

Proverbs 3:5-6 The Posture of Faith

Our summer series this year -In the book of Proverbs

A)Wisdom for Life!

B)First 3 weeks – Deep dive into the Subject of the Fear of the Lord

1)The Fear of the Lord is the Beginning of Wisdom

C)The subject of the fear of the Lord is like a coin with two sides –

1)One side – The Lord’s Justice and majesty, His holiness and righteousness

D)On the other side we have the Lord’s love and mercy and grace

E)Same coin – the same person.

Pastor Tyler – finished off the deep Dive at last week

A)Toward the end of his message he brought us to this revelation

B)The fear of the Lord culminates in Jesus

¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth. John 1:14

C)The Cross we see the Grace and truth – Justice and mercy – Merging together.

Today we are moving forward – Proverbs 3

5 Trust in the Lord with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; 6 In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths.

Trust is the Hebrew word here Bau/tack -

A)The word translated “trust” in verse 5 means “to lie helpless, facedown.”

B)A posture of being totally yielded and Vulnerable and dependent upon God

C)As I read this I was reminded of a few times when I have been out with friends on their boat at a Lake –

1)They have one of those inner tube things you lay face down – pulled behind the boat

That right there is a picture of trust with all your heart

A)You are trusting the guy driving the boat that he is not going to be too crazy right

B)I had friends who were proven to be un-trustworthy –

1)Let’s see how far we can launch Rob

C)Going so fast – thumbs up – faster – thumbs down slower – down ..

Hanging on for dear life – quick turn – flying

D)Or worse yet – wake launched – laughing – high fives

1)Thanks guys didn’t you see my thumbs down sign

E)Oh we thought you were saying thumbs up

1)Never again – next time – want to go to the Lake – I will pass

My friends were proven to be untrust worthy! –

A)The Lord never does that – let’s have some fun with Rob today.

B))Lets see how uncomfortable we can make Rob – Angels -high fiving in heaven

C))Now the Lord does allow us to be shaken out of our comfort zones – but it is always for our growth

Mother Eagle with her eaglets – push them out of the nest – she lets them fall –

A)first time imagine: Mom what are you doing ?– it is for your own good son – what? wait no!

B)Falling – I am going to call Eaglet protective services on you

C)Before the Eaglet smashes into the ground – what does the mother Eagle do? –

1)She swoops down and catches her baby eaglet

First time Scary – 2nd time a little less scary –

A)3rd and 4th time – Wee Wee – singing momma is going to catch me –

B) Pretty soon – realize the purpose – Flap your wings

C) Trust the momma is doing something that is going to help me grow – learn to soar like Mom and Dad

To trust in the Lord with all your heart is to lay face down yielded to God – believing – he has a plan –

A) Believing that knows what he is doing

B) That is the posture of faith.

C) But it continues

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

A) Saying: I don't have to know the whole plan – A to Z –

B) God is saying - trust me and enjoy the journey – trust me for the right outcome

C) Trust that I have your best interest at heart

D) Example of **Trust where you are not leaning to your own understanding** – Elective Surgery

I have had two hip surgeries – on my right hip

A) I am having a replacement on my left hip in September – Elective surgery – **25 yrs**

B) Interesting elective surgery – they always make you sign that waiver –

1) this rarely ever happens but you could die.

Are you ok with that? –

C) I guess? Define rarely?

My wife and I have been recently watching a couple of Hospital shows – crazy surgeries -

A) Denise will say – babe that is what they are going to be doing to you

B) Look at how hard they are hitting that Hammer – the size of that drill

C) On a couple of these shows – people have died from a complication from a minor surgery –

1) Clip an artery or something –

D) I have literally thought – Maybe I shouldn't be watching this right now.

E) Month from my surgery date – literally have thought – maybe we should watch a hallmark movie

1) Everyone is always happy - no one dies – Always a happy ending –

But think about Surgery – Doc – I am lying down trusting you with all of my heart.

A) Now Some people want to watch the surgery they are going to have – YouTube – Understand

B) I don't get that personally – I don't need to know all the details

1) I simply am trusting – you that when I wake up FIXED

C) Everything is going to be good! – All better

D) Trusting God and the Doctor with all of my heart

That is the picture with God

A) Lord trusting you – I am at Rest in your care – your Love – your ability

B) Even if I don't understand what you are doing – I will trust you – You are good – Gracious

1) I believe that you have my best interest at heart.

C) It is the person completely at Rest in the Lord – My God has got this!

Here is the opposite of that.

A) There is one major area in my life where my wife – doesn't trust me – MY DRIVING –

B) biggest area of contention in our marriage

C) According to her – she has saved me from tons of accidents in our 35 years of marriage

D) So When we drive together – I usually drive – because I don't like her driving either -

But when I am driving – she is never relaxed – sounds –

A) She has to either go to sleep – not trusting me – but trusting God

B) Or she distracts herself on her phone

C) If she is paying attention – noises – watch out – too fast – too slow – wrong lane – what are you doing.

A lot of us do that with God

A) Lord what are you doing? – Wrong way

B) Watch out – Lord wrong lane –

C) We are the ultimate in Spiritual backseat drivers – 1) God is saying can you just sit back – lie down and trust me?

