



# Jubilee

a season of renewal

“Leaning”  
Proverbs 3:5-6



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## Sermon in a Sentence

Relying on the LORD means knowing Him to the point that you are comfortable getting out of the way.

### Question:

How do I learn to lean on God?

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## I. Rely on Him.

- A. The father reminded his son of the importance of trusting in the LORD in order to have a long and peaceful life.
- B. We know that reliance upon God and not simple trust is the emphasis of this passage, because the writer employed three writing tools to highlight the principle.
  - 1. He used antithetical parallelism- a form of parallelism where two contrasting or complementary ideas are placed side by side, with the second line reinforcing the first by stating its opposite.
  - 2. He used two different terms with the same meaning.
  - 3. He used those terms as bookends for verse 5.
- C. We are not simply called to trust in God; we are called to rely on Him.
  - 1. Relying is different than trusting.
  - 2. Trust lowers the mental cost of paying attention, but reliance requires us to accept real vulnerability or risk.
  - 3. God wants us to move beyond being comfortable with Him, and allow ourselves to be vulnerable with Him.

## II. Know Him.

- A. The father reminds his son that in order to reach the point of relying on God, you first have to know him.
- B. The clear command to us in this text is to know God in everything we do.
  - 1. We must know all of God's character and not just the parts we like.
  - 2. We must know God's will regarding the things we do in life.
  - 3. We must know God in a personal relationship and not just know about Him.
- C. We can never reach the point of relying on God until we know God as a person.

### III. Let Him.

- A. The father ends his proverb to his son by reminding him that God is willing to direct his life if he will rely on and know Him.
- B. The biggest problem we may face after knowing God is to allow God to direct our lives.
- C. What area of your life is God trying to get you to let go of and rely on Him to handle?

- **Psalm 46:10**

*Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!*

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