



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."

Do you remember when the first iPhone was released back in 2007? I'll never forget it. It was a big difference from the BlackBerry I was using prior to it. Who knew a phone with only one button and no physical keyboard could work. Initially people were skeptical, yet that one risky step not only transformed Apple's trajectory; it also reshaped

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the entire smartphone industry. In a similar why, God often invites us to trust Him when He's about to do something new — something that may go against our previous assumptions or completely take us out of our comfort zones.

Our journey as a Christ-like leader requires us to be willing to let go of our preconceived notions. Just like when Apple moved beyond the safe, traditional cell phone, God may ask us to move beyond our "safe" spiritual routines to experience new growth in Him. Here's what the Lord said to Isaiah, "See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?" (Isaiah 43:19)

God's "new thing" might not match your old blueprint—but it will exceed your expectations if you trust Him completely.

In Ezekiel 47, we see Ezekiel led step by step into deeper and deeper water: first ankle-deep, then knee-deep, then waist-deep, and finally water deep enough to swim in. Could the Holy Spirit have taken Ezekiel from land to the deep waters? Sure, but some WEEK 03

miracles require a process, not an instant transformation. Similar to the measuring line that led Ezekiel from shallow water, farther into the water — the Holy Spirit leads us forward, often past our comfort zone.

Something to remember is that God's new pace and process may start small, with just ankle-deep steps of trust, but as we keep moving forward, He'll carry us beyond what we think is possible. This growth in our faith doesn't just require us to embrace what's uncomfortable, it may also come with some friction — wrestling with anxiety, unbelief, or confusion.

"Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit." —Galatians 5:25

Keeping in step with the Sprit means allowing God's presence to guide our lives; it's another way of saying, "Jesus take the wheel." And when Jesus takes the wheel, there's a lot less friction.

Lastly, one trait of God's "new thing" is His provision. When we fully put our trust in Him, He doesn't just bring us WEEK 03

to thrive. We have a God that can bless us with an overflowing supply—spiritually, relationally, and sometimes even materially. Our God isn't limited; He's a God who can pour out blessing beyond our imagination.

READ:

Ezekiel 47:1-12

REFLECT:

Where are you standing right now in your walk with God—ankle-deep, knee-deep, or waist-deep?

Is there an area in your life that feels stuck in friction? Ask the Holy Spirit to transform that area of your life.

In what ways might God be calling you from survive to thrive mindset so you can experience "more than enough" in Him?

PRAYER:

Thank You for leading us step by step into deeper faith. Help us trust you when things don't look like we expect. Teach us to move from friction to flow in the power of Your Spirit. May we experience every part of the overflowing life that comes with trusting You. In Jesus' name, Amen.