

GUIDED BY GOD
Part 5: Learning to Lean on God

Text: *(Proverbs 3:5-6 NKJV)*

A GREAT EXAMPLE OF TRUSTING *(Luke 5:1-9 NKJV)*

- These stories are recorded with purpose
 1. To help us learn about God and His ways *(Romans 15:4 NKJV)*
- Jesus made a request of Peter
 1. He did not take/demand
 2. He did not bribe or threaten
 3. Because He has not changed He will treat us the same way
- Peter in effect sowed a seed
 1. The seed of the Lord using his boat (resources)
 2. The seed of his time
 3. Jesus' request required something of Peter
 4. There is a part we play in God's work in our lives *(Romans 10:9 NKJV)*
- Jesus' instructions to Peter did not appeal to his understanding
 1. Fishing in the daytime on that lake was not the norm
 2. Fishing after a non-productive day made no sense
 3. Easiest thing to do would be to reason the request away
- Peter's response was excellent at that stage of his life
 1. He did not know Jesus as he would 3 years later
 2. He hesitantly acted on what Jesus said - but he acted *(James 2:18 NKJV)*
 3. The results of Peter's trust were huge! *(Luke 6:38 NKJV)*

AREAS TO TRUST AND LEAN ON THE LORD

- That His word (the Bible) is inspired and God speaking to us today
 1. How we receive God's word determines its impact on our lives *(1 Thessalonians 2:13 NKJV)*
- The importance of our words *(Proverbs 18:21 NKJV)*
- Not worrying *(Philippians 4:6-7 NKJV)*
 1. Reason tells us this is an impossibility
 2. Jesus instructed us to do the same thing
 3. We have a part to play in realizing God's peace in our lives
- Living a connected to God lifestyle *(1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 NKJV)*
 1. Seems outside the norm - easy to talk yourself out of
 2. Positions us to stand against the darkness, depression, despair in the world
 3. Keeps us connected to God - which makes it easier to be guided by Him