

## ***Are You Moving In the Right Direction?***

### **Proverbs 3: 5-6, NLT**

*5: Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding.*

*6: Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take.*

Making the right choice for your life can be a frightening thing, especially if you're not sure what direction to take. When we are bombarded with so many choices, and none of them stick out as being the right one, it can feel as though our faith is failing us. Any type of emotional trauma such as the loss of a loved one, a broken relationship or even the loss of a job can cause this type of fear, the kind that makes us doubt God. We may not doubt His power, but we doubt His timing or His willingness to bless us.

Whenever we find ourselves faced with circumstances that trigger ambivalence in our faith, an absolute and complete surrender to God is required. You may be thinking, *"Well if I doubt Him, how can I surrender?"* This is why crossroads and challenges are so pivotal to our spiritual growth, because they press us to have faith when we don't think we can.

God understands how difficult it is for us to move in the direction of a more intimate relationship with Him when things are shaky. He knows that there will be times when trusting Him is a little scary. The thing is not to let the fear cause you to abandon your faith altogether.

We need to come clean and be honest with God. He knows all our secrets anyway. What's important is that we acknowledge that we need His help. A move in the right direction is as simple as saying *"Father, I need some help down here!"* God wants you to learn to completely trust Him in spite of your ambivalence and fears. This earth experience will be full of unexpected curve balls, some that completely knock you off your feet. There may be times when you don't even know where you can go or who you can lean on for refuge. Understand this, and know it beyond any uncertainty, the Love of God is your refuge. Jesus Christ is the only remedy for the emotional and mental pressure that plagues our minds.

Don't allow your mind to go on auto-drive with the cares of this world. Make a move in the right direction by putting Jesus Christ in the driver's seat. You may not know the

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right choices to make. You may not know where God is taking you, but you CAN know that God holds the key. He's the glue that gels every detail of our lives together, and if you'll trust Him, He will make sure that you are always where you need to be.

I have gone through some pretty turbulent times...times when I began to doubt the strength of my faith in God. I was often angry and despondent, and felt my tribulations were too insurmountable. Answers to prayers seemed few and far between, and for a while I believed I was alone on this journey, that God had forsaken me. Oh how wrong I was. It was in the trials of my life that I found my greatest strength through Him. There was no other way to grow stronger than to stand on the edge and witness that He would not allow me to fall. There was no greater way to build those strong spiritual muscles of faith than to go through the fire and be rescued by His extraordinary love. In those dark moments I came to understand that Jesus Christ had already paid the price for my pain. He took on my burden when he laid his life on the cross. So no matter how bad it got, no matter how far I ventured off the map, the love of God was and is my compass.

We're so used to solving problems on our own, but thank goodness we have a Heavenly Father that instructs us to completely lean on him. The truth is...life is often challenging. You will go through some pretty tough times, and you may not think your life is headed in a direction you like, but if you will trust in our loving Heavenly Father, He will make sure that you end up in the right place--that's for sure.

### **Pray this Prayer:**

Heavenly Father, I thank you for the strength and courage to be victorious in every area of my life. I thank you for not allowing my feet to fall when I am weak. I know that if I lean and trust in You, You will never fail me nor forsake me. No matter what struggles in life I face I know that I am not alone because my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ is always with me. Amen. ●

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