

# Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

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1. 'Tis so sweet to trust in Je - sus, just to take Him  
 2. O how sweet to trust in Je - sus, just to trust His  
 3. Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Je - sus, just from sin and  
 4. I'm so glad I learned to trust Thee, pre - cious Je - sus,

4 D/F# A7/E D G C C/G G C

at His Word; Just to rest up - on His prom - ise, just to know: "Thus  
 cleans - ing blood; Just in sim - ple faith to plunge me 'neath the heal - ing,  
 self to cease; Just from Je - sus sim - ply tak - ing life and rest, and  
 Sav - ior, Friend; And I know that Thou art with me, wilt be with me

8 G/D D G G D Em G/D D G

saith the Lord." Je - sus, Je - sus, how I trust Him! How I've proved Him  
 cleans - ing flood!  
 joy and peace.  
 to the end.

12 D/F# A7/E D G C C/G G C G/D D G

o'er and o'er! Je - sus, Je - sus, pre - cious Je - sus! O for grace to trust Him more!

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During an 1870s revival meeting in Urbana, Ohio, at twenty-one years old, Louisa M. R. Stead made it her aim to become a missionary to the nations. However, her attempts to travel to China were frustrated by Stead's frail health.

Stead would marry into the surname she is currently known by shortly after her disappointment in China. About a decade into their marriage, Mr. Stead would tragically drown at a beach-side picnic. Widowed, Stead would receive the opportunity to travel to South Africa as a missionary around 1880. Challenged by a season of intense hardship and change, it was then that she would write "Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus."

Stead would remarry while in South Africa. Fifteen years later, further health complications would force her and her husband to return to the United States, where her husband would pastor a local Methodist church. After a second missionary stint, this time to Rhodesia from 1901 to 1911, Stead would retire in 1911 and pass away in 1917.

What is our reprieve when we are faced with grief and frustration? Stead knew that there is only One that can offer us "life and rest and joy and peace." Evidenced by His Word, His cross, and His companionship- we can agree with her that Christ is worthy of trust. O, for grace to trust Him more!

**Scripture to consider:**

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