

Truly Great to Grow Together

4.5 We depend on GOD always



Bible Verse: : Proverbs 3 : 5

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding.

Proclaim: *In every decision and everything we do, let us depend on God who will work in us.*

Truth: : God is working in His people who believe Him, to will and to do of His good purpose. Therefore, we are to trust in the Lord and depend totally on His leading.



Scripture Reference: John 18:1-11

Lesson: (1) **We must face different difficulties** – *When on earth, the Lord Jesus was in the Holy Land of Israel. On the night the Lord was betrayed, the disciples were in Gethsemane. A crowd armed with swords and clubs came to seize Him. Peter, out of anger and anxiety, drew his sword and cut off the right ear of one of the men. Jesus rebuked Peter. He touched the man's ear and healed him. The Lord's disciples were facing a very big difficulty and problem. Surely, you and I will also face different kinds of problems and challenges. (Luke 22:50-51; John 18:1-11)*

(2) **We must make many decisions** – *Apart from problems and challenges, we often face different decisions and choices. Good choices result in good outcome while wrong decisions often result in losses or hurts. Example: A choice between finishing homework or surfing the web, between turning in early or late. What seem to be unimportant choices could bring about our failure or victory. (Proverbs 14:12)*

(3) **Lean not on my own understanding** – *God says: "As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts." The world views that self-dependence is the best but God wants us to depend on Him, and lean not on our own wisdom. Peter had relied on his own understanding in Gethsemane that resulted in someone's ear being cut off! (Proverbs 3:5)*

(4) **God will guide and help us** – *God is our loving Lord. He wants to lead and help us. He went through the worst pain and sorrows, so He understands our difficulties and pain. God says: "As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways". God will grant those who trust in Him the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding so that we could make the right decisions and hence have success and victory. (Isaiah 55:9, 11:2)*

(5) **God is always in control and working** – *The Lord our God is in control over all. Example: The birth of Christ sets the foundation for the international calendar. Moreover, God will complete all the good works He has started. We shall be able to accomplish His great will when we depend fully on Him to work things out. (Philippians 1:6, 2:13)*

Conclusion: It is the will of the Lord God to give us wisdom and insight to face all our difficulties and trials. Let us pray continually and depend on God always.

Prayer/Invitation: Pray that today's truths will be written on our hearts in Lord Jesus' name.