

**DAILY REFLECTIONS**

**GOD'S**

*Guidance*

## **Day 1: Trusting God's Plan**

**Scripture:** *Proverbs 3:5-6*

*"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight."*

As you transition from one phase of ministry to the next, trust that God already has a plan for your life. He knows where He's leading you, even if the next step feels uncertain. Today, pray for the trust to let go of any fear or anxiety and ask God to direct your steps.

**Reflection Question:** In what areas of your life do you struggle to trust God? How can you submit those to Him today?

**Prayer:** Lord, help me trust You fully in this season of transition. Lead me as I seek Your will for the next phase of my life.

**Theme:**

*Trusting God's Plan in Times of Uncertainty*

**Main Scripture:**

Proverbs 3:5-6 — “*Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.*”

**Opening (5-10 minutes):****1. Welcome and Introduction:**

- Start by welcoming the group and introducing the theme of the study: *Trusting God's Plan*.
- Share a brief personal testimony or story of how trusting God has impacted your life, especially during times of uncertainty or transition.

**2. Opening Prayer:**

- Pray for open hearts and minds to receive God's Word and for the Holy Spirit to guide the discussion and reflections.

**Part 1: Understanding the Context of Proverbs 3:5-6 (10-15 minutes)****1. Read Proverbs 3:5-6 together:**

Ask someone from the group to read the passage aloud. You can also read it in different translations to help capture the richness of the text (e.g., NIV, NLT, ESV).

**2. Discuss the Meaning of the Passage:**

- **Verse 5:**  
“*Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding.*”  
Explore what it means to trust God with *all* your heart. Why does this require surrendering our own understanding?
  - **Key Questions for the group:**
    - What does it mean to trust in the Lord with all your heart?
    - What are the things we often rely on (our own understanding) instead of trusting God?
- **Verse 6:**  
“*In all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.*”  
Unpack what it means to submit or acknowledge God in "all your ways" and discuss the promise of God making our paths straight when we do so.
  - **Key Questions for the group:**
    - What does it look like to submit to God in every area of life?
    - How does God “make our paths straight” when we trust and submit to Him?

**3. Cultural and Biblical Context:**

- Briefly explain the background of Proverbs. This book is part of the "wisdom literature" in the Bible and offers practical guidance for living a life that honors God.
- Discuss how Proverbs 3:5-6 addresses the human tendency to rely on our understanding and invites us to trust God in every aspect of life.

## Part 2: Applying the Scripture to Our Lives (15-20 minutes)

### 1. Personal Reflection and Sharing:

- Ask the group to reflect on the following question:  
“*In what areas of your life do you struggle to trust God?*”
- Encourage group members to share their thoughts or experiences (in pairs or small groups if needed). You can lead with your own example to help others feel comfortable.

### 2. Group Discussion:

Use these questions to deepen the discussion:

- What makes it difficult to fully trust God with certain areas of our lives?
- How do we recognize when we are relying on our own understanding instead of trusting God?
- How can we cultivate greater trust in God, especially in seasons of uncertainty?

### 3. Practical Steps for Trusting God:

- **Prayer:** Commit to praying regularly, asking God for the grace to trust Him more fully.
- **Surrender:** Identify one area of your life where you need to release control and submit to God's plan.
- **Seek Wise Counsel:** Surround yourself with people who will encourage you to trust God and point you toward His Word.
- **Scripture Memory:** Commit Proverbs 3:5-6 to memory as a reminder of God's faithfulness.

### 4. Activity Suggestion:

- **Trust Circle:** Ask each person to write down one area of their life where they struggle to trust God on a piece of paper. Fold it and place it in the center (or metaphorical center if you're online). Pray over these areas together as a group, symbolically releasing them to God.

## Part 3: Encouragement and Testimonies (10-15 minutes)

### 1. Encouragement Through Biblical Examples:

- Share stories of people in the Bible who trusted God's plan even when they didn't have all the answers:
  - **Abraham:** Trusted God by leaving his homeland and waiting for the promised son (Genesis 12, 15, 22).
  - **Joseph:** Trusted God's plan during imprisonment and betrayal, which led to him becoming a ruler in Egypt (Genesis 37-50).
  - **Mary:** Trusted God when she accepted her calling to give birth to the Messiah despite the uncertainties (Luke 1:26-38).

### 2. Key Questions for Discussion:

- What can we learn from these individuals about trusting God through uncertainty and difficulty?
- How can we apply their example to our lives?

### 3. Testimony Time:

- Encourage a few group members to share personal testimonies of times when they had to trust God's plan in their lives.
- As they share, highlight how God was faithful, even if the situation seemed uncertain or difficult at first.

#### **Part 4: Moving Forward in Trust (10 minutes)**

##### **1. Reflection Time:**

- Allow a few minutes for quiet reflection. Ask everyone to think about the following questions:
  - What is one area of your life that you need to surrender to God today?
  - How can you take a practical step this week to trust God more fully in that area?

##### **2. Encourage them to journal their thoughts if they'd like or simply sit in quiet prayer.**

##### **3. Action Plan:**

- **Weekly Check-In:** Encourage the group to check in with a trusted friend or accountability partner during the week to share how they're doing with trusting God in the area they've identified.
- **Prayer Time:** Commit to daily prayer about the specific area they're surrendering to God.

#### **Closing (5 minutes):**

##### **1. Summary of Key Points:**

- Proverbs 3:5-6 calls us to trust God with all our hearts, not leaning on our own understanding.
- We're called to submit to God in every area of our lives, and in doing so, He promises to guide us and make our paths straight.
- Trusting God's plan requires surrender, prayer, and practical steps of faith.

##### **2. Closing Prayer:**

- Close the Bible study with a prayer, asking God to give each person the strength and courage to trust Him fully in every season of life, especially in times of uncertainty. Pray for peace, guidance, and a deeper sense of God's presence as they walk by faith.

**Optional: Worship Song Suggestion (3-5 minutes):** If your group enjoys closing with music, consider ending with a worship song like "Trust in You" by Lauren Daigle or "Do It Again" by Elevation Worship. This can help solidify the theme of trusting God in the hearts of the group members.

**End with Fellowship:** Invite group members to connect with each other afterward and continue discussing the topic, perhaps over coffee or a casual chat, if time allows.

This hour-long study invites reflection, personal sharing, and application, helping participants grow in their understanding and practice of trusting God's plan in all areas of life.

## **Day 2: Rest in God's Timing**

**Scripture:** *Ecclesiastes 3:1*

*"There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens."*

God's timing is always perfect, though it may not align with our plans. If you're feeling a sense of urgency or pressure to move on quickly, remember that God may be calling you to wait for a season of rest or preparation. Embrace the process and trust that He is working behind the scenes.

