

# Proverbs 3:5-6

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[ 0 : 00 ] But we'll read this passage from Proverbs 3, starting in verse 1. It says, My son, forgetting all my law, but let thine heart keep my commandments.

For length of days and long life and peace shall they add to thee. Let not mercy and truth for safety bind them about thine neck, wrought them upon the table of thine heart.

So shalt thou find favor and good understanding in the sight of God and man. Be not wise in the Lord with all thine heart, and lay not unto thine own understanding.

In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. Be not wise in thine own eyes, fear the Lord and depart from evil. It shall be health to thy navel and marrow to thy bones.

Honor the Lord with thy substance, and with the first fruits of all thy increase, so shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine.

[ 0 : 58 ] My son despise not the chastening of the Lord, neither be weary of his correction, for whom the Lord loveth he corrected, even as a father the Son in whom he delighteth.

And we'll stop reading right there for that passage of Scripture. And I said, if you divide that up into six segments, you got verses one and two, verses three and four, five and six.

Each one of those gives a what? Basically it gives a commandment from God, and then it gives the why to that commandment in the verse following it.

But when I said I want to concentrate this evening on verses five and six, it says, trust in the Lord with all thine heart, and lead not unto thine own understanding.

And all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. So we have the commandments given, trust in the Lord with all thine heart.

[ 1 : 55 ] So we've got trust in the Lord and lead not unto thine own understanding. There's the second commandment, and in all thy ways acknowledge him. Acknowledging God is the third commandment that's given here.

And then finally in that final line of verse six says, and he shall direct thy paths. So again, Proverbs chapter three verses five and six begins with trust in the Lord with all thine heart and lead not unto thine own understanding.

And we need to come to an understanding that is impossible to trust in the Lord without faith in the Lord. If we don't have faith in God, we will never trust in Almighty God.

If I didn't have faith in my parents as a child growing up, if I didn't have faith that they were going to take care of me, that they were going to clothe me and feed me and shelter me, that they were going to hide me and protect me when I needed it.

If I didn't have faith in them, that they were going to do that. How would have never trusted in them to do that? And it is no different with the Heavenly Father than it would have been with our earthly fathers here on earth or with our earthly parents here in this walk of life.

[ 3 : 13 ] If we have no faith in them, we will not trust them. Folks, the Bible says in Hebrews 11, without faith it is impossible to please Him. It's impossible to please God without faith in Him.

It's impossible to trust God without faith in Him. Folks, we need to have this kind of trust in God. We need to trust Him with everything, every fiber of our being, everything about our households, everything about our families, everything about ourselves.

We need to put every bit of faith and every bit of trust that we have in Almighty God. If things come to be as I see them coming over the horizon somewhere down the park, you better not have your faith in Uncle Sam.

You better not have it in your family. You better not have it in your friends. Your faith had better be rooted. It had better be grounded. And it had better stay in Almighty God or you are going to be sorely disappointed with the things that are coming our way.

I'm not just talking about the government problems. I'm not just talking about world politics or even our nation's politics. I'm talking about things in general, folks.

[ 4 : 28 ] There are bad things that are coming down the road toward you and toward me. And if we don't trust in God to see us through, we have nothing else to trust in.

We need to keep our trust in Him. We have got to keep our trust in Almighty God. You look throughout the Bible at the people and some of the amazing things that people did.

You look back at the man David. You look back at when Samuel was first sent to Bethlehem by Almighty God and he went to Jesse's house and he went through Jesse's sons.

He said, none of these are it. None of these are the one. He said, do you have another? And then Jesse said, I got a little ruddy boy down there in the pasture that's looking over.

My animal's looking over. The flock, he said, bring them here. And God said, this is the one. This is the one that I want you to anoint and the Bible says, Samuel broke that horn of all.

[ 5 : 29 ] He poured the oil over David's head and anointed that ruddy young man, king of Israel. Amen. Folks, David had to have had some trust in God.

