AfterThoughts May 16, 2021 Sermon Title: Trusting A Loving God Scripture: <u>Proverbs 3:1–6</u>

This week, Pastor David continued the sermon series, "Walking In God's Will", with a message from Proverbs. He shared these truths about trusting God completely:

1. Trust God's Truth As The Authority For Your Life

2. Trust God Fully As He Directs Your Life

Going Deeper:

1. Living under the authority of God's word is essential for a flourishing, abundant life. In which areas of your life is it difficult for you to trust God's truth as the authority? How are you including Scripture in your spiritual diet?

2. We often want to claim the promise of verse 6 while ignoring the precepts in verses 1–5. Our obedient trust in the Lord leads to guidance from the Lord. In what ways does this describe you?

3. Pastor David said the original Hebrew word for "trust" indicates a person laying helplessly on the floor, facedown. Our temptation is to lean on our own understanding, but we are limited and our understanding can't bear the weight of our present or future. How are you leaning on your own understanding? What do you need to surrender to God's control?

4. Proverbs 6 doesn't say that God will lead you down the only right path, rather that He can straighten even the most crooked path. How does this truth comfort you? What do you need to confess to the Lord in light of the truth of His word?

Additional Discovery:

Deuteronomy 6:5–9

"Christ says, 'Give me all. I don't want so much of your time and so much of your money and so much of your work: I want You. I have not come to torment your natural self, but to kill it. No half-measures are any good...Hand over the whole natural self, all the desires which you think innocent as well as the ones you think wicked – the whole outfit. I will give you a new self instead. In fact, I will give you Myself. My own will shall become yours'." ~ C.S. Lewis, Mere Christianity Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen. ~ Ephesians 3:20–21

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