### **Trusting God with the Unknown**

Key Verse: "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight." – Proverbs 3:5-6 (NIV)

### **Faith Requires Forward Motion**

There is something unsettling about stepping into the unknown. As humans, we crave certainty. We want to know the outcome before we begin. But faith doesn't work that way. God calls us to live forward, not with full clarity, but with full trust.

Abraham was called by God to leave his homeland and step into an unfamiliar future (Genesis 12:1). He had no roadmap, no itinerary—only a promise. And that was enough. What set Abraham apart was not his knowledge of the future, but his confidence in the One who held the future.

The question today is: Do we trust God enough to walk forward, even when we don't have all the details?

## The Struggle with Control

One of the biggest challenges of living forward is the battle between trust and control. We want to dictate the pace, the process, and the plan. But Proverbs 3:5-6 reminds us to trust in the Lord with all our hearts and lean not on our own understanding. In other words, we must surrender control to the One who sees beyond what we can.

God does not ask us to figure everything out—He simply asks us to follow Him. When we trust Him, He aligns our path. When we submit our plans, He establishes our steps. The unknown may feel uncertain to us, but it is fully known to God.

### **Living Forward with Boldness**

How do we live forward in faith?

Let go of fear – Fear keeps us stuck; faith moves us forward.

Embrace the unknown – Trust that God is already where you're going.

Walk in obedience – Take the next step, even if you can't see the whole staircase.

There will always be things we don't understand. But trust is knowing that we don't have to understand—we just have to believe. When we release our grip on control, God will do exceedingly and abundantly more than we can ask or imagine (Ephesians 3:20).

# **Prayer for Trusting God**

Lord, we surrender our plans, our fears, and our uncertainties to You. Help us to trust You completely, even when we don't see the whole picture. Strengthen our faith to walk boldly into the future You have prepared for us. In Jesus' name, Amen.