He had to have had. He had to have learned of God from Jesse. He had to have learned of God from his parents, from somebody that was further up the ladder than what he was.

Folks, you look a little bit later on in David's life and David became a great military leader. We know David has the young man that killed a giant named Goliath from death.

We know David. He re he went down there. Jesse sent him. He said, hey, you take this little bit of food. You take these loaves. You get down there in the valley.

See how your brothers are doing. And David went and when he got down there, he heard the Philistine call of David. He heard the Israelite making fun of them, making a mockery of God's people.

[ 6 : 27 ] And David said, who is this uncircumcised Philistine that's come against the armies of God? Folks, Saul called David. He called on David.

He armed David, put his own armor on David. David said, I haven't proved this, but there is one that I have proved. He went down, got him five smooth stones and it took one to kill that giant.

He trusted God. He didn't trust man's armor. He didn't trust Saul's armor. Folks, the Bible in another spot says that Saul stood head and shoulders over any other Israelite.

It already described David as a little fella. What good was that armor going to do him? David said, I ain't proved this armor. I don't trust this armor.

But there's one that I do trust. It's Almighty God. It's Jehovah God of the Israelite, the same God that brought our people up out of Egypt, the same God that split the Red Sea, the same God that brought us into the Promised Land.

[ 7 : 35 ] That's who I'm trusting. Not armor, not Saul. No one else, only God. You move on over to the New Testament as a lady, we all know her story.

We've heard it preached and talked over and over, all of her lives. Jesus is walking. It's like so many other scenes in the New Testament. There's a crowd around them. Everybody's wanting to see Jesus.

Everybody's wanting to see him perform a miracle. People's wanting to heal him. People's wanting to hear the word of God. People's wanting this and wanting that. There's crowds around, but there's one that comes pressing through the crowd.

This is she had had an issue of blood for 12 years. She'd been to every doctor in town. She'd been to every doctor in the region, spent every dime that she had, every nickel that she had, and grew the worst.

But it is said when Jesus comes passing through, she press through the crowd and she comes to Jesus crawling. I don't know, walking. I don't know, running. But regardless, she trusted Jesus to heal her. Just like the Lord.

[ 8 : 36 ] She trusted Jesus to get her through. She had realized her faith and her trust couldn't be in man, doctors, science, or medicine.

It was only Jesus that she could then trust. This woman realized that. Said she reached out. She touched the hand of his guard.

Now folks, you say what you want to. I know what the Bible says. It says she touched the hand of his guard. And it says Jesus felt virtue come out of him. He felt the virtue come out of him.

That touches not what healed her. Her touching, her reaching out and touching that little tassel hanging off his tunic. That ain't what healed her. Because Jesus turned to that woman. He said, daughter go thy way.

Thy faith hath made thee whole. It was her faith and her trust in Jesus Christ that made her whole. That woman she had learned that she couldn't trust anyone or anything else.

[ 9 : 37 ] But she had heard of one that she knew that she could trust. She had heard of one she knew she had to get to him somehow. Someway when he came back close enough and she heard the commotion.

She made her way to him. But it was her faith in Jesus Christ that made her whole. Not that touch, not that touch of his garment.

Folks, his tunic wasn't magical. His robe, his garment that he was wearing, it was not magical. It's like people that go over to the Middle East now.

They go over there just outside of Jerusalem. They got caves all in them, rocks over there. And one group will say, this is the tomb where Jesus was buried. And another group will say, this is the tomb where Jesus was buried.

And you get people, you get tourists that go in and out of these places and they start screaming and they start crying and they say, my goodness, I feel the Lord here. I feel the Lord in this tomb.

[ 10 : 35 ] Hey, if you feel the Lord in that tomb, it ain't the Lord that I worship because he is not there. My faith and my trust is in the one that rose the third day and now sits in heaven at the right side of the Father.

