

Day 5 - Devotion and Trust

It's natural for us to trust in tangible things, like our abilities, finances, or relationships. We know from life experience that all of these can and often fail us. Trusting in God involves placing our trust in something beyond ourselves, something unseen. It's a process of aligning our understanding with our innermost beliefs and experiences of God's character. As we grow in the knowledge of who God is - His faithfulness, His love, His wisdom - our trust in Him becomes more natural.

What am I putting my trust in apart from God?

Our focus scripture for today is Proverbs 3:5-6:

⁵ "Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not rely on your own understanding; ⁶ in all your ways know Him, and He will make your paths straight."

Often, we "*rely on our own understanding*" because we have not truly gotten to know or surrendered control to God, who made us. As we actively seek God through prayer, studying His word, and being aware of His presence, we begin to understand His character more fully. We see His faithfulness in our lives in times of difficulty and uncertainty. This deepens our trust, and our hearts begin to find peace and security in Him.

Pause to ask God to reveal the areas of your heart that you need to give Him control...asking God for reminders of His past faithfulness in your life and to give you the ability to see where He is working now.

As an invitation to a spiritual practice—a way to say "yes, Lord," take time to reflect on how God has worked in your life, answered prayers, or provided for your needs. Allow this to deepen your trust in Him. Consider journaling about these times in order to encourage your heart in times of doubt.

Prepare to walk with God into the day before us, we bring with us the words that David cried out from the wilderness in Psalm 63:

"God, you are my God; I eagerly seek you.
I thirst for you;
my body faints for you
in a land that is dry, desolate, and without water...
I follow close to you;
your right hand holds on to me."

Father, help us discern where you are leading us as a church - making Your invitation clear.

Jesus, help us become worshipers, friends, apprentices, and guides who live as disciple-makers in all areas of our everyday.

Spirit, help us become a disciple-making hub, loving the lost and proclaiming Jesus in all we do and say so our communities will flourish.