**Reflection Question:** Are you anxious about what's next, or are you allowing yourself to rest in God's perfect timing?

**Prayer:** Father, grant me patience as I wait for Your perfect timing. Help me to rest in Your presence and trust that You are preparing me for what's ahead.

**Theme:**

*Trusting God's Timing and Resting in His Plan*

**Main Scripture:**

Ecclesiastes 3:1 — “*There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens.*”

**Opening (5-10 minutes):****1. Welcome and Introduction:**

- Start by welcoming everyone and introducing the theme of the study: *Resting in God's Timing*.
- Share a brief personal story or testimony about a time when you had to wait on God's timing and how it shaped your faith.

**2. Opening Prayer:**

- Pray for open hearts to understand the importance of waiting on God and resting in His perfect timing.

**Part 1: Understanding Ecclesiastes 3:1 (10-15 minutes)****1. Read Ecclesiastes 3:1 together:**

Have someone from the group read the verse aloud: “*There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens.*”

You may want to read additional verses (Ecclesiastes 3:2-8) to show the various times and seasons described in this passage.

**2. Context of Ecclesiastes:**

- Briefly explain the background of Ecclesiastes. This book, traditionally attributed to King Solomon, reflects on life's meaning and the different seasons we go through.
- Discuss how this passage emphasizes that life is made up of seasons—both good and challenging—and that God has ordained a time for everything.

**3. Breakdown of Key Themes:**

- **Timing and Seasons:**  
God has created rhythms and seasons for everything in life—joy and sorrow, work and rest, birth and death, beginnings and endings. Our challenge is to trust that God knows when each season should begin and end.
- **God's Sovereignty:**  
God is in control of time and the seasons of our lives. His timing is perfect, even when it doesn't align with our expectations or desires.

**4. Key Discussion Questions:**

- Why is it sometimes difficult to trust that God's timing is perfect?
- How do we respond when God's timing doesn't match our plans?

**Part 2: The Struggle of Waiting (10-15 minutes)**

## 1. Personal Reflection:

- Ask the group to reflect on a time in their lives when they had to wait on God's timing — whether in relationships, career, family, or ministry.
- **Prompt Questions:**
  - How did waiting make you feel?
  - Did you feel anxious or frustrated? Did you try to move ahead of God?
  - What helped you (or could have helped you) rest during that season?

## 2. Discuss Common Challenges in Waiting:

- **Impatience:**  
Our culture often promotes instant gratification. Waiting can feel counterproductive, especially when we see others moving forward while we feel stuck.
- **Fear and Anxiety:**  
Uncertainty about the future can lead to anxiety. We often fear that we'll miss out or that God has forgotten us.
- **Temptation to Act in Our Own Strength:**  
There is a temptation to "force" things to happen when we feel like God is moving too slowly, but this often leads to unnecessary stress or burnout.

## 3. Key Discussion Questions:

- Why do we sometimes feel pressure to act quickly instead of waiting on God?
- In what ways do we try to "take control" of situations when we're unsure of God's timing?

## 4. Biblical Examples of Waiting:

- **Abraham and Sarah:**  
They waited years for the promised child (Isaac) and took matters into their own hands by having Ishmael through Hagar (Genesis 16). Discuss the consequences of acting outside of God's timing and the eventual fulfillment of God's promise.
- **David:**  
David was anointed king as a young man but didn't become king until many years later. During that waiting period, he faced numerous trials but trusted in God's timing (1 Samuel 16 – 2 Samuel 5).

## Part 3: Resting in God's Timing (15-20 minutes)

### 1. The Purpose of Waiting:

- **Preparation:**  
Often, God uses waiting seasons to prepare us for what's ahead. We might not see the full picture, but God is working behind the scenes to grow our character, deepen our faith, and equip us for the next step.
- **Spiritual Growth:**  
Waiting is an opportunity to develop patience, trust, and dependence on God. These times can refine us spiritually if we allow them to.



- **Rest and Renewal:**  
Sometimes, God asks us to wait so that we can rest and be renewed. In our busy lives, we can resist rest, but resting in God allows us to recharge and refocus on His plan.

## 2. Key Discussion Questions:

- How can we view seasons of waiting as opportunities for growth rather than frustrations?
- What do you think God might be doing during your current season of waiting?
- How does resting in God's timing help bring peace during uncertainty?

## 3. Practical Ways to Rest in God's Timing:

- **Prayer and Surrender:**  
Continually bring your concerns and desires to God in prayer. Ask for His will to be done, and surrender your need for control. This deepens our trust in Him.
- **Scripture Meditation:**  
Reflect on verses that remind you of God's faithfulness, like Ecclesiastes 3:1 or Isaiah 40:31 ("They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength...").
- **Quieting Your Heart:**  
Take time for intentional rest—this could be through silence, solitude, or simply taking a Sabbath. In these moments, ask God to renew your trust in His timing.

## 4. Activity Suggestion:

- **Silent Prayer Time:**  
Encourage the group to spend 3-5 minutes in silent prayer, asking God to reveal areas where they need to trust His timing. Ask them to reflect on whether they are truly resting in God or acting out of anxiety.

## Part 4: Encouragement Through Testimonies and Sharing (10-15 minutes)

### 1. Sharing Time:

Open up the floor for group members to share testimonies of times they've seen God's perfect timing in their lives. If someone is currently in a season of waiting, encourage them to share their experience as well.

### 2. Biblical Encouragement:

- **Habakkuk 2:3:**  
*"For the revelation awaits an appointed time; it speaks of the end and will not prove false. Though it linger, wait for it; it will certainly come and will not delay."*
  - Discuss how this verse reminds us that God's promises will come to pass in His perfect timing, even if it feels delayed to us.
- **Isaiah 40:31:**  
*"But those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint."*
  - Reflect on how waiting on the Lord not only helps us experience His timing but also strengthens us for the journey ahead.

## **Part 5: Action Steps and Closing (5-10 minutes)**

### **1. Reflection Question:**

Ask the group to reflect on this question as they close:

*Are you anxious about what's next, or are you allowing yourself to rest in God's perfect timing?*

### **2. Action Steps:**

- **Trust and Wait:**

Encourage each participant to think about one specific area of their life where they need to wait on God's timing, and commit to trusting Him in that area.

- **Prayer Partners:**

Pair up participants or encourage them to connect with someone during the week to pray together about trusting God's timing in their lives.

- **Daily Practice:**

Suggest incorporating daily moments of stillness and prayer focused on trusting God's plan, resting in Him, and letting go of anxiety.