These people are putting their faith in feelings. They're putting their faith in what they feel. I'm glad. I'm glad that what I do feel, hey, it's real. It ain't emotions that I feel.

It's the Holy Ghost of God that gets me happy. It's the Holy Ghost of God that gets me round up. If I was dependent on God, or if I was dependent on anything outside of God, I should say, to help me to preach.

I'd be in sorry shape if I was depending on anything outside of God to help me teach the Word of God, preach the Word of God to help me sing or anything else to glorify God.

It would not bring glory to him, but I'm trusting in God to help me do this thing, trusting in God to preach me, to help me teach, to lead others, to guide others, to pray and do anything else.

[ 11 : 44 ] If I'm trusting in anything else, I'm in sorry shape. That's right. I'm in sorry shape. I'm trusting the Lord with all my heart, lean not, lean not on that.

Don't understand me. Don't trust yourself. The Bible says that the heart is deceitful. It's deceptive above all things and desperately wicked. Who could know it?

Who knows the heart? In other words, what it's asking, who understands it? I tell you who understands it. God does. He designed it. He designed you. He designed every one of us.

He designed that woman that we were just talking about. When we're asking for healing, what are we asking for? We're not asking God. Now listen, hey, I thank God for doctors. I thank God for medicine.

I thank God that I lay in a grave right now over illnesses that have plagued me off and on all my life. And most of y'all could probably say the same thing.

[ 12 : 41 ] But we cannot attribute the fact that we are here and alive and breathing to that medicine or even to the doctors that prescribe that medicine.

Those doctors are no different than you and I are. Hey, they might have a little bit of book smarts. They might know a little bit more about the human body, but I can promise you they do not know as much or even a fraction of what the designer of my body knows.

That's why when I go to God and ask for healing, I can have complete trust in Him to do it. Amen. Because He knows what we stand in need of and He knows when we stand in need of.

What's the Bible teach? The Bible teaches it range on the just and the unjust. Does it not? The Bible teaches us, in other words, those doctors out there or anybody else, any human being that we're putting our faith into, let me tell you a little something about it.

The Bible says it range on the just and the unjust. You know what else that means? That means that the light and the warmth that we get from the sun, the sun that Almighty God created Himself, it shines on the lost and it shines on the saved.

[ 13 : 58 ] It shines on those of us that don't know God and those of us that do. Hey, God, God ain't no respecter of persons as far as that sunshine goes. God is no respecter of persons with a, hey,

not only that, but you consider the rain, you consider the air that we breathe every lost person roaming this earth right now is breathing the same God made air that I am.

Folks, He doesn't withdraw those things from them, but with that in mind, folks, we are all under the same condemnation according to the scripture.

Amen. And I ain't putting my trust in me or any preacher or anybody else to save me. I'm putting it in God because it's God's plan.

God designed it. Folks, it cannot fail. It cannot go wrong. God's never done anything wrong in His entire existence and His existence has been forever.

He was there in the beginning. Folks, I can't, I can't absolutely explain that and you can't either. I don't know how far back the beginning goes, but I know my Bible says in the beginning God created the heaven and the earth and He created that in the beginning of this thing.

[15:11] He had to have been there in the beginning. He was there when you weren't. He was there when I wasn't. He was there before any others. He designed the whole thing, the physical part, the spiritual part and folks.

If I'm trusting in man, including myself for salvation, I am doomed to hell. I'm trusting in God, trusting the Lord with all that in heart.

Lean not on Him, that I don't understand. And all I always acknowledge Him and He shall direct my path. Trust in the Lord. Lean not and acknowledge Him.

Three commandments and one promise. We do those things and He shall direct our paths. One promise, three commandments to do. You say, well, Spencer, I can't do that.

You're right, you can't. And I can't either. Not without the Holy Ghost of God. Folks, when Solomon wrote these Proverbs, he wrote most of the book of Proverbs.

