



Monday Matters

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Who Do You Trust?

There are times when one reflects back on events and circumstances that bring to the forefront some good memories. A few weeks ago a memory was triggered for me as I read about the passing of Andre Crouch. It was in the early 1970's when Linda and I first heard about Andre Crouch and his music. The music was unique at the time and was spreading across the country. Andre was coming to Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois, to hold a concert at their Alice Millar Chapel, an auditorium that seats 700 people. We purchased tickets and totally enjoyed his music that evening.



Crouch began playing the piano in church at age 11 and by the time he was 14 he had honed his piano playing skills and even wrote his first song. But life was not always easy for him. He

grew up having a lifelong struggle with dyslexia. When he created music for ***The Lion King*** or ***Amen***, a TV sitcom series, he would often need to draw pictures in order to grasp the concept. He said he memorized everything through sight, the shape of the word. Every time he completed a new piece of music, he thanked God for bringing him through it. He was always pressing forward all through his life and thanking God for it.



One of my favorite pieces written by Andre Crouch is "**Through It All**". Words to this song are so true and powerful:

*I've had many tears and sorrows,
I've had questions for tomorrow,
there's been times I didn't know right from wrong.
But in every situation,
God gave me blessed consolation,
that my trials come to only make me strong.*

*I've been to lots of places,
I've seen a lot of faces,
there's been times I felt so all alone.
But in my lonely hours,
yes, those precious lonely hours,
Jesus lets me know that I was His own*

*I thank God for the mountains,
and I thank Him for the valleys,
I thank Him for the storms He brought me through.
For if I'd never had a problem,
I wouldn't know God could solve them,
I'd never know what faith in God could do.*

*Through it all,
through it all,
I've learned to trust in Jesus,
I've learned to trust in God.*

*Through it all,
through it all,
I've learned to depend upon His Word.*

When we face tears and sorrows, lonely hours, and mountains, valleys and storms, we can trust in Jesus to see us through. We can depend on Him. PTL!



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