### **3. Closing Prayer:**

- Close the session by praying for each person's waiting season, asking God to give them peace, patience, and rest as they trust in His timing. Pray for clarity where needed and faith to embrace God's perfect timing.

**Optional: Worship Song (3-5 minutes):** If your group enjoys music, consider ending with a song that reflects the theme of waiting on God, such as "Waiting Here for You" by Christy Nockels or "Take Courage" by Bethel Music.

### **End with Fellowship:**

Encourage participants to stay afterward for conversation, coffee, or casual fellowship, allowing further discussion on what it means to rest in God's timing.

This Bible study is designed to help participants reflect on the concept of waiting on God, explore personal challenges with patience, and ultimately learn to trust in His perfect timing for their lives.

### **Day 3: Seeking God's Voice**

**Scripture:** *Jeremiah 29:13*

*"You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart."*

As you move into the next chapter of your life, spend intentional time seeking God's voice. He promises that when we seek Him with all our hearts, we will find Him. Create space for prayer, fasting, and silence so that you can hear from Him clearly.

**Reflection Question:** Are you actively seeking God's guidance, or are you relying on your own wisdom to make decisions?

**Prayer:** Lord, I seek Your voice above all others. Help me to hear Your guidance and respond with obedience.

**Theme:**

*Seeking God's Voice with Intention and Wholeheartedness*

**Main Scripture:**

Jeremiah 29:13 — “*You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.*”

**Opening (5-10 minutes):****1. Welcome and Introduction:**

- Welcome everyone and introduce the theme of the study: *Seeking God's Voice*.
- Share briefly about how seeking God's voice has been a challenge or blessing in your personal journey.

**2. Opening Prayer:**

- Pray for open hearts to seek God wholeheartedly and for the Holy Spirit to guide the group into hearing His voice clearly.

**Part 1: Understanding Jeremiah 29:13 (10-15 minutes)****1. Read Jeremiah 29:13 together:**

Have someone in the group read the verse aloud: “*You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.*”

**2. Context of Jeremiah 29:**

- Provide background on the book of Jeremiah. Jeremiah 29 is part of a letter written by the prophet to the Israelites who were in exile in Babylon. The context reminds us that God's promises of restoration come in the midst of hardship and waiting.
- **Jeremiah 29:11-14** contains God's promises to the Israelites, reassuring them that though they are in exile, He has plans for their future, and that they will find Him when they seek Him with all their heart.

**3. Key Themes of Jeremiah 29:13:**

- **Seeking God with All Your Heart:**  
This verse emphasizes the need for wholehearted seeking. It's not enough to offer half-hearted or casual efforts in our pursuit of God. We must be intentional and focused, genuinely desiring to hear from Him.
- **God's Promise to Be Found:**  
God promises that when we seek Him with all our hearts, we will find Him. This reveals God's desire to reveal Himself to us, but it requires our commitment and sincerity.

**4. Key Discussion Questions:**

- What does it mean to seek God with “all your heart”?
- Why do you think God emphasizes wholehearted seeking?
- Have you experienced moments when you've truly sought God? What was the outcome?

**Part 2: The Importance of Seeking God's Voice (15-20 minutes)**

## 1. Why Do We Seek God's Voice?

- **Guidance in Life's Decisions:**  
Seeking God's voice provides direction for our lives. Whether it's a major decision or a small step, God's voice leads us in the right path (Psalm 32:8).
- **Deeper Relationship with God:**  
Seeking God's voice is about deepening our relationship with Him. It's not just about getting answers, but about growing closer to Him.
- **Hearing God's Heart:**  
When we seek God, we begin to align our desires with His will. We gain insight into His character and His purposes for us.

## 2. Challenges to Hearing God's Voice:

- **Distractions and Busyness:**  
In a world full of noise, distractions can drown out God's voice. Work, family, social media, and even our own thoughts can make it hard to hear Him.
- **Relying on Our Own Understanding:**  
Sometimes we rely on our own wisdom instead of seeking God's guidance. Proverbs 3:5-6 warns against leaning on our own understanding rather than trusting God.

## 3. Key Discussion Questions:

- What are the barriers in your life that prevent you from hearing God's voice?
- Do you sometimes rely more on your own wisdom rather than seeking God's guidance?

## 4. Biblical Examples of Seeking God's Voice:

- **Moses:**  
Moses sought God's voice on Mount Sinai and received the law (Exodus 19). His example shows the importance of solitude and focus in hearing from God.
- **Samuel:**  
As a child, Samuel heard God's voice after being taught by Eli to respond with, *"Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening"* (1 Samuel 3). His heart was open to listening to God's call.

## 5. Personal Reflection:

Ask the group to reflect on the following question:

*"Are you actively seeking God's guidance, or are you relying on your own wisdom to make decisions?"*

Give everyone a few minutes to think quietly about areas in their lives where they may be relying on their own understanding instead of truly seeking God.

## Part 3: Practical Ways to Seek God's Voice (15-20 minutes)

### 1. Prayer and Listening:

- **Prayer is a Conversation:**  
Prayer is not just talking to God, but also listening to Him. Encourage the group to spend time in prayer that includes silence and listening.
  - **Practice of Quiet Time:**  
Set aside specific time each day for quiet, uninterrupted prayer where the focus is simply seeking God's voice.
2. **Activity Suggestion:**  
Lead the group in a short exercise where they spend 2-3 minutes in silence, listening for God's voice. Afterward, ask them to share any impressions or thoughts that came to mind.
  3. **Fasting:**
    - Fasting can be a powerful tool for seeking God with intensity. By setting aside physical desires (such as food or media) for a time, we can focus more fully on spiritual things.
  4. **Discussion Question:**
    - Has anyone in the group experienced fasting as a way of seeking God's voice? How did it affect their spiritual journey?
  5. **Seeking God Through Scripture:**
    - God's voice is often heard through His Word. Encourage the group to study Scripture regularly and ask God to speak through the text.
    - **Lectio Divina:**  
Introduce the ancient practice of *Lectio Divina* (sacred reading) where you meditate on a passage of Scripture and ask God to reveal what He wants to say to you through it.
  6. **Activity Suggestion:**  
Read a short passage of Scripture (like Psalm 23) and ask the group to silently reflect on what stands out to them. Afterward, share insights about how God may be speaking through His Word.
  7. **Spiritual Community:**
    - God often speaks through other people in our lives. Mentors, friends, pastors, and fellow believers can offer godly wisdom and encouragement.
    - Encourage the group to surround themselves with people who will help them seek God's voice and discern His will.
  8. **Discussion Question:**
    - How has God spoken to you through others in the past? What role does community play in helping us seek and hear God?

