

Dr. A. T. Pierson gives the following striking illustration to show that faith necessitates more than mere intellectual assent to the truth of God's Word: "A party, going through the mint at Washington, and seeing the process by which metal is reduced to the form of coin, came to that particular part of the process where the molten metal is poured into the moulds. The chief workman said to a gentleman in the procession, which was passing through in single file,—Sir, I suppose you know that if you dip your hand in a bucket of water I might pour the entire contents of this ladle into your hand, and it would not burn. Perhaps you would like to try it?' 'No, thank you,' said he, shrinking back, 'I take your word for it!' Presently his wife, who had been some distance behind, came along, and the workman repeated the statement to her, and added: 'Would you like to try it?' 'Certainly, sir, certainly!' said she. Whereupon she pulled up her sleeve, dipped her hand into the bucket, and received the entire contents of a ladle of molten metal on the hand. The workman then turned to the husband and said, 'Sir, I suppose you would say that you believed; but, sir, your wife *trusted*. There is always the element of trust or venture in faith, a risk involved in the act of faith and accepted."

A certain writer says: "There are three stages or steps of faith along every line of promised blessing where definite faith is required—*belief, confidence, trust*. Belief may exist without confidence, and both of these may exist without trust, but confidence includes belief, and trust includes both belief and confidence, and perfect faith is the combination of the three. I believe a man next door to me has the ability