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## > *Proverbs 3:5-6* <

Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.

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I will never forget when it happened. It was Christmas. We were at my grandparent's house. I was sitting down at the table next to my grandfather. Just as I began to lean back into the seat it happened. There was no warning, no cracking, no wobbling . . . just CRASH! The entire chair crumbled under me and I was laying on my back wondering if a bomb had just gone off! I was really embarrassed, stunned and a little sore for a few days. Up until that point I had always just sat down in chairs without another thought. A chair was always something I could depend on. I never assumed anything other than the fact that it would do what I trusted it to do. From that point until now, I am still uneasy.

There comes a point in most of our lives where we feel like we have a similar experience with God. We live our lives trusting God and never questioning His faithfulness. Then something happens. Someone dies. Parents get a divorce. A friend leaves. And the bottom completely falls out. We find ourselves on the floor wondering what in the world just happened and why God let it happen. What we have to remember is that God never promised us that it would be easy and that we wouldn't have struggles. Jesus actually told us that if we followed Him just the opposite would happen.

When life's struggles come, and they will, we have to remember that it was not God who let us down. It's just the nature of the life we live. We can lean on passages like the one in Proverbs 3. Lean into God, relax, and know that He can always be trusted.

### **Go and Do**

This week spend some time reading the Book of Job. Notice how Job continued to trust God even when his friends and family told him to turn his back on God. Notice how Job responds to them with faith and trust in God.

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