

### 3 • Completely Dependent on God



**“What does it mean to be a human being?”** Ask a hundred people and you’d get a wide variety of answers.

In this 4-part series, we’re consulting the Creator. What answers has *he*

provided? What do those answers tell us about ourselves? Each other? Where we came from? Why we’re here? Where we’re going?

The third answer to our questions: **You are completely \_\_\_\_\_ on God.** In what ways? Consider three answers that show up consistently throughout the Bible:

🕒 **He is the “\_\_\_\_\_” of the universe.** Without him, everything would fall apart. Just listen to the language found in the Old and New Testaments:

...and he upholds the universe by the \_\_\_\_\_ of his power. (Heb 1:3)

“Where were \_\_\_\_\_ when I laid the foundation of the earth?

Tell me, if you have understanding.” (Job 38:4)

“For he makes \_\_\_\_\_ sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.” (Matt 5:45)

🕒 **He doesn’t want us to be \_\_\_\_\_.** Hear Jesus in his most famous sermon:

“Therefore do not be anxious, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father \_\_\_\_\_ that you need them all. (Matt 6:31-32)

🕒 **He expects me to \_\_\_\_\_ that he knows \_\_\_\_\_.** God knows more than I know. God knows better than you know. So why wouldn’t we take the wise words of Solomon in **Proverbs 3** seriously?

Trust in the LORD with all your heart,  
and do not lean on your \_\_\_\_\_ understanding.

In all your ways \_\_\_\_\_ him,  
and he will make straight your paths. (Prov 3:5-6)

**We are completely dependent on God.** But that’s not *bad* news. When we realize that fact and follow his lead, there is such **good** news:

My flesh and my heart may fail,  
but God is the \_\_\_\_\_ of my heart  
and my portion forever. (Psa 73:26)



What’s it going to look like if we live as if we *believe* that? **Let’s talk about it...**

## For Class & Family Discussion:

- **Proverbs 3:1-8** is such a rich section of wise instruction, we need to take our time and really think through what we're being told. What is the message, in your own words, of:
  - Trust in the LORD with all your heart,  
and do not lean on your own understanding. (3:5)
  
  - In all your ways acknowledge him,  
and he will make straight your paths. (3:6)
  
  - Be not wise in your own eyes;  
fear the LORD, and turn away from evil. (3:7)
  
  - Let not steadfast love and faithfulness forsake you;  
bind them around your neck;  
write them on the tablet of your heart. (3:3)
  
- Why is God worthy of our trust? There are many answers to that question. Here's one: "he upholds the universe by the word of his power" (Heb 1:3). What does that mean?
  
- What does **2 Peter 3:4-7** add to our understanding of the matchless power of God's word?
  
- What difference could it make in my life if I developed and lived with the mindset Jesus taught in **Matthew 5:45**, that when I see the sun, I'm looking at "his sun"?
  
- How can all we've talked about help with the worry and anxiety so many feel? What is the good, life-changing, perspective-shaping news in **Matthew 6:25-33**?

## For NEXT Wednesday:

- "What does it mean to be a human being?" Next Wednesday we'll conclude: **You are a spirit that will return to God.** What does that mean? Can you find any Bible passages that teach that truth? If I'm a spirit that will return to God...