading Psalm 106 the other morning, verse twenty-four, just popped out of that page... right at me! I'm sure you've experienced the same yourselves. When the words beg you to stop and make note that the Holy Spirit is definitely wanting your attention.

The verse said,

“The people refused to enter the pleasant land, for they wouldn't believe His promise to care for them.” NLT

Wow! Is this saying what I think it's saying? That the people of Israel flat out **refused** to enter the promised land? That they couldn't trust God enough to take the next step he had mapped out for them?

Who wouldn't want the good and pleasant land God promised them? Of course, the Israelites wanted out of the desert. They were trapped by their need for security and inability to trust in God's love to take that next step. We can easily fall into the same trap that the Israelites did and miss out on all that God has for us.

As I sat in my kitchen thinking this over, I was reminded that there are good things God has in mind for my life—pleasant and beautiful things—that I could end up living without, because of my refusal to believe his promise and faithfulness to care for me.

I felt the Lord challenging me on this point... “Will you be just like Israel, and refuse to enter the promised land that I'm offering you? Or will you step out in trust, and believe that I love you and hold your future carefully, in my hands?”

I was kind of surprised that he would ask me that question but then I realized he had a good reason to. I needed to do some soul searching, and confessed that I want to trust him, I truly do, but I haven't been convinced that he has my best in mind.

I felt his tender voice, his prompting me, to let go of every reservation and trust completely, in his good plans and provision for me.

Living in that kind of trust will take work and practice on my part. It's easy to trust him when everything is going well, but a very different story when a year like 2020 enters the picture.

God, our father, is a faithful father, a good father, a caring father.

He has a plan for me and you. A plan that fulfills His promises in our lives. He cares for us and we can put our full and complete trust in him.

We can enter the pleasant land, a place where we experience the wonder of his glory and receive every good thing he has for us!

Lord forgive us for our lack of trust in you. Help us take possession of all the good things you have for us and our families, regardless of the challenging circumstances we face each day. Help us to have the courage to trust you and follow your lead in our lives. Amen.

Blessings,  
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