[16:17] You flip over towards the end, you find he didn't write all of them. It expressly states that. But he wrote most of Proverbs, 95, 98% of Proverbs anyway.

But when he wrote this, he wasn't writing to a bunch of unbelievers. He wasn't writing this poetry and these Proverbs and this prose to a bunch of heathens.

He was writing it to God's people. He was writing it in their language that they could understand it. He was writing to God's chosen people. So he was telling God's chosen people, trust in the Lord with all that in heart.

What does that tell me? That tells me sometimes God's people don't trust in the Lord with all their heart. I've been guilty of it and you have to tell me you ain't. And I'll call you a liar to your face.

Every one of us have been guilty of not trusting in the Lord with all of our heart at all times. Every one of us have been guilty of sometimes leaning on our own understanding of a circumstance or a situation instead of leaning on God's understanding of it.

[17:21] The Bible plainly says his thoughts are not our thoughts, his thoughts are higher than our thoughts. I am trusting in the one who knows better than I.

And in no one else we have all got to trust in the one that knows better than we do. Another example we can use back to the New Testament.

Read over in the book of Luke in the first chapter there was a man named Zechariah and a lady named Elizabeth. The Bible says they were old and they were childless, old and childless.

Now folks, how do you think it made them feel living in a culture that your blessings were counted towards you depending on how many children you had?

As far as the culture went, I ain't saying with God, I'm saying as far as the culture, as far as their neighbors went, as far as their fellow countrymen went, as far as their fellow Jews went.

[18:23] The love of God was judged on that household by how many children were born in that household. And it says that Elizabeth and Zechariah had grown old and they were childless.

But folks, I see Zechariah acting as a priest. He didn't just give up on God. He didn't just give up on Him just because he was old. He was stricken in age.

He was on up there in years. I see him acting as a priest right there in Luke chapter one. It says, hey, he drummed the line. It was his turn to go in and burn incense before the Lord. He was doing his work for God.

He was still in service for God. I ain't sure exactly how old he was, but he did not give up on God even though he was childless. And it's obvious that he wanted children because the angel, when Gabriel came down, and he told us that God's heard your prayers.

Your prayers have been heard. You and Elizabeth's going to have a baby. Y'all are going to have a baby. But he said your prayers have been heard. That tells me Zechariah's have been praying for a child. That means that he wanted children.

[ 19 : 30 ] Hey folks, we might pray for 20, 30, 40 years for the same thing. And quite frankly, we might not see it come to pass in our lifetime. But that does not mean we're to give up on God.

We keep our trust in God, our faith in God. He will see us through. Amen. Praise God. We stay in service to God, just like Zechariah and the New Testament did.

He didn't give up. Now Elizabeth didn't either. Elizabeth didn't either. Their prayers have been heard. They were going to have a child. I said, I ain't positive of exactly how old they were.

But they got an old and they didn't have any kids. But that didn't keep them from praying. I've heard people, and y'all probably have too, say, well, I prayed and prayed about this for a year.

God never heard me so I quit praying. Whatever it is, whether it's salvation, whether it's healing.

Hey folks, what gets a lot of people in trouble, especially at a young age?

[ 20 : 32 ] I'll tell you what got me in trouble at a young age. First of all, I wasn't saved and I thought that I was when I was very young. When I was eight, nine, ten, maybe 12 years old.

I thought that I was saved. I thought I was good, but I wasn't. I said these prayers and I prayed all the time for God to protect my family. And then what happens at 16 years old? My daddy dies.

My daddy, my daddy killed over dead of a heart attack. I saw that as God not protecting my family. I said, I wasn't saved at the time, but folks, it is that kind of intellect and it's that kind of thought that gets a lot of people in trouble with the Lord.

It gets a lot of people, not just lost people, like God was, but it gets saved people in the same trouble. Why is that? Because we read these verses in Scripture that say, whatsoever you ask of me, it shall be given.

