



And Also With You

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Yada' Proverbs 3:6



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Proverbs 3:5-6 have been favorite verses for many years. *“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct your paths.”* There are multi-

ple teachings from these verses, but I want to focus on, *“Acknowledge Him in all your ways...”*

I have taken this verse seriously because I want God to direct my paths. I have tried to acknowledge Him in all my ways. This means that I attempt to give God the credit in each and every situation that I find myself. I acknowledge Him in my circumstances, trusting that He will direct my paths.

As I have lived this out, however, I sensed that something was missing. I tried to give God the credit for each blessing and success, yet I did not sense that He was always directing my paths like the verse promised.

To get to the bottom of this, I researched the Hebrew word for *acknowledge* which is *yada'*. Bible Study leads to interesting places. *Yada'* is used in Genesis 4:1 (KJV), *“And Adam knew [yada'] Eve his wife; and she conceived, and bare Cain...”* *Yada'* means to know by experience; to be acquainted with. In Genesis 4:1, however, *yada'* is used to describe sexual intimacy between a husband and wife. Adam knew [yada] Eve and she conceived a new life.

Proverbs 3:6 says, *“