



YOU CAN TRUST HIM
PROVERBS 3: 5-6

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Opening Scripture:

Proverbs 3:5-6 – "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." (Pro.3:5-6, NIV)

*"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight.
6 In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths."
(Pro.3:5-6, NRSV)*

*"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding;
6 In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall ^[a]direct your paths."
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Introduction:

Brothers and sisters, as we journey through Lent, we are reminded that this season is about **deepening our faith and trust in God**. Many of us struggle with doubt, fear, and uncertainty about the future. But God calls us to trust in Him completely, to surrender our own understanding, and to walk by faith. And do you know what, Brothers and Sisters? You can trust Him!! You can trust in God – today, tomorrow, forever! About anything, anywhere, anyhow! God is true to His Word and His plan for us. Over and over He tells us that in His Word.

Isaiah 55:8-9 (NIV) tells us:

"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the Lord.

"As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts."

In the Book of Revelation, Chapter 1:8 Jesus testifies to His infinity and power.

⁸“I am the Alpha and the Omega, ^[a]the Beginning and the End,” says the ^[b]Lord, “who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.”

And here in the ancient writings in Proverbs 3:5-6, He says we can Trust Him! Is there anyone here praying, and fasting and trusting God to do something for you? Are you waiting on your healing? Is your heart being mended? Are you concerned about your job, your social security, your health care insurance? Will you have a job tomorrow? Trust in the God of your salvation to keep you for he has said:

⁵No man shall be able to stand before you all the days of your life; as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. I will not leave you nor forsake you.

Joshua 1:5 NIV

And finally this beautiful Old Testament testimony of trusting in God lies before us to enlighten and strengthen us for the battle! We have to give up on our understanding of the world and life as we know it and embrace the spiritual life which lives within each of us!

I. Trusting God in Uncertainty

Proverbs 3:5-6 gives us a powerful command: **Trust in the Lord with all your heart.** This means surrendering control and believing that God's plans are greater than ours. If you believe this, then why would you try to think you know better than He does? Trust in the Lord with your whole heart!

Especially when you don't know which way to turn! Take some time to fast and pray, seek His face, and ask for His guidance! He will guide you through. He may not show you the whole plan but He will guide you step by step. The more you trust in Him, the more he will trust you to see the light on the path.

The Biblical record tells us about people who trusted God when they didn't have any reason to. But they did anyway.

- **Abraham trusted God** when he left his homeland for an unknown future (Genesis 12:1-4). God didn't have to explain to Abraham why he wanted him to leave his people and go into a land he didn't know. God said go

and Abraham went! He trusted God and the result? By him, all peoples across all time, all space, and all nationalities were blessed through his seed. For it is by the line of Abraham that Joseph, the husband of Mary, the mother of our Lord Jesus, came to be!! Because Abraham trusted God, you are here. You can trust Him Saint!!

- **Joseph trusted God** even when he was betrayed and imprisoned, knowing God had a greater purpose (Genesis 50:20). And then there was Abraham's son, Joseph who was betrayed by his brothers and sold into slavery into Egypt. Thrown into prison, Joseph turned to the God of His father and held on to the idea that God had something greater for him to do than to waste away in distress. As he rose to become Pharaoh's right hand, God used him to become the savior of not only Egypt but his own family, the very people who betrayed him in the first place! When you trust God His divine providence tends to overflow with blessings! Joseph was blessed, Egypt was blessed, and those jealous, petty brothers of his were blessed. It was through these blessings that Joseph's family was able to settle in Egypt and prosper for many years. Joseph trusted God! You can trust him too!!

And as you go through life trusting in God with all of you heart, be prepared for corrections and alternate paths to come forth! Why do you say that Preacher? Because God's divine plan was for Abraham's seed was to stay in the land which He had promised him, but they fled a famine and went into Egypt. And although the Hebrews prospered in Egypt for a long time and multiplied greatly, there arose a new Pharaoh who didn't know Joseph and feared the Hebrews. And Israel went from blessed to 400 hundred years of slavery.

