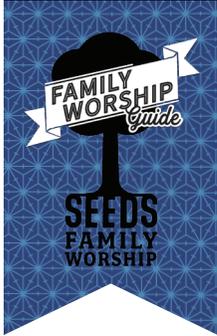


# Trust

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In all your ways  
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Proverbs 3:5-6



# TRUST

PROVERBS 3:5-6



## START WITH PRAYER



## PRESS PLAY

Play “Trust” (Proverbs 3:5-6) from the Trust album or video. Sing with your family to worship God and plant God’s Word in your hearts. (👐 A hand motion video is available for this song.)

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## OPEN THE BIBLE

Read Proverbs 3:5-6

<sup>5</sup>Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. <sup>6</sup>In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make straight your paths.



## TALK ABOUT IT

(Story from Seeds Missionary, Josh Houser) I became a Christian my junior year of high school. My friend, Rex, invited me to church camp and it was there the Lord revealed that He loved me so much that He died on a cross for me. I was so excited that God wanted to have a relationship with me and I put my faith and trust in Him.

After I left camp, I was eager to live for the Lord. I started going to church, Bible studies and camps. I spent time with my youth pastor Dusty and he would share about how to walk with God. I also started having my own time with the Lord where I would worship, pray and read my Bible. It was a really good time of growth in my life.

One day, Dusty invited me to church for a meeting. At the meeting he talked to me about becoming a missionary and the possibility of attending a Discipleship Training School through Youth With A Mission (YWAM). I certainly loved the idea of growing more in my faith and telling others about Jesus, but I also knew I did not have any money to go from Idaho to Texas or to pay for this school. Dusty told me to trust in the Lord, that He would provide for me. He prayed for me and sent me on my way.

As I left his office, I could really feel the Lord calling me to GO to

YWAM. Over the next few months, I worked and saved money. I also had other Christian brothers and sisters give money to help me with this call to GO (Matthew 28:19).

It was one week before I was supposed to leave Idaho for Texas, but the BIG problem was that I still needed \$1,000. I fought discouragement and was praying faithfully, even begging God to miraculously provide for me. I knew there was no way I could make this happen by myself. I knew I needed a miracle from God. I believed that I was to trust God and not lean on my own understanding.

Three days before I was supposed to depart, I was still \$1,000 short. I sat in my beat-up, brown Toyota truck and prayed. I knew God was calling me to GO and all I could do was lean on Him to provide for me. That night, some friends, Ron and Suzie, invited me over for dinner. This was a young couple with young kids who really loved the Lord - BIG. We enjoyed dinner and fellowship and I told them about YWAM, but never shared with them that I had a financial need or that I could not afford to go.

After dinner, Ron asked if he could pray for me before I left for the evening. I said yes. We went and sat at his desk and he started to pray. In the middle of prayer, he stopped unexpectedly. Unsure about what was going on, I opened my eyes. Ron opened his desk drawer and pulled out a checkbook. He wrote out a check and handed it to me. I immediately folded the check without looking at it, but Ron said, "Hey, you can look at it". I opened the check and it was written for \$1,000, the exact amount I needed.

When I got in my truck that night, all I could do was worship our awesome God and thank Him for His miraculous provision. I was blown away!

That moment changed my life forever. It was at YWAM that I grew significantly in the Lord, met and married my wife, and met my lifelong best friend, Matthew. I was launched into a life of living on mission with God.

In this story, I really wanted to 'lean on my own understanding' and figure everything out myself. However, I kept going to God and leaning on Him and believing He would direct my steps and provide for me. He did just that.



## SEEDS TREASURE

# TRUST THE LORD AND LEAN ON HIM



## DISCUSSION

1. I should always lean on my own understanding. [True/False]
2. This verse says that we should trust in the Lord with all our \_\_\_\_\_ and lean not on our own \_\_\_\_\_.
3. After Josh became a Christian at camp and went home, what types of activities did he start doing?

4. Is God capable to supply everything we need to do His will?



## CLOSE WITH PRAYER



## AS YOU GO...

I want to encourage your family to sit and talk about things that you are worrying about or that are discouraging you. Ask each person to share his or her heart. Pray for each other and ask God to work in each situation.

### REMEMBER:

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Four empty ribbon-shaped boxes for writing, stacked vertically below the first one.