



## ***Trust the Lord Completely***

**Forwarded by Kathy Nowak:**

*The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. In verdant pastures he gives me repose. Beside restful waters he leads me; he refreshes my soul. He guides me in right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk in the dark valley I fear no evil, for you are at my side. Psalm 23:1-4*

Why must we give ourselves fully to God? Because God has given himself to us. If God, who owes nothing to us, is ready to impart to us no less than that, shall we answer with just a fraction of ourselves?

One thing Jesus asks of me: that I lean on him; that in Him and only in Him I put complete trust; that I surrender myself to him unreservedly. Even when all goes wrong and I feel as if I am a ship without a compass, I must give myself completely to him. I must not attempt to control God's action; I must not count the stages in the journey he would have me make. I must not desire a clear perception of my advance upon the road, must not know precisely where I am upon the way of holiness.

I ask God to make a saint of me; yet I must leave to him the choice of the saintliness itself and still more the means which leads to it.

**Blessed Mother Teresa**  
***Total Surrender***



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