



## WEEKLY STUDY

### WEEK 6

Pastor Gary shared about the songs and scripture that encourage us to trust in God. This theme reminds us of our position before a mighty and holy God. Where we put our trust truly impacts how we live our lives, both on this earth and for eternity.

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If you are studying with your Providence Small Group or Discipleship Group, you can share from daily readings as well as the additional questions at the bottom of this guide. If you would like to get connected visit [prov.church/smallgroups](http://prov.church/smallgroups).

Find a time each day to read the passage of scripture and follow the daily prayer prompt.

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### DAILY STUDY

#### MONDAY: PROVERBS 3.5-6 (NKJV)

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

- In all your ways acknowledge God! That sounds so wonderful as poetry, doesn't it? But it is a challenge to consider that the evidence of trusting in God is in all our ways. Your whole life can point to the existence or denial of God. Every moment. But when we acknowledge Him with our lives, He will direct our paths. **Is there a particular situation or decision that you are facing in which you are finding it difficult to lean not on your own understanding ?**
- *God, I work so hard on my own understanding. You have made me to be curious and to seek to understand. Even so, you are beyond my understanding. Teach me that more and more as I learn and grow more in love with you. Amen.*

## TUESDAY: ISAIAH 12.2-3 (NIV)

*Surely God is my salvation;*

*I will trust and not be afraid.*

*The Lord, the Lord himself, is my strength and my defense;  
he has become my salvation.”*

<sup>3</sup>*With joy you will draw water  
from the wells of salvation.*

- Trust and fear are regular themes of the Bible. Over and over God's people are reminded to trust in God and to not fear. Jesus said this to his disciples on multiple occasions as well. Each place this is accompanied by a reminder of who God is (or who Jesus is). “Tell them, I AM sent me to you.” It is always a reminder that our strength and defense is actually God Himself. **Are there people in your life that need to know that God is their salvation? Pray for them today.**
- *God, I lift up someone who is not aware of your gracious salvation. Teach them to put their trust in you. Amen.*

## WEDNESDAY: PSALM 125.1 (The Message)

*Those who trust in God  
are like Zion Mountain:*

*Nothing can move it, a rock-solid mountain  
you can always depend on.*

- Zion Mountain has a rough history. It has been an area of conflict that has been fought over and changed hands many times. Yet still, it represents God's ultimate faithfulness to those who trust in Him and not in borders or territories. **What place or relationship represents God's faithfulness to you?**
- *God, I look to you, my Zion. My trust is in you alone. You are my rock-solid mountain that nothing can move. I depend on you for my life. Amen.*

## THURSDAY: ISAIAH 26.1-3 (NIV)

*In that day this song will be sung in the land of Judah:*

*We have a strong city;  
God makes salvation  
its walls and ramparts.*

<sup>2</sup>*Open the gates  
that the righteous nation may enter,  
the nation that keeps faith.*

<sup>3</sup>*You will keep in perfect peace  
those whose minds are steadfast,  
because they trust in you.*

- This passage from Isaiah is titled the Song of the Redeemed. The people are waiting for the full redemption of their city. In the passage, the faithful who wait on God are even encouraged to wait in hiding when necessary. **What is the state of your waiting for the redemption of your neighborhood/city/nation/world? Are you feeling hopeful or restless?**
- *God, My trust is in you for the redemption of my home and the redemption of my heart. Amen.*

## FRIDAY: JEREMIAH 17:7-8 (NIV)

*“But blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord,  
whose confidence is in him.*

*<sup>8</sup> They will be like a tree planted by the water  
that sends out its roots by the stream.*

*It does not fear when heat comes;  
its leaves are always green.*

*It has no worries in a year of drought  
and never fails to bear fruit.”*

- These are the concluding verses of a parable that compares what it looks like to trust in humans or to trust in God. There is much to lose if your trust is misplaced. It turns out that trust in the Lord serves as an anchor that holds us fast and frees us from fear of drought and seasons of dryness.  
**Are there areas where your trust is placed in human leadership?**
- *Jesus, You are my all in all. Let me be planted firmly in you. Amen.*

## SATURDAY: 2 SAMUEL 7:27-29 (NIV)

*“LORD Almighty, God of Israel, you have revealed this to your servant, saying, ‘I will build a house for you.’ So your servant has found courage to pray this prayer to you.<sup>28</sup> Sovereign LORD, you are God! Your covenant is trustworthy, and you have promised these good things to your servant.<sup>29</sup> Now be pleased to bless the house of your servant, that it may continue forever in your sight; for you, Sovereign LORD, have spoken, and with your blessing the house of your servant will be blessed forever.”*

- David was coming through a season of deep humiliation and sin. It’s a profound posture for a king and ruler. He is different from kings before him who have become impressed with their own importance. David has come to realize that any blessing he experiences is truly a gift from God.  
**Make a list of blessings in your life today and thank God!**
- *Lord, you have promised good things for me. I confess that too often I have taken the reins. I release control to you, for you are the Sovereign God! Amen.*

## SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION

Read through (or listen to) the words of the hymn [I Will Trust in the Lord](#).

1 I will trust in the Lord,  
I will trust in the Lord,  
I will trust in the Lord till I die.

2 I'm going to watch, fight, and pray,  
I'm going to watch, fight, and pray,  
I'm going to watch, fight, and pray till I die.

3 I'm going to treat ev'rybody right,  
I'm going to treat ev'rybody right,  
I'm going to treat ev'rybody right till I die.

4 I'm going to stay on my bended knees,  
I'm going to stay on my bended knees,  
I'm going to stay on my bended knees till I die.

- This is a hymn of determination. Why do you think the repetition is so important?
- What does this song tell us about ourselves?
- What does it tell us about God?
- Are there lines that you would add that serve as a prayer to God?