And we read them out of context. We read them out of the context that they're given in. And therefore we think that God's just given us the limitless credit card that we can have whatever we want, whenever we want, and however we want.

[ 21 : 38 ] You read those verses in context, that is not what that means. At all, it is not what it means. Folks, just because we not prayed for a year, or we not prayed for five years or 10 years, hey, do not give up praying.

If you've been praying for people for 40 years that are still out there lost, hey, pray for 41. If you've been praying for people for 20 years that their sickness just seems to be getting worse and worse, pray for 21.

If you've been praying for anything, for any amount of time, say another prayer, but do not give up on God. Keep your trust in Him.

He will not let you down. He will not let you down. I wonder how many mothers and fathers and grandparents went to their graves without seeing children and grandchildren saved.

But God saved them. After mom or dad or grandma or grandpa, they went home to be with the Lord 10, 15 years later. God honors that prayer.

[ 22 : 43 ] God honors that prayer. Hey, if God hears it, I can promise you God does not forget it. God does not forget those prayers. Keep praying. Keep your trust in Him.

Trust Him, Lord, with all our heart. Believe not under the own understanding. Don't trust in your own understanding to get you through this thing. You trust in God. God designed it all.

We need to trust in Him. Believe not under the own understanding. Lean on God in all thy ways.

Acknowledge Him. Now, folks, it doesn't say in some. It doesn't say in a few.

And it doesn't even say in many. It says, in all thy ways, acknowledge Him. And He shall direct thy paths. And all thy ways, acknowledge Him. Give Him reverence.

Give Him acknowledgment. Give Him what's due to Him. Give Him respect. Give Him worship. Give Him glory. And all thy ways, acknowledge Him. And He shall direct thy paths.

[ 23 : 40 ] Folks, there's too many people, Christians, and lost people alive. There's too many people that acknowledge God and 90% of their lives as far as the Christians go.

But there's that 10% that they just don't want to give God the acknowledgement that He deserves.

Hey, folks, the lost people, the lost world, whether they're in church or not, they can't acknowledge God at all.

They might say, I believe in God. I believe in the crucifixion. And I believe in the resurrection. But folks, they are still lost. They are not saved.

They're not God's children at all. God helped them. God helped them. They're trying to acknowledge God. And God's not hearing it. God will not hear that prayer. The Psalmist said, if I regard a nicotine in my heart, I will not hear my prayer. You will not, not may not, not cannot, you will not hear my prayers.

[ 24 : 39 ] What the Psalmist said, if I regard a nicotine in my heart, I believe it's Psalm 68 if I'm mistaken. But folks, if we acknowledge God in all of our ways, that means when we go to bed at night, we lower our head on that pillow, we acknowledge God.

We acknowledge God, not just for the fact that we've got a bed to lay in. We're a pillow to rest on. Hey, folks, Jacob, when he left home, when his parents told him to get out of here, he saw he was wanting to kill you, Jacob left home, he went up in Bethel, he came down up there and he had a stone for a pillow.

I doubt seriously it was very, very relaxing for him to stay on that. I know good and well it couldn't have been very comfortable, but he still acknowledged God. Who that night when he laid his head on that stone pillow of his, he had that dream that we know of as Jacob's ladder.

And when he woke up the next morning, he said, surely God has been in this place. He acknowledged God. We got to acknowledge God in all of our ways.

Jacob could have said, if God loves me, I wouldn't be sleeping on a rock. If God loves me, if God cares for me, I would have had a roof over my head and sit out here underneath the stars.

[ 25 : 53 ] He could have said a hundred different things. Folks know it could have done the same thing. Moses could have done the same thing. You look at the apostles, Peter could have done the same thing. The man walked for over three years with Jesus Christ.

And when Jesus Christ was crucified and worried and was resurrected and even after the ascension, Peter was still nothing more than a fisherman. But Jesus Christ himself had called in to be one of the greatest preachers that ever walked on the planet.