#### **Part 4: Obedience to God's Voice (10-15 minutes)**

1. **Responding with Obedience:**
  - It's not enough to hear God's voice; we must also respond in obedience. James 1:22 says, "*Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.*"

- Obedience may require us to step out in faith, even when we don't fully understand or see the entire path ahead. God honors our obedience to His guidance.

## 2. **Examples of Obedience in the Bible:**

- **Noah:**  
Noah obeyed God's voice and built the ark, even though there was no immediate sign of the flood (Genesis 6). His obedience saved his family and preserved life on earth.
- **The Disciples:**  
When Jesus called His disciples to follow Him, they left everything behind and followed His voice, even without knowing all the details (Matthew 4:18-22).

## 3. **Discussion Questions:**

- How can we ensure that we're not just hearing God's voice but responding in obedience?
- Has there been a time when you've heard God's voice and had to take a step of faith to obey? How did it impact your life?

## **Part 5: Reflection and Closing (5-10 minutes)**

### 1. **Reflection Time:**

- Ask everyone to reflect on these questions silently:
  - What is one practical way you can seek God's voice more intentionally this week?
  - Is there something God is speaking to you about right now that requires obedience?

### 2. **Group Sharing:**

- Invite participants to share any insights, thoughts, or ways they feel God is calling them to seek Him more intentionally or to step out in obedience.

### 3. **Action Steps:**

- **Daily Prayer:**  
Commit to setting aside time for intentional prayer and listening to God's voice daily.
- **Fasting Challenge:**  
Consider challenging the group to participate in a fast, whether from food or distractions like social media, as a way to seek God's voice more deeply over the next week.
- **Accountability Partners:**  
Pair up participants with prayer partners who can check in and encourage each other throughout the week as they seek God's voice.

### 4. **Closing Prayer:**

- Pray over the group, asking God to open their hearts to seek Him with all their might and to hear His voice clearly. Ask for strength to walk in obedience to what He speaks.

**Optional: Worship Song (3-5 minutes):** If your group enjoys music, consider ending with a song such as “Speak to Me” by Kari Jobe or “Here Again” by Elevation Worship, which focus on seeking and hearing God’s presence.

**End with Fellowship:**

Encourage participants to stay afterward for conversation or fellowship, continuing to share and reflect on what it means to truly seek God with all their heart.

This hour-long study encourages participants to explore what it means to seek God’s voice with intention and provides practical tools to help them deepen their connection with God, hear Him more clearly, and respond in obedience.



#### **Day 4: Embracing a New Vision**

**Scripture:** *Isaiah 43:19*

*"See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland."*

God often leads us into new and unfamiliar territory. As one chapter of your ministry ends, He may be calling you to step into something completely different. Be open to the new thing God is doing, even if it feels unfamiliar or unexpected.

**Reflection Question:** Are you open to new possibilities and directions from God, or are you holding onto old ways?

**Prayer:** Father, help me to let go of the past and embrace the new things You are doing in my life. Give me the courage to follow wherever You lead.

**Theme:**

*Embracing the New Things God Is Doing*

**Main Scripture:**

Isaiah 43:19 — “*See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.*”

**Opening (5-10 minutes):****1. Welcome and Introduction:**

- Welcome everyone and introduce the theme of today’s study: *Embracing the New Vision God Has for Our Lives*.
- Share a brief personal experience of how stepping into something new or unexpected led to growth, whether it was uncomfortable at first or felt unfamiliar.

**2. Opening Prayer:**

- Pray for open hearts to receive God’s Word and for the courage to embrace the new things He is doing in each person’s life.

**Part 1: Understanding Isaiah 43:19 (10-15 minutes)****1. Read Isaiah 43:19 Together:**

Ask someone from the group to read the verse aloud:

*“See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.”*

**2. Context of Isaiah 43:**

- Explain the background of Isaiah 43. In this chapter, God is speaking to the people of Israel, who are in exile. Despite their current challenges, God promises to deliver them and bring about something new and transformative.
- Highlight that God’s promise of making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland speaks to His ability to provide and guide, even in the most difficult or unfamiliar circumstances.

**3. Breakdown of Key Themes:**

- **“I am doing a new thing!”**  
God is always working to bring about new things in our lives. Often, He is doing things behind the scenes that we may not yet see or understand.
- **“Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?”**  
The new work God is doing often requires spiritual awareness. Sometimes we miss what God is doing because we are holding onto the past or are afraid of change.
- **“I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.”**  
Even in the hardest or most barren seasons of life, God can create new pathways, opportunities, and provision.

**4. Key Discussion Questions:**

- What does it mean for God to do a “new thing” in your life?

- Have you experienced times when God made a way for you in what felt like a “wilderness” season?

## **Part 2: Letting Go of the Past (15-20 minutes)**

### **1. The Challenge of Holding Onto Old Ways:**

- **Why Do We Hold Onto the Past?**  
Discuss how holding onto the past, whether it’s past successes or past failures, can hinder us from embracing the new things God wants to do in our lives.  
We often hold onto the familiar because it feels comfortable or safe, but God calls us to move forward in faith.
- **Letting Go of Past Failures:**  
Sometimes we are stuck in regret or guilt over past mistakes, which can prevent us from believing that God can do something new and redemptive in our lives.
- **Letting Go of Past Successes:**  
Even good things from the past can limit us when we cling to them instead of being open to new opportunities. We may feel tempted to stay in a “comfort zone” of past success rather than stepping out in faith.

### **2. Reflection and Group Sharing:**

- **Reflection Question:**  
*What are some things from the past that may be holding you back from embracing God’s new vision for your life?*  
Give the group a few minutes to reflect and, if they feel comfortable, share with others.

### **3. Examples of Letting Go in the Bible:**

- **Abraham (Genesis 12):**  
God called Abraham to leave his country, his people, and his father’s household to go to a land that He would show him. Abraham didn’t know exactly where he was going, but he trusted God’s new vision for his life.
- **Paul (Philippians 3:13-14):**  
The apostle Paul says, *“Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal.”* Paul had to let go of his past, including his accomplishments and his failures, in order to fully embrace God’s calling for his life.

### **4. Discussion Questions:**

- How did Abraham and Paul demonstrate trust in God’s new vision for their lives?
- What does it take to let go of the past and move forward in faith?

## **Part 3: Embracing the New Vision God Has for You (15-20 minutes)**

### **1. Recognizing God’s New Vision:**

- **How to Perceive What God is Doing:**  
Often, we need spiritual discernment to recognize the new thing God is doing. This

requires a relationship with God through prayer, reading Scripture, and being open to His leading.

- **Trusting God in the Unknown:**

Stepping into God's new vision often means walking into the unknown. It requires faith and the willingness to trust that God's plan is better than our own, even if we don't have all the details.

