THE BACK PEW - Jeff LARSON



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Question: How big is your God? How much are you willing to believe Him for? Can you trust Him with your eternity? Can you trust Him with your today? Ever watch cheerleaders do some "flying"? I was thinking - how much trust must the flyer have in the catchers. How much confidence does it take to fall... look relaxed and comfortable and not terrified... It is <u>faith</u> in your associates that they will catch you.

I bet they started with very small heights. Short falls. Maybe feet on the floor, just falling backward. The flyer had to build confidence, faith, in the catchers.

Many a time when we are in difficult situations and panic on the inside, if not on the outside, we long for God to help us. Always remember that God is there regardless of our sight or our feelings, and he can see and hear us. When we call on him for help and choose to put our trust in him, he hears our prayer no matter how feeble it is, and will help us. He "is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble." Psalm 46:1 (KJV) And that may be all we need to know.

So how's your faith in God. Are you willing to trust Him with your eternity? Okay. How about trusting Him with your today and tomorrow? If you fall, and we all do, do you think He can catch you? Or are you trusting in yourself to get you out of or through whatever it is that is going on?

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(4) 2Kings 2:13-14 ¹³He took up also the mantle of Elijah that fell from him, and went back, and stood by the bank of Jordan; ¹⁴And he took the mantle of Elijah that fell from him, and smote the waters, and said, Where *is* the LORD God of Elijah? and when he also had smitten the waters, they parted hither and thither: and Elisha went over.