God's plan is always moving to completion and when things go differently from what we want or anticipate, that's when our trust in Him really has to come to the surface. Take a moment to stop and consider if you are hearing God's voice or is the world drowning Him out? Trust God to lead you to His divine Will every time – you just have to let go and let God!! You can trust Him Saints!! Eventually the Hebrews were blessed beyond their wildest dreams as they did get to possess the

Promised Land!! Trust Him I say. Especially when it doesn't make sense to you! That's the time to trust him even more than ever!

- **The Israelites trusted God** to provide manna in the wilderness. When they began their wanderings in the wilderness they had no idea what they would eat. But God provided manna from heaven for their daily bread. (Exodus 16:4). After leaving bondage in Egypt, the people were able to count on God to feed them everyday for forty years! For forty years, every morning, they were able to collect enough manna from heaven to feed them one day at a time. How about that as trusting in God? What if you had to collect your daily food day by day, trusting in God to deliver it!! Could you do it Saints? I like to think we could!!

Faith requires letting go of our anxieties and believing that God's guidance is perfect. And when God is guiding you, you don't have to have the whole road map, you just have to go!! That's Trust!!

Question for Reflection: Let me ask you a question - Are you holding on to your own understanding or trusting God fully? If you are like me, you are trying your best to be a good Christian and follow God. However, I know, we know, that it's not easy to keep our hands off the things of God.

II. Lean Not on Your Own Understanding

Often, we rely on our own wisdom rather than God's direction. But human wisdom is limited, while God's knowledge is infinite. How many times have you had to stop and ask God which way to go? I find myself doing that almost every day. Especially when it's an important decision! Stop and be still and let God speak to you. Find a quiet place so that you can hear Him speaking to you. Learn how to train your mind to slow down, block out distractions, and concentrate on the alternatives and various solutions to every issue. And then as you are still, let Him show which way to go. God will direct your paths if you do not lean to your own understanding!!

Keep your mind on this one simple truth – "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord." Isaiah 55:8-9.

I remember trying to put together a deal which on paper appeared to be good. But it had some twists and some variables which could not be figured out right then. But I wanted to go forward with and so I sat down and took my own advice. I sat down and asked God what to do. And do you know what he said? He said, "Wait. None of these options are good for you. Wait!"

Do I have to tell you how hard it was to follow that command? My little fingers were itching to go forward but God said, "Wait." After much second guessing of myself, the spirit of God just sat back and watched what I would do and I thank God for his loving grace. Because I waited and a better deal came along!!

We must learn to **surrender control**, knowing that God's ways are higher and better than ours.

Question for Reflection: What areas of life are we trying to control instead of surrendering to God?

And brothers and sister, don't try to limit God's input into every area of your life. Let God lead you completely. Trust Him to set your calendar and watch your life have time for everything you desire!

III. The Reward of Trusting in God

And as always, the mighty God, the Wonderful One Who is from everlasting to everlasting, loves you to life! And he always brings a blessing when you come into His presence!!

When we submit to God and trust Him with our whole heart, **He directs our paths**. This doesn't mean life will be free of trials, but it means we will always be in His perfect will. And being in His perfect will means we make ourselves available for everything which emanates from Him - blessings of love, joy, peace, longsuffering, wisdom, hope, renewal, transformation, and salvation. Trust Him saints!

- *Psalm 37:5* – "Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him and he will do this."
- *Jeremiah 29:11* – "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."
- **Jesus Himself trusted the Father** even unto the cross, and through His obedience, salvation was made available to all (Luke 22:42).

Brothers and Sisters, as with all things pertaining to God and humanity it comes down to you making a choice - Are you willing to trust God completely, even when we don't see the full picture? Trust God with all of you heart and lean not unto your own understanding...

The reward?

"Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest."

"...I go to prepare a place for you that where I am there you will be also..."

"And to those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and to those who have done evil, to the resurrection of evil." (John 5:29)

IV. Acknowledging Him in All Your Ways

And finally Saints, there is no way you can be in God's presence, or trust in Him even a little bit, without the offering of praise to Him for all he has done. Your acknowledging of who he is and what He has done, is doing, and will do for those of us who have placed our trust in Him, we are acknowledging that he is God. We are acknowledging that Jesus is Lord!

