



Joshua 9:1-37

## Lean Not on Your Own Understanding

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- I. Lean not on your own understanding instead \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord asking for His \_\_\_\_\_ (Joshua 9:12-15).
- II. Lean not on our own understanding but instead \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord in our dealings with \_\_\_\_\_ (Joshua 9:19-20).
- III. Lean not on our own understanding but instead \_\_\_\_\_ His plan for our \_\_\_\_\_ (Joshua 19:19-21).
- IV. Lean not on your own understanding but instead trust God's \_\_\_\_\_ in the lives of \_\_\_\_\_ (Joshua 9:2-3, 23).

**Additional Notes:**



## Diving Deeper in Scripture Together

### Questions for Discussion & Reflection

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1. What is a ruse? Can you give an example?
2. Have you ever made a decision without consulting the Lord? What were the results?
3. Read Proverbs 27:6. Are there people who only flatter you? On the contrary, have you been offended by someone who spoke the truth?
4. What is flattery? What does the Bible say about flattery? See Proverbs 29:5, 26:28; 27:6; Romans 16:18; 1 Thessalonians 2:5.
5. Think about the Bible teachers you listen to. Do they use theological flattery? On what do they base their teaching- personal experience, extra-biblical revelation, or Scripture?
6. "How many times have we looked at the evidence *but not inquired of the Lord*? How many times have we been taken in by flattery, theological chicanery, or misleading evidence? *I am not infallible, you are not infallible....* **God is** infallible therefore we must lean not on our **own** understanding but instead inquire of the Lord for His wisdom." Reflect on this with the group.
7. Read James 1:5. What does this verse promise? How can we apply this to our situations today?
8. Why would the Israelites be tempted to break their covenant with the Gibeonites?
9. Compare & contrast Rahab & the Gibeonites.
10. How does God, in His grace, respond to the sins of the Gibeonites? How does God, in His grace, respond to our sins?

11. What happens to the Gibeonites? In contrast to the rest of the Canaanites?  
Read the following verses. What do they suggest about the future of the Gibeonites? Joshua 21:13 & 17 2 Chronicles 1:3. Nehemiah 3:7.
12. How can your choices today impact future generations in your family, church, & community?