2. **Biblical Example: Peter Walking on Water (Matthew 14:22-33):**

- Peter stepped out of the boat and walked on water toward Jesus. This was something new and unfamiliar. As long as Peter kept his focus on Jesus, he was able to do the impossible.
- **Lesson:** When God calls us to embrace a new vision, it may feel scary or uncertain, but when we keep our eyes on Him, He empowers us to walk through the unknown.

3. **Practical Ways to Embrace God's New Vision:**

- **Prayer and Seeking God's Guidance:**  
Spend intentional time in prayer, asking God to reveal the new things He is doing in your life. Listen for His direction and guidance.
- **Stepping Out in Faith:**  
Don't be afraid to take action when God leads you to something new, even if it's outside your comfort zone. Faith requires movement and trust.
- **Surrounding Yourself with Support:**  
Surround yourself with people who will encourage you to step into God's vision for your life and will pray for you as you move forward.

4. **Discussion Questions:**

- How do you discern when God is calling you to something new?
- What practical steps can you take to embrace God's vision, even if it feels unfamiliar or uncomfortable?

**Part 4: Group Reflection and Sharing (10-15 minutes)**

1. **Reflection Time:**

Ask the group to reflect on this question:

*Are you open to new possibilities and directions from God, or are you holding onto old ways?*

Allow a few minutes for silent reflection and journaling, encouraging participants to think about areas where they might need to let go of the past and embrace God's new vision.

2. **Sharing Time:**

Invite participants to share what God is speaking to them. They may want to share a new direction they sense God leading them or an area where they need to let go of something from the past.

**Part 5: Moving Forward in Faith and Trust (5-10 minutes)**

1. **Action Steps:**

- **Commit to Prayer:**  
Encourage each person to commit to praying about the new vision God may be giving them. Spend intentional time each day this week asking God to reveal His direction.
  - **Take a Step of Faith:**  
Ask the group to consider one practical step they can take to move forward in embracing the new thing God is doing. It could be as simple as talking to someone for advice, researching opportunities, or letting go of an old habit or mindset.
2. **Accountability Partners:**  
Pair up members of the group to be accountability partners. Encourage them to check in with each other throughout the week and pray together about God's new vision for their lives.
3. **Closing Prayer:**
- Pray over the group, asking God to give them the courage to embrace the new things He is doing and to let go of anything holding them back. Pray for clarity, faith, and trust in His plans.

**Optional: Worship Song (3-5 minutes):** If your group enjoys closing with music, consider ending with a worship song that reflects the theme, such as "New Wine" by Hillsong Worship or "Spirit Lead Me" by Michael Ketterer.

**End with Fellowship:**

Encourage participants to continue discussing what they've learned over coffee or casual conversation, sharing more about what new things God might be doing in their lives.

This study is designed to help participants reflect on how God may be calling them into something new and how to embrace that with trust and faith, even when it feels unfamiliar or challenging. It encourages deep reflection on letting go of the past and stepping confidently into God's future plans.

## **Day 5: Letting Go of Fear**

**Scripture:** 2 Timothy 1:7

*"For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power, love, and self-discipline."*

Fear often keeps us from moving forward into the unknown. As you seek direction from God, recognize that He has equipped you with everything you need to fulfill His calling. You are not walking into the next phase alone—God is with you.

**Reflection Question:** What fears are holding you back from stepping into the next phase of your life?

**Prayer:** Lord, I release my fears to You. Fill me with Your strength and boldness as I move forward in faith.

**Theme:**

*Overcoming Fear and Embracing God's Power, Love, and Self-Discipline*

**Main Scripture:**

2 Timothy 1:7 — *"For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power, love, and self-discipline."*

**Opening (5-10 minutes):****1. Welcome and Introduction:**

- Welcome the group and introduce the theme of today's study: *Letting Go of Fear and Moving Forward in God's Power, Love, and Self-Discipline*.
- Share a brief personal story or reflection about how fear has impacted your life and how God helped you overcome it.

**2. Opening Prayer:**

- Pray for open hearts to receive God's Word and for courage to release fears and step forward in faith.

**Part 1: Understanding 2 Timothy 1:7 (10-15 minutes)****1. Read 2 Timothy 1:7 Together:**

Have someone read the verse aloud:

*"For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power, love, and self-discipline."*

**2. Context of 2 Timothy:**

- Provide background on 2 Timothy. This is one of Paul's letters to Timothy, a young leader in the early church. Paul is encouraging Timothy to be bold in his faith and ministry, despite facing challenges and opposition.
- Highlight that Timothy may have struggled with fear or uncertainty, and Paul's encouragement was to remind him of the spirit God had given him—not fear, but power, love, and self-discipline.

**3. Key Themes of 2 Timothy 1:7:**

- **Not a Spirit of Fear:**  
Fear does not come from God. It often arises from insecurity, doubt, or a lack of trust in God's provision and guidance.
- **Spirit of Power:**  
God has given us His strength and power through the Holy Spirit. We can face challenges with courage, knowing that we are equipped by God.
- **Spirit of Love:**  
Love drives out fear (1 John 4:18). When we are grounded in God's love, we can approach the future with confidence.
- **Spirit of Self-Discipline:**  
Self-discipline (or sound mind) helps us stay focused and keep our thoughts aligned with God's truth, especially when fear tries to take control.

**4. Key Discussion Questions:**

- What are some common fears that people face when they are stepping into something new?
- How does recognizing that fear is not from God help us respond differently in situations where we feel afraid?

## **Part 2: The Impact of Fear on Our Lives (15-20 minutes)**

### **1. The Paralyzing Nature of Fear:**

- **Fear Keeps Us from Moving Forward:**  
Fear often stops us from stepping into God's calling or embracing new opportunities. Whether it's fear of failure, fear of the unknown, or fear of inadequacy, fear can prevent us from experiencing the fullness of God's plan.
- **Fear Undermines Our Confidence in God's Power:**  
Fear makes us doubt God's ability to provide, protect, or guide us. It distorts our view of God and ourselves, leading to hesitation or inaction.
- **Fear Distorts Our Relationships with Others:**  
When fear dominates, it affects how we interact with others, causing us to withdraw, become defensive, or act out of insecurity.

### **2. Reflection Activity:**

- **Personal Reflection:**  
Ask the group to take a few minutes to reflect on the following question:  
*"What fears are holding you back from stepping into the next phase of your life or calling?"*  
Encourage them to write down their thoughts, fears, or specific situations where fear has been a barrier.

