G R O W T H N O T E S

Scripture Text: Proverbs 3:5-6

SERMON SERIES: Words That Change Reality

Message:

"T R U S T!"

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE TEXT

Proverbs 3:5-6 (KJV): "Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.

In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

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NLT: Trust in the LORD with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. ⁶ Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take.

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Message: Trust GOD from the bottom of your heart; don't try to figure out everything on your own.

Listen for GoD's voice in everything you do, everywhere you go; he's the one who will keep you on track.

BACKGROUND OF TODAY'S MESSAGE

- The challenge for all of us is to learn to live contingently trusting in the Lord—rather than trying to cling to clarity!
- Paul, writing to the Christians in Corinth—in 2 Corinthians 5:7—describes the adventure in simple terms when he wrote: "For we walk by faith—AND—not by sight!"
- But wouldn't it be great if God provided for us who trust in God a spiritual GPS turn by turn navigation through life?
- But it would also handicap your faith!

- Therefore, God bids us to move forward without giving us the details of what the future will bring.
- But often our fear of the uncertain and the unknown cause us to cling to clarity—rather than risk stepping forward by faith!
- Life at its best is only experienced as you trust God beyond what you can understand or comprehend!

Job 13:15—"Though He slay me—YET—will I trust in Him!"

Psalm 34, Verse 8—"O taste and see that the Lord is good—blessed is the man or woman who puts their trust in Him!"

Isaiah 26:3—"You, O God, will keep THEM in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on You—BECAUSE—they trust in You!

Jeremiah 7:17—"Blessed is the person who trusts in the Lord and whose hope is in God almighty!"

"Life at its best—can only be experienced as you trust God— BEYOND—what you comprehend or understand!

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PROVERBS 3:5-6 TEACHES US:

1. "TRUST GOD <u>WITH EVERYTHING!</u>

Proverbs Chapter 3, and the first line of verse 5—also known as 5a—Says—"Trust in the Lord with all your heart…"

2. "TRUST GOD ABOVE EVERYTHING!

Proverbs, Chapter 3, Verse 5 says—"Trust God with all—your whole heart...AND—DO NOT LEAN ON YOUR OWN UNDERSTANDING..."

3. "TRUST GOD IN EVERYTHING!

Proverbs, Chapter 3, Verse 6, Says—"In all your ways acknowledge God!"

4. "TRUST GOD THROUGH EVERYTHING!"

The Promise Of Proverbs 3, Verses 5-6, is that if we trust the Lord with all our heart and lean not to our own understanding—GOD WILL DIRECT OUR PATHS!

CONCLUSION

• God leads—God guides—AND—God directs those who trust in God BECAUSE—if you trust God—God will lead you, If you trust God, God will guide you, and If you trust God—God will direct you!

Psalm 23, Verse 3, Says—"The Lord—my Shepherd—leads me in the paths of righteousness for His Namesake!"

- That verse teaches that—GOD IS A LEADER!
- #2—GOD LEADS IN STRAIGHT PATHS!
- #3—GOD'S LEADERSHIP IS THE BEST—BECAUSE—IT'S TIED TO GOD'S REPUTATION—BECAUSE—HE LEADS ME FOR HIS NAMESAKE!
- I'm gonna win—BECAUSE—God's name is on me!

- I'm gonna come though—BECAUSE—God's name is on me!
- I'm gonna rise, endure, and persist—BECAUSE—I'm not out here on my own!