It's not in how we see it. That's leaning on your own understanding if it's how we see it. We got to see how God sees it. Folks, I thank God that when he looks down on me, he doesn't see a dirty rotten sinner.

He sees Jesus Christ when he looks on me. That's what it means to be in Christ. If God looks on me and I'm not in Jesus Christ, I'm in trouble. If God looks on me and I'm not in Christ, folks, I'm condemned to hell and so is anyone else.

But those of us which are saved, those of us which are called and which are the elect, those of us which are within cross Jesus. Hey folks, we have nothing to worry about. The Bible says there is therefore now no condemnation to those that be in Christ Jesus.

[ 27 : 12 ] And if I'm in Jesus, God can't see me. He only sees Jesus. And folks, that's where my trust is. It is in God. It is in God for salvation.

It's in God for provision. It's in God to get me home safe tonight. It's in God to get me to work safe tomorrow. My trust is in God. I can have all the bells and whistles on any vehicle that I want.

But if God Almighty ain't the one guiding it, if God Almighty and His angels that He sends to camp out round about us, if they're not the ones in charge, if God ain't the one giving the commandments, folks, I will have no protection.

It is all God. We got these cars now. These automated cars. I don't trust them. I don't trust them a lick. You give me a gas pedal and a brake pedal.

I'll be fine. Even a clutch pedal. Not me, people will say that nowadays. But you give me something that I can control and I'll be fine. I ain't trusting the design of someone else.

[ 28 : 16 ] So as far as that goes, get me going 80 mile an hour down the interstate. I got to stop on a dime and I'm dependent on technology to do it for me. Folks, I ain't a big fan of that.

I ain't a fan of that at all. But I'm trusting in God to work over me. Now, does that mean that if I'm going down the road and it will just say 80 mile an hour and I got to stop on a dime?

We'll say an elephant runs out in front of me. Just for giggles. An elephant steps out in front of me. I got to stop all of a sudden. And God don't stop that car and I smack that elephant.

And I'm paralyzed from the neck down. Did God fail me? Absolutely not. You know why? Because my soul's still good. My soul's still fine. I may not be able to walk.

I may not be able to have arm movement. I may not be able to do the things that I once did. But folks, my trust in the Lord is for everything. It is for everything.

[ 29 : 15 ] And folks, my understanding of that is that God will protect me. But God's understanding is far above my own. There may come a time in my life when God yanks that hedge of protection from around me and allows injury to come my way.

Or allows hardship to come my way. Allows sickness to come my way in a way that I cannot recover from. But praise God. My soul will still be well.

My soul will still be heaven bound. He hasn't abandoned me. Hasn't forsaken me. It's all part of His plan. His plan is perfect. And I am trusting in Him.

Amen. Period. End of discussion. I trust in Him. And I'll always acknowledge Him. He shall direct my path. Yeah. What if that path leads me down that road in a car doing 80 mile an hour with an elephant that steps up in front of me?

What if it does? If He's the one directing it, He's got a purpose behind it. He's got a reason behind it. He's got a reason for an elephant running loose in northeast Tennessee.

[ 30 : 25 ] Or wherever I would happen to be at that time. But if that's what happens and God is directing me down that path, I am trusting in God. And if He doesn't protect me like I think that He will, He'll protect me the way that He knows that He will.

He'll protect me regardless. And what I'm mainly trusting in for God is everything yet. But it's salvation.

I cannot trust in myself for that. And all that way is acknowledge Him and He shall direct my path. And all that way is acknowledge Him and He shall direct my path. Folks, my path, I am persuaded. I am convinced that my path leads straight to heaven. The path that God has got me on leads straight to heaven. Why is that? Because I have trusted in the Lord.

I've trusted Him with all my heart. Folks, I trust Him for everything. I trust Him for my health, for my wife's health, for my boy's health, for my grandson's health, for my family's health.

