

Trust in the Lord With All Your Heart

One of the most popular pieces of wisdom is in Proverbs 3:5-6. "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths."

The word trust literally means to "rely on" or "depend on" God. We can talk a big game about trusting and relying on God. When we are stuck in life being patient and trusting God is very difficult! We cannot stand to wait on God or anything else for that matter! We can get so impatient in life and trusting God and his timing is not always easy to do. But I want you to consider something this morning and any time you find yourself in a desperate situation. God may have something to teach you. I believe God has something to teach us at every stage of our lives. It is in the present that God prepares us for our future. And if we get impatient and try to move ahead of God, we may miss the valuable wisdom that is crucial for us down the line. You may be this close to something amazing God has in store for you so don't get impatient. Trust God's wisdom and timing. In whatever situation you are in Trust God and say, "Lord, this situation I am in is difficult, but there might be something you can teach me that will prepare me for the wonderful things you have for me in the future. I will be patient and rely on you."

Trusting in the Lord will sometimes mean going against what you think is right or smart, common sense, and even what popular society proclaims to be acceptable. Trusting God will sometimes mean giving up control and what you think is best. You don't have to understand to trust God has a plan. That's what it means not to rely on your own insight. We must always remember that God's ways are higher than our ways. If we could understand everything about God he would not be big enough to believe in.

You see, God's path is not the path we would typically take. God's idea of a straight path is not necessarily our idea of a straight path. Acknowledging God in all our ways means being prepared to go wherever he may be leading us. Where God may be leading you may be the last place you want to go. The way God wants you to go may be filled with obstacles. In your mind, it seems impossible. You may want to run away from it and God wants you to run through it!

Trusting and acknowledging God means even if you don't see a way, you know in your heart God will make a way. He will remove the obstacles. That's what it means when it says God will make the paths straight. He will make a way where there is no way. He will make a path where there seems to be no path. He will remove the obstacles and clear the path. But You Have To Trust Him To Do It!

Moses did. When Moses got to the edge of the Red Sea he thought he was at a dead end. When the children of Israel were finally set free from Egypt after 400 years of slavery, they started marching out to freedom and the first thing they came to was the Red Sea. There were impassable mountain ranges on two sides of them, the sea in front of them. In hot pursuit behind them was the Egyptian army. Pharaoh had changed his mind about letting them go. The path the Israelites were on looked like a dead end. But it wasn't a dead end to God. He knew exactly what He wanted to do. He could see what they could not see. He opened the Red Sea and they walked through it. Years later, the Israelites looked back and sang, "Your road led by a pathway through the sea—a pathway no one knew was there!" (Psalm 77:19 LB).

If you are faced with what seems like a hopeless situation, God can see a path that you don't know about. If you will trust God and keep on moving in faith, even when you don't see a way, He will make a way. If we want to move across the chasm between where we are and where God wants us to be we must trust God with our lives. If we want our dead ends to turn in to new beginnings the only option is to trust God with our life. If you desire for God to remove the obstacles before you, you must put all of your life in his hands. In all your ways acknowledge God, Trust God, submit to God, depend on God and he will make straight your paths.