### **3. Examples of Fear in the Bible:**

- **Moses (Exodus 3-4):**  
When God called Moses to lead the Israelites out of Egypt, Moses was filled with fear and insecurity, questioning his ability to lead. But God reassured Moses that He would be with him and give him the strength to accomplish His purpose.
- **Peter Walking on Water (Matthew 14:22-33):**  
Peter started out in faith but became afraid when he saw the wind and waves. His fear caused him to sink. Jesus called Peter to refocus on Him, reminding us that fear can only be overcome when we keep our eyes on Jesus.

### **4. Discussion Questions:**

- In what ways can fear distort our perspective of what God is calling us to do?
- How does God respond to our fear, based on these biblical examples?

## **Part 3: God's Response to Fear – Power, Love, and Self-Discipline (15-20 minutes)**

### **1. God's Provision of Power:**

- **God's Strength in Our Weakness:**  
Remind the group that God has given us the Holy Spirit, which means we have



access to His power (Acts 1:8). This power helps us overcome fear and equips us to fulfill God's calling.

- **Living Boldly in Faith:**

Encourage the group to embrace boldness, knowing that God has empowered them to face challenges, step into new phases, and trust His provision.

## **2. Key Questions:**

- What are practical ways we can tap into God's power when we feel afraid?
- How can you remind yourself of God's strength in moments of fear?

## **3. God's Gift of Love:**

- **Love Drives Out Fear (1 John 4:18):**

When we understand God's love for us, fear loses its grip. His perfect love casts out the fear of rejection, failure, or inadequacy.

- **Operating Out of Love Rather Than Fear:**

When we focus on loving others and serving God, fear becomes secondary. Love compels us to act even when we feel afraid.

## **4. Discussion Questions:**

- How does understanding God's love help us overcome fear?
- How can we shift our focus from fear to love in everyday situations?

## **5. Self-Discipline and a Sound Mind:**

- **Controlling Our Thoughts:**

God has given us the ability to take control of our thoughts (2 Corinthians 10:5). Fear often comes from negative or anxious thoughts, but we can choose to focus on God's promises instead.

- **Living with Purpose:**

Self-discipline helps us stay committed to God's calling, even when fear tries to distract us. It gives us the focus and determination to keep moving forward.

## **6. Activity Suggestion:**

- **Scripture Meditation:**

Ask the group to silently meditate on the promises of 2 Timothy 1:7 for a few minutes, focusing on the power, love, and self-discipline God has given them.

## **Part 4: Moving Forward Without Fear (10-15 minutes)**

### **1. Steps for Letting Go of Fear:**

- **Recognize the Fear:**

Be honest about the fears you're facing. Naming your fears allows you to bring them before God and others.

- **Surrender Your Fear to God:**

Through prayer, release your fear to God and trust Him to guide you through it.

Remember that He has not given you a spirit of fear, but of power, love, and self-discipline.

- **Take Small Steps of Faith:**

Fear is overcome through action. Even small steps of obedience can help break the grip of fear and build trust in God's provision and guidance.

**2. Discussion Question:**

- What small steps of faith can you take today to begin moving forward despite your fears?

**3. Group Reflection and Sharing:**

Invite participants to share any insights they've gained from the study, as well as any steps they feel called to take in order to release their fears and embrace God's power, love, and self-discipline.

**Part 5: Prayer and Closing (5-10 minutes)**

**1. Reflection and Prayer Time:**

Ask the group to spend a few minutes in personal prayer, releasing their fears to God and asking Him for the strength, love, and discipline to move forward in faith.

**2. Closing Prayer:**

- Pray for the group, asking God to fill them with courage and boldness as they step into new seasons and phases of life. Pray for the release of any fears that have held them back and for a renewed trust in God's power, love, and self-discipline.

**Optional: Worship Song (3-5 minutes):** If your group enjoys music, consider ending with a worship song such as "No Longer Slaves" by Bethel Music or "Whom Shall I Fear" by Chris Tomlin, which focus on overcoming fear through God's strength.

**End with Fellowship:**

Encourage participants to continue discussing what they've learned and share how they plan to walk in God's power and love in the coming days.

This hour-long study encourages participants to confront their fears and embrace the power, love, and self-discipline God has given them through the Holy Spirit. It challenges them to trust in God's provision and guidance as they step into new opportunities and phases of life.

## **Day 6: Clarity in Community**

**Scripture:** *Proverbs 15:22*

*"Plans fail for lack of counsel, but with many advisers they succeed."*

God often speaks through the people He has placed in our lives. Seek wise counsel from trusted mentors, friends, or leaders as you discern the next step. Their guidance can offer clarity and confirmation of God's direction for your life.

**Reflection Question:** Who in your life can provide godly counsel as you seek direction for this next phase?

**Prayer:** Lord, bring people into my life who can speak truth and wisdom as I seek Your will. Help me to listen humbly to the counsel of others.

**Theme:**

*The Importance of Seeking Godly Counsel for Wisdom and Clarity*

**Main Scripture:**

Proverbs 15:22 — “Plans fail for lack of counsel, but with many advisers they succeed.”

**Opening (5-10 minutes):****1. Welcome and Introduction:**

- Welcome the group and introduce the theme: *Clarity in Community and the Importance of Godly Counsel*.
- Share a brief testimony or personal reflection on a time when seeking advice from others provided clarity in a decision or direction in life.

**2. Opening Prayer:**

- Pray for God’s guidance and wisdom as you study His Word and for the Holy Spirit to lead each person into greater clarity and understanding of their next steps.

**Part 1: Understanding Proverbs 15:22 (10-15 minutes)****1. Read Proverbs 15:22 Together:**

Ask someone to read the verse aloud:

*“Plans fail for lack of counsel, but with many advisers they succeed.”*

**2. The Wisdom of Seeking Counsel:**

- Discuss the importance of seeking counsel according to this verse. Proverbs is known as wisdom literature, offering practical advice for living a godly life. This particular verse emphasizes that plans and decisions are strengthened by input from others.
- **Without Counsel:** Plans often fail when we rely only on our own understanding or wisdom. We may miss key perspectives or wisdom that others can offer.
- **With Counsel:** With many advisers, our plans can succeed because we gain clarity, wisdom, and confirmation from people who can speak into our lives.

**3. Key Themes of Proverbs 15:22:**

- **Humility in Seeking Help:**  
Seeking advice requires humility. It means acknowledging that we don’t have all the answers and that we need the input of others.
- **The Importance of Trusted Advisers:**  
The verse highlights the value of many advisers—suggesting that a variety of perspectives can bring about a well-rounded, informed decision.

**4. Key Discussion Questions:**

- Why do you think plans often fail when we try to handle everything on our own?
- What are the benefits of seeking advice from a variety of people?