Now To trust in God with all of your heart and lean not you your own understanding can be seen by some as a sort of Reckless abandon

A) Because it doesn't make sense to them – Reckless – even irresponsible

B) There are so many things in life I would have missed out on –

1) if I leaned on my own understanding – I probably wouldn't be here

C) When I was in College - working at the Grocery Store in OC

D) I had advanced rapidly, I was being considered for management

E) But I knew that God had called me into Full time ministry -so I was just waiting for an open door

1) Waiting for his plan to unfold

I got the call to come to Vista and be a Youth Pastor – working for \$700 a month – my rent was \$425 –

A) It didn't make sense to my co-workers

B) The People I worked with thought I was crazy – why would you do that? – Reckless

1) Irresponsible

C) God was Calling and saying trust me! – All in – no turning back

1) God has absolutely blown my mind

Or years later – I was invited to go and speak at a Conference in Yugo

A) Country was in the midst of Civil war – Embassy closed – Americans were told to leave – the country

B) Some questioned – why would you even consider going in – My leadership prayed – wife prayed

1) My wife who hates when I go anywhere – especially back then when our kids were young –

C) She Said I think you are supposed to go. -I literally for a minute thought – maybe she doesn't want me to come back.

D) I went – Trusting God – It was one of the best trips ever – tons of miracles

1) Church planted in the city where the conference was held

Just to be clear – I have had plenty of times in my life – where I didn't trust the Lord

A) Worried and fretted all the way through something –

B) Lousy way to live – Exhausting – it is frustrating

C) Opposite of adventure

So trust in the Lord.... Understanding –

A) Lay down before you – completely surrendered – yielded – that is the posture of faith

B) Another picture of Trusting God with me with all your heart – all in – no reservations – the pool!

C) The little boy doesn't understand all the dynamics of distance and gravity – all he knows –

1) I am jumping – Dad is going to catch me –

D) The first time he is cautious – but pretty soon – he is running and jumping – big smile – FUN

E) THE POSTURE OF FAITH can be really fun

1) God I am all in – Trusting you – adventure

In all your ways acknowledge him

A) Now this is the part of this proverb that I think is often the most misunderstood.

B)When we think of the word – Acknowledge – we think of letting someone know our plans – **sort FYI**

C)**Hey Lord – FYI** – I am planning this business venture will you bless it

D)**Lord FYI – I am going to ask** ___ to marry me – can you help her say yes.

E)Lord FYI we planning this ministry trip or venture, would you go before us.

That is often the way we approach this idea of in all your ways Acknowledge him.

A)Or even better – Lord I am acknowledging that I can't do this with out you – so please help me

B)But that is not what this word means – the word Acknowledge is the word Yadaw – Ya/daeh

C)The Word means to Know – to perceive, to see, to find out and discern

D)Translation -**In all your ways seek to know, to perceive, to see, to find out and discern the Lords heart on that matter.**

That sheds a whole new light on this verse. I am not simply to fill the Lord in on my plans

A)I am to seek to know his heart on the situation.

B)This is why we spent 3 weeks contemplating the fear of the Lord –

1)Seeing Jesus for who He is – full of grace and truth – full of Justice and mercy –

C)If I am going to follow Him I am going to need to know His heart

Prayer is at the heart of this

A)In all your ways – Know Him – Lord I need to know your heart on this matter

B)I don't want to lean on my own understanding –

1)So I need to quiet my heart from all the noise around me – hear your still small voice

C)Elijah – God wasn't in the noise – the earthquake, the wind, the fire –

1)Still small voice –

I need to get away from the distractions

A)Peter Acts 10 Lunch Hussle and bustle down below

B)Quiet place, quiet time, quiet heart - Hear you – walk – paddle board

C)So Prayer is a part of this

Meditation on the Word - is at the Heart of this as well

Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stands in the path of sinners, Nor sits in the seat of the scornful;
2 But his delight is in the law of the Lord, And in His law he meditates day and night.

A)Lord concerning this situation – I am not going to lean on my own understanding

1)I am not going to respond to my emotions

B)I am going to search the scriptures – I want to know your heart on this matter

C)I want to know your heart as it relates to this situation going on in culture

1)This decision for my family

D)I am going to seek to discern the situation from what I know to be true about you from your Word

E)The Blessed man/woman is meditating on the word – seeking to KNOW GOD'S HEART

As you immerse yourself in the Bible's story of a personal God who made us

A)And saved us for a relationship with him, Relationship for His Glory

B)It brings every part of your life into perspective

1)How you relate to people, how you spend your money, how you use your time,

C)Wisdom grows as you live daily life shaped by the biblical narrative and divine realities.”

Here is the RESULT of the man or women who is meditating on the word of God

3 He shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water,

That brings forth its fruit in its season, whose leaf also shall not wither; and whatever he does shall prosper.

A) To Prosper = to advance – to succeed

B) The Promise in Proverbs 3 - He shall direct your paths

C) CSB – He will make your paths straight

**So Trust in the Lord....heart and Lean not....
In all your ways seek to Know Him – His heart –
His mind – His will – His way**

A) Promise – He will direct your path

B) Blessed Life – abundant Life – Fruitful and full life

C) Close – Jesus description of Eternal life - John 17:3

³ And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.