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Pv. 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 have "trust issues?" Do you find it difficult to put your faith in someone or something? Have you been "burned" by people who said they would keep a condidence, but didn't? I think we all have a bit of trouble completely trusting. To do so, we have to be vulnerable. The Hebrew word for *trust* is **betach** which means *to submit yourself by lying helpless before someone, facedown.* It pictures a slave or servant that is waiting for their master's orders.

I find this picture quite striking in the aspect that the LORD wants our complete submission and trust in Him. ***With all your heart*** pictures someone who holds nothing back. Our Father desires us to trust Him completely, totally and with no reservations. To do that, we must let go of our own desires; our pre-disposed ideology; our hesitant spirits.

It reminds me of a young child who is afraid of the water. A parent can be standing in the pool and asking the child to jump in and they will catch them. The scenario usually takes much cajoling and the child's hesitant attempts to jump. But, sooner or later, if the child chooses to finally try it, the parent will catch them and the child finally knows that it is okay.

What will it take for us to truly trust in the LORD with all of our hearts? It takes submitting all of our ways to Him. Our thoughts, our actions, our desires, must all be submitted completely before our Father. He will surely catch you. He will always catch you. He cares for you. **1 Pt. 5:7, "*Cast all your anxiety on Him because He cares for you.*"**

Dear LORD, we need to trust You completely. Help us to submit ourselves to You this very day. When we do, You will make our paths straight and You will meet our needs. In Jesus Name, Amen.