

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 that He was betrayed, the disciples were in Gethsemane. A crowd armed with swords and clubs came to seize Him. Peter, in anger and anxiety, drew his sword and cut off the right ear of one of the men. Jesus rebuked Peter, touched the man's ear and healed him. The Lord's disciples were facing great difficulties. Surely, we 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 resting 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 values self-dependence but God wants us to depend on Him instead of our own wisdom. Peter had relied on his own understanding 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. Jesus went through the worst pain and sorrows and can understand 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 to make the right decisions and have success and victory. (Isaiah 55:9, 11:2)*

(5) God is always in control and working – *The Lord 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.

You Will Need:	A BIBLE; VISUAL AIDS- Lesson Title and Memory verse Picture of EAR & SWORD
BIBLE STORY TELLING	John 18: 1-11 Peter cut off someone's ear
SHOW & TELL	1. Every day, we all face different difficulties & challenges 2. Do we depend on our self or prayerfully depend on God?
PRAY	1. <u>Call for salvation</u> (# Refer to Lesson 4:3) 2. Pray for strength and wisdom by God's words to face problems & do well for God's glory.