PROMISES

The Promise of Straight Paths

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• You look at the ______ - straight paths and ignore the ______ - the rest of the statement.

The dictionary definition of trust is:

- Confident expectation of something
- Reliance on the integrity, strength, and ability of a person or thing; confidence
 - We trust _____ people, less often.
 - Trust is built on _____.
 - Instead of focusing on your _____, focus on God's
 - Focusing on God's history creates _____ and trust for your
 - Trust is ______ plus _____.

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The Message says it this way: Listen for God's voice in everything you do, everywhere you go...

Prov. 3:5-6 I will trust in the Lord as much as I am able as long as it doesn't cost me too much, make life inconvenient or keep me from fitting in with everyone around me. I will ask and expect Him to bless my plans. I acknowledge Him as Lord, but don't really let that affect the details of my life. I do what I want, when I want and how I want. I will not allow anyone, including God to impose what I think are unrealistic expectations on me. Then, because I've given Him some trust and followed Him with part of my life, God better make my paths straight.

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The Message says it this way, "Don't try to figure out everything on your own."

- Trusting God with all your heart begins with a belief that _____ plan is better than _____ plan.
- We struggle with trust, when things don't seem to make sense, but trust is not only believing _____ God will do it, but also allowing Him to choose _____ he will do it.