**Part 2: The Value of Godly Counsel (15-20 minutes)**

## 1. **The Difference Between General Advice and Godly Counsel:**

- **General Advice vs. Godly Counsel:**

Not all advice is created equal. Godly counsel comes from people who are spiritually mature, who know God's Word, and who will help us align our plans with God's will.

- **General advice** may be based on personal opinion, experience, or worldly wisdom.
- **Godly counsel** is rooted in Scripture, prayer, and discernment. It helps you seek God's will above your own desires.

- **The Role of Spiritual Mentors:**

Proverbs 13:20 says, "*Walk with the wise and become wise.*" Discuss the importance of surrounding yourself with people who are spiritually wise and who can help you navigate decisions according to God's plan.

## 2. **Biblical Examples of Seeking Counsel:**

- **Moses and Jethro (Exodus 18):**

Moses received wise counsel from his father-in-law Jethro, who advised him to delegate leadership responsibilities to others. This advice brought clarity and structure to Moses' leadership and allowed him to focus on God's calling.

- **Paul and the Apostles (Acts 15):**

When faced with a major decision about Gentile believers, Paul sought counsel from the other apostles and elders in Jerusalem. Together, they prayed, discussed, and came to a decision that was rooted in the Holy Spirit's guidance.

## 3. **Discussion Questions:**

- What can we learn from these examples about seeking godly counsel when making decisions?
- Who are the people in your life that offer wise, godly counsel?

## **Part 3: Identifying Godly Counsel in Your Life (15-20 minutes)**

### 1. **The Qualities of a Godly Adviser:**

- **Rooted in Scripture:**

Godly advisers should have a strong understanding of God's Word. They will base their advice on biblical principles, not just personal opinions.

- **Prayerful and Discerned:**

A godly adviser is someone who prays over your situation and seeks God's wisdom for you. They do not give advice quickly or without consideration.

- **Honesty and Truth in Love:**

Godly advisers are willing to speak truth, even if it's uncomfortable. They offer correction or insight with love and compassion, desiring what's best for you spiritually.

### 2. **Reflection Activity:**

- Ask the group to reflect on the following question:  
"*Who in your life can provide godly counsel as you seek direction for this next*

*phase?”*

Encourage participants to write down names of trusted individuals who fit these qualities. This could include spiritual mentors, pastors, friends, or family members who are strong in their faith.

3. **Building Relationships with Godly Counselors:**

- **Be Intentional About Seeking Advice:**

Don't wait for others to offer their counsel. Be intentional about reaching out to those you trust for wisdom and guidance. This may involve seeking regular mentorship or simply asking for prayer and advice when facing decisions.

- **The Importance of Accountability:**

Godly counsel often includes accountability. A trusted adviser will check in with you, ask how things are going, and encourage you to stay on track spiritually.

4. **Discussion Question:**

- What steps can you take to surround yourself with more godly counsel?

**Part 4: How to Receive Godly Counsel (10-15 minutes)**

1. **Receiving Advice with Humility:**

- **Be Willing to Listen:**

Often, we seek counsel but aren't fully open to hearing what others have to say, especially if it challenges our own ideas. Receiving advice requires humility and a willingness to be teachable.

- **Pray for Discernment:**

Not all advice is from God, even if it's well-meaning. Pray for discernment as you receive advice, asking God to confirm His will through His Word, prayer, and the input of others.

2. **Taking Action Based on Wise Counsel:**

- **Evaluate and Act:**

Once you receive counsel and confirmation, be willing to take steps of faith based on what you've heard. Avoid paralysis by overanalyzing or seeking too many opinions. Trust that God is leading you through the wisdom of others.

3. **Discussion Question:**

- How can you ensure that you are open to receiving advice and acting on it?

**Part 5: Group Reflection and Sharing (10-15 minutes)**

1. **Reflection Question:**

Ask the group to reflect on this question:

*“What decision or direction are you currently seeking clarity on, and how can godly counsel help you in this season?”*

2. **Group Sharing:**

- Invite group members to share if they are comfortable. They can talk about a current decision or an area of their life where they need wisdom and clarity.
- Encourage them to consider how they can reach out to trusted people for guidance and prayer.

## **Part 6: Closing Prayer and Action Steps (5-10 minutes)**

### **1. Commit to Seeking Counsel:**

- **Take the First Step:**  
Encourage each person to reach out to someone this week for advice or prayer regarding a decision or challenge they are facing. Remind them of the importance of building a community of advisers for ongoing guidance.
- **Accountability Partners:**  
Consider pairing up group members as accountability partners, so they can check in with each other during the week about how they are seeking godly counsel and receiving wisdom.

### **2. Closing Prayer:**

- Pray for each person to have clarity and direction in their lives. Ask God to place wise, godly advisers in their path and give them the humility to receive guidance with an open heart. Pray for unity and encouragement in the community of believers.

**Optional: Worship Song (3-5 minutes):** If your group enjoys closing with music, consider ending with a worship song such as “Give Me Faith” by Elevation Worship or “Lord I Need You” by Matt Maher, which focus on relying on God’s wisdom and guidance.

### **End with Fellowship:**

Encourage participants to continue discussing what they’ve learned over coffee or casual conversation, sharing more about how they plan to seek godly counsel in their lives.

This hour-long study emphasises the importance of seeking and receiving godly counsel for clarity and success in life’s decisions. It encourages participants to surround themselves with trusted spiritual advisers and take steps of faith based on the wisdom they receive.

## **Day 7: Walking in Faith**

**Scripture:** 2 Corinthians 5:7

*"For we live by faith, not by sight."*

Even when God gives you a clear direction, you may not see the full picture. Walking by faith means trusting God with each step, even if you don't know exactly where the journey will lead. Move forward confidently, knowing that He is faithful to guide you.

**Reflection Question:** What step of faith is God asking you to take today, even if the path isn't fully clear?

**Prayer:** Lord, I commit to walking by faith, not by sight. Give me the courage to take the next step, trusting that You will lead me where I need to go.



**Theme:**

*Living by Faith and Trusting God's Guidance for the Journey*

**Main Scripture:**

2 Corinthians 5:7 — *"For we live by faith, not by sight."*

**Opening (5-10 minutes):****1. Welcome and Introduction:**

- Welcome the group and introduce the theme: *Walking in Faith*.
- Share a brief personal story or reflection about a time when you had to walk by faith, even when you couldn't see the full picture.

**2. Opening Prayer:**

- Pray for open hearts and minds to understand what it means to live by faith, trusting God in every step of the journey, and for courage to take those steps in faith.

