

1 Peter 1:21 (NLT)

Through Christ you have come to trust in God. And you have placed your faith and hope in God because he raised Christ from the dead and gave him great glory.

True story. As you know (or may not know) I have authored and published my first Christian novel about 4 months ago. After I published it, I had no desire to write a second one, or should I say a sequel to this novel. But shortly after it was published, I was at the theater watching the Hillsong movie, and while I was watching it, I felt the Lord speak to me clearly that He wants me to write a sequel to this novel, and He even started giving me things to include in it while He spoke to me during the movie.

Well, I was excited about it and went home and started writing. I was flying, I had almost three chapters written in less than two weeks.

When I was writing it, I save my work on an external hard drive attached to my computer. Well, not long after I had started writing this second novel and almost ready to start chapter four, my hard external drive crashed. I was devastated, because all that work I had done was lost and I would have to start all over again. I even took the hard drive to several places to see if the data could be recovered (I also used it to back up other things on my computer). I was told that it was possible, but that it would cost me hundreds of dollars for them to recover it all.

I didn't know what to do, when I believe the Lord showed me how I could get back most of it from my computer, and I did, All Glory be to God!!!

So with that lesson learned, I now start to back up everything on what's called "the Cloud" which is backed up in cyberspace, so if my computer or hard drive breaks down or is lost or stolen or whatever, I can always get everything back from the Cloud.

The Cloud is not a secret, and so many people use it to back up or store pictures, videos, homework, work from their jobs, all sorts of documents and anything and everything that can be stored on a computer, tablet or phone they store on The Cloud. It's possible that you do and don't even know it.

So here's the question for today, do you put more trust in the Cloud than you do in God?

Do you trust the Cloud to all your pictures, videos, important documents and such yet you don't trust God with everything you have, including your friends, family, your job, your car and home and daily food?

† **Isaiah 57:13** *When you cry out, Let your collection of idols deliver you. But the wind will carry them all away, A breath will take them. But he who puts his trust in Me shall possess the land, And shall inherit My holy mountain.*

† **Exodus 13:21** *And the LORD went before them by day in a pillar of cloud to lead the way, and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light, so as to go by day and night.*