And that is what the final part of Proverbs 3:6 tells us, to **acknowledge God in all our ways**. This means inviting Him into every area of our lives—our decisions, our relationships, our work, and our struggles. God has to be in your marriages, in the conversations you have with your children, your teens, your young adults, and your parents. Talk about God to all of them so that they can see your faith in Him and see you glorify Him in your life. I guarantee you that your words will not be in vain. They will hear you. They may not do what you ask but they hear you and the seed has been planted.

Acknowledge god as you tell of His goodness with praise. Lift you voice and sing of Hs goodness. Raise your hands in surrender and adoration while you meditate and consider how great Thou art!!

In your prayers, praise him! Listen to Jesus' prayer! He calls Him Father. He says is name is hallowed or holy. His kingdom come on earth as it is in

heaven!! These are words of praise! These are words of acknowledging who and what God is!! God alone is God, there is none other like him! And we are the creation of His thoughts, created for His pleasure!! We are, because God desired it to be and as messed up as life can be sometimes, it's still worthy of praise!!

- In everything we do or say, every place we go, every job we have, the places we live in are here because God has helped to bring them into our lives. And while we may not have everything we want, we ought to be able to give praise for what we have!! Thank God for the little things!! Thank God for everything!! Begin each day with prayer, asking for God's guidance. Make decisions with a heart that seeks His will. Praise God in every circumstance, trusting that He is working for our good.

As we turn our faces to Resurrection Sunday and we renew our commitment to God through the Lenten season, again the Bible provides samples upon which we can contemplate.

Look at Daniel.

- **Daniel acknowledged God** in prayer three times a day, even when it was dangerous (Daniel 6:10). His faith caused him to be cast into the lion's den but it also was the means by which he was delivered out of the lion's den. Daniel trusted God completely.

Look at David.

- **David sought God's guidance** before going into battle against the giant Goliath. Goliath stood on his strength, his ability, his warrior's experience but David told him from the beginning, "I come in the name of the Lord of Hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom thou has defied!" Goliath had a sword, David had the Lord. When you can acknowledge God like that, there is no weapon formed against you that can prosper!! Try that the next time the enemy attacks you!!

I encourage you Saints to not to give God's praise to another, for he is a jealous God. Give God his glory and he will open up doors for you no man can shut. If only you -

Trust in the Lord, and lean not unto your own understanding, but acknowledge Him in all your ways and he will direct your path.

Do you need direction Saints? Is there someone among us who is standing in the need to trust God for something? Trust God and His Son Jesus the Christ. Put your life in His hands so that he can give it back to you better than you could ever have made it.

It all begins with accepting Jesus as the Son of God. If you want to have your sins forgiven and live for life, then you must be born again. How can a man be born again? Can he enter his mother's womb and be birthed a second time?

No, no that is impossible and not necessary. He that is born of the flesh is flesh but he that is born again is born of the spirit. Come. Accept Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior and be born of the Spirit. Learn to trust in Him who will not leave you nor forsake you. Will you come?

Will you come?

Christian experience.

Internet listeners.

Watchcare.

Will you come to Jesus and be baptized?

Closing Prayer: *Heavenly Father, we surrender our doubts and fears to You. Teach us to trust You fully, to lean on Your wisdom, and to walk by faith. Direct our paths and help us to rest in Your perfect plan. In Jesus' name, Amen.*

Application: So how do we acknowledge the God of our Fathers?

- Begin each day with prayer, asking for God's guidance.
- Make decisions with a heart that seeks His will.
- Praise God in every circumstance, trusting that He is working for our good.
- Trust Him in every area of your life. If you have an area of your life which you are trying to keep God out of, I suggest you get rid of that part of your life. God should be front and center in everything you do and then you will be in His perfect will.

Conclusion: Walking by Faith

As we continue through Lent, let us reflect on these key questions:

1. **Are we trusting God with our whole heart?**
2. **Are we relying on His wisdom rather than our own?**
3. **Are we allowing Him to direct our steps?**
4. **Are we acknowledging Him in all areas of our lives?**

God is faithful. He is our guide, our strength, and our provider. Let us trust Him completely and walk boldly in faith.

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