

GOD IS AHEAD OF YOU

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*Trusting God is DEPENDING
on the ONE who will never FAIL.*

5 Reasons You Can Trust God.

1. God is WITH you.
2. God is FOR you.
3. God is IN you.
4. God is THROUGH you.
5. **God is AHEAD of you.**

Deuteronomy 31

⁸ Moses said to Joshua, “The LORD himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged.”

Psalm 139

⁵ You go before me and follow me.
You place your hand of blessing on my head.

*Even when you can't trust God in the
MOMENT you can trust him in the STORY.*

3 Truths About God's Sovereignty.

1. God has a PATH that's DIFFERENT than you THOUGHT.

Proverbs 16

⁹ We can make our plans, but the LORD determines our steps.

Isaiah 30

^{18b} For the LORD is a faithful God. Blessed are those who wait for his help. ^{19b} He will be gracious if you ask for help. He will surely respond to the sound of your cries. ²¹ Your own ears will hear him. Right behind you a voice will say, "This is the way you should go," whether to the right or to the left.

Psalms 16

¹¹ You will show me the way of life, granting me the joy of your presence and the pleasures of living with you forever.

Trusting God is choosing a PATH and then listening for God's VOICE.

2. God has a PLAN that's BIGGER than your current REALITY.

Isaiah 55

⁸ "My thoughts are nothing like your thoughts," says the LORD. "And my ways are far beyond anything you could imagine. ⁹ For just as the heavens are higher than the earth, so my ways are higher than your ways and my thoughts higher than your thoughts."

Psalms 115

³ Our God is in heaven; he does whatever pleases him.

Isaiah 46

³ The LORD said, "I have cared for you since you were born. Yes, I carried you before you were born. ⁴ I will be your God throughout your lifetime - until your hair is white with age. I made you, and I will care for you. I will carry you along and save you. ⁹ Remember the things I have done in the past. For I alone am God! I am God, and there is none like me. ¹⁰ Only I can tell you the future before it even happens. Everything I plan will come to pass, for I do whatever I wish."

*God knows the BEGINNING and
the END and sees you in the MIDDLE.*

3. God has a FUTURE that's BETTER than you can IMAGINE.

Ephesians 3

²⁰ Now all glory to God, who is able, through his mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think.

Revelation 21

¹ Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the old heaven and the old earth had disappeared. And the sea was also gone. ² And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven like a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. ³ I heard a loud shout from the throne, saying, "Look, God's home is now among his people! He will live with them, and they will be his people. God himself will be with them. ⁴ He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there will be no more death or sorrow or crying or pain. All these things are gone forever." ⁵ And the one sitting on the throne said, "Look, I am making everything new!"

*God didn't promise to make everything right . . .
RIGHT NOW - but he will make it right in THE END.*

Group Discussion.

- **Which one of these truths was the biggest encouragement from today's lesson?**
 - ✓ God has a PATH that's different than you thought.
 - ✓ God has a PLAN that's bigger than your current reality.
 - ✓ God has a FUTURE that's better than you can imagine.

- Do you find yourself worrying about the future?
If so, anything in particular?

- If you knew that God was in control of the future, what would you stop worrying about?

- If you had to pick ONE SCRIPTURE from today's lesson that brings you comfort, which one would it be?

- **As we close out the series, which ONE of these 5 TRUTHS has been most impactful and why?**
 1. God is WITH you.
 2. God is FOR you.
 3. God is IN you.
 4. God is THROUGH you.
 5. God is AHEAD of you.