[ 31 : 28 ] I trust Him for all these things. I trust His protection. I trust His guidance. I trust His salvation. I trust His book from beginning to end.

It's filled with the salvation of Almighty God. And it is His plan. It is His word. He is perfect. His plan is perfect. I will trust in it with every fiber of my being and every bit of my soul.

And I can't trust in anything else. Just like these examples we talked about tonight. I didn't trust in Saul's arm. I didn't trust in any of them.

Obviously, Zechariah and Elizabeth were trusting in God. You can flip all throughout the Bible. You look at Deborah. Look at Deborah over in the Book of Judges. I believe it's about the fourth chapter of Judges.

Deborah ain't talked about very much. But Deborah, my goodness, that woman's got a story to tell. That woman has got a story. She was a prophet.

[ 32 : 31 ] She was a judge. She was a leader. She led armies against the enemy. You know why? Because no man in Israel would do it. She had to step up and do it.

But she never trusted herself. And she never taught the Israelites to trust in someone else. She taught them to trust in God. She taught them that she was alive.

She was a mother. She was all these things. In fact, in her little short account, it takes up just a couple of chapters over in the Book of Judges, maybe a chapter and a half. In that little short account of Deborah, it calls her a mother, a mother in Israel.

It calls her that. I believe it's three times it calls her that. So she was all these things, but God wanted us to concentrate. She was a mother. He wanted us to know that.

He wanted to drive that into our heads. She was a mother. That's the same way over in the Book of Genesis, when God says that Esau was Edom and Edom was Esau. God wanted us to know who Edom was, and he wanted us to know who Esau was.

[ 33 : 34 ] That's why he repeated it over and over. And there was a purpose for that. They ain't got nothing to do with this sermon tonight. But God wants us to know something. He'll repeat it over and over. How many times we read the word trust in the word of God?

How many stories we got with people trusting God? Folks, we got Shagged like we shagged in a bed to go. We've got Daniel thrown in the lines then. We've got Noah trusting in God. Hey, listen, people say Noah was trusting in his own work of building that boat.

You know what Noah trusted in? He trusted God's word that said, I'm going to send a flood, and if you don't build this boat, you're going to die too. That's what he trusted.

He trusted God, and he trusted God for what he said. We got Moses. We got Paul. We got all these examples of Scripture. All these people that trusted in the Lord.

And those are the names that we know. Save that one that we brought up. The woman with the issue of blood. Her name's not given, but my goodness.

[ 34 : 36 ] How many times has her story been preached over the years? How many times has that account been talked over the years? Why? Because she trusted God. She trusted God.

No different than the one that came with the alabaster box. Full of all. And she anointed the Lord with the old alabaster box. Jesus said, y'all let her alone.

That Pharisee said, if he knew what kind of, what matter a woman this was, he wouldn't let her touch him. He said, y'all leave this woman alone. He said, in fact, anytime the Gospels preach, this woman should be brought up.

Because her service toward me, because what she has done for me today, this day, she was trusting in God. And she was trusting with all of her heart. And she was not leaning to her own understanding.

You know where her own understanding would have took her? It would have took her right back out to the street. It would have took her out there and said, I'm not worthy. I'm not worthy to be in Jesus' presence. I'm not worthy to annoy him.

[ 35 : 37 ] I'm not worthy to wash his feet. I'm not worthy to be within 20 feet of him. That's what her understanding would have told her. But God's understanding is much higher than what hers or yours or my understanding is.

Therefore, she went in unto Jesus. And because she did, Jesus blessed her and said, where the gospel is preached, you mentioned this woman.

And she'd been mentioned time and time and time again. I know I prayed two or three sermons using that scripture and talked several times using that scripture. She'd been brought up over and over and over.

Why? Because she trusted in the Lord. She trusted the Lord with all that heart. Lean not into that ununderstanding in all our ways and knowledge, and she shall direct our paths.