**Part 1: Understanding 2 Corinthians 5:7 (10-15 minutes)****1. Read 2 Corinthians 5:7 Together:**

Ask someone to read the verse aloud:

*"For we live by faith, not by sight."*

**2. The Context of 2 Corinthians 5:**

- Provide a brief background. In this chapter, Paul is addressing the temporary nature of our earthly lives compared to the eternal reality of our future in Christ. Walking by faith means living with the assurance of God's promises, even when we can't see them fully yet.
- **Faith Over Sight:**  
Living by faith means trusting God's promises, His character, and His guidance, even when we cannot see the full picture or understand how things will work out.

**3. Key Themes in 2 Corinthians 5:7:**

- **Faith Over Certainty:**  
Faith often requires us to move forward even when the path isn't fully clear. We may not have all the details, but we trust that God does.
- **Trusting God's Guidance:**  
Walking by faith means trusting that God is leading us, even when we don't see immediate results or answers. His faithfulness is what we rely on, not our own understanding.

**4. Key Discussion Questions:**

- What does it mean to "live by faith" in your everyday life?
- Why is it challenging to trust God when we can't see the full picture?

**Part 2: The Nature of Walking by Faith (15-20 minutes)****1. The Challenges of Walking by Faith:**

- **Facing the Unknown:**  
When God calls us to walk by faith, it often means stepping into unknown territory. This can feel uncomfortable because we want to see where we're going before we move forward.
- **Letting Go of Control:**  
Walking by faith requires letting go of control. We are often tempted to trust only what we can see and control, but faith calls us to surrender that desire for control to God.
- **Overcoming Fear:**  
Fear of the unknown or fear of failure can hold us back from taking steps of faith. But faith invites us to trust that God's power and presence will meet us in our uncertainty.

## 2. Reflection Activity:

- Ask the group to reflect on the following question for a few minutes:  
*"What step of faith is God asking you to take today, even if the path isn't fully clear?"*  
Encourage them to write down any thoughts or fears they may have about walking by faith.

## 3. Biblical Examples of Walking by Faith:

- **Abraham (Genesis 12):**  
God called Abraham to leave his homeland and go to a place He would show him. Abraham had no idea where he was going, but he obeyed in faith. His journey was not based on seeing the destination but trusting in God's promise.
- **Peter Walking on Water (Matthew 14:22-33):**  
Peter took a literal step of faith when Jesus called him to walk on the water. As long as Peter kept his eyes on Jesus, he was able to do the impossible. But when he focused on the waves (the circumstances around him), fear caused him to sink.

## 4. Discussion Questions:

- What can we learn from Abraham and Peter about walking by faith?
- How can fear or doubt affect our willingness to step out in faith?

## Part 3: Practical Steps to Walk in Faith (15-20 minutes)

### 1. Faith is an Ongoing Journey:

- **Small Steps of Faith Lead to Big Outcomes:**  
Often, walking by faith doesn't mean taking one huge leap but a series of small steps. Each step of obedience builds our faith and brings us closer to where God is leading us.
- **Obedience in Uncertainty:**  
Faith often requires obedience, even when we don't have all the answers. God may ask us to take the next step without revealing the whole picture. It's important to trust that God sees what we cannot.

## 2. Key Questions:

- What small steps of faith can you take today, even if you don't have the full picture?
- How can obedience in small things lead to greater trust in God?

## 3. Relying on God's Faithfulness:

- **God's Character is Our Confidence:**  
The reason we can walk by faith is that God is trustworthy. His faithfulness in the past gives us the assurance that He will continue to guide and provide for us in the future.
- **Remembering God's Promises:**  
When we struggle to walk by faith, it's important to remember God's promises in Scripture. His Word assures us that He is with us and will never leave us (Deuteronomy 31:8).

## 4. Activity Suggestion:

- Encourage the group to reflect on times when God has been faithful in their lives. Ask them to share moments when they trusted God in uncertainty and how He came through for them.

## Part 4: Encouragement to Keep Walking by Faith (10-15 minutes)

### 1. Walking by Faith in Community:

- **Encouragement from Others:**  
Walking by faith doesn't have to be done alone. God has placed us in community so that we can encourage one another, share testimonies of God's faithfulness, and pray for one another as we take steps of faith.
- **Accountability in Faith:**  
Sometimes we need others to hold us accountable to the steps of faith God has called us to take. Surround yourself with people who will pray for you and encourage you to keep trusting God.

### 2. Faith and Perseverance:

- **Keep Moving Forward:**  
Faith is not just about taking one step; it's about continuing to walk even when challenges arise. Perseverance is key to living a life of faith, trusting that God is with you through the ups and downs.
- **God's Promises Require Faith and Patience:**  
Hebrews 6:12 encourages us to imitate those who *"through faith and patience inherit what has been promised."* Faith often involves waiting on God's timing while remaining steadfast in belief.

### 3. Discussion Questions:

- How can community and accountability help you walk by faith?
- In what areas of your life do you need to persevere in faith, trusting that God's timing is perfect?

## **Part 5: Group Reflection and Sharing (5-10 minutes)**

### **1. Reflection Question:**

Ask the group to reflect on this question:

*“What is one area of your life where God is calling you to walk by faith, even if you can’t see the full picture?”*

Allow a few minutes for silent reflection or journaling.

### **2. Group Sharing:**

Invite participants to share their reflections, if they feel comfortable, and discuss the steps of faith they believe God is asking them to take. This could include career changes, ministry opportunities, or trusting God in personal challenges.

## **Part 6: Closing Prayer and Action Steps (5-10 minutes)**

### **1. Commit to Taking the Next Step:**

- Encourage each person to identify one specific step of faith they can take this week. This might be a prayer for guidance, a conversation they need to have, or a decision they need to make.
- **Accountability Partners:**  
Pair up group members as accountability partners to check in with each other during the week about how they are walking in faith and trusting God with the steps they are taking.

### **2. Closing Prayer:**

- Pray for the group, asking God to give them the courage to walk by faith, not by sight. Ask for God’s guidance in their decisions, trust in His faithfulness, and perseverance as they continue to take steps of faith. Pray that each person would experience God’s presence and peace as they move forward in obedience.

**Optional: Worship Song (3-5 minutes):** If your group enjoys music, consider ending with a worship song like *“Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)”* by Hillsong UNITED or *“Way Maker”* by Leeland, which focus on faith and trusting God’s guidance.

### **End with Fellowship:**

Encourage participants to stay afterward for conversation, share their thoughts, and continue reflecting on how they can live by faith in their daily lives.

This hour-long study is designed to help participants explore what it means to walk by faith, trusting God with each step even when the path isn’t fully clear. It provides opportunities for reflection, practical steps for living by faith, and encouragement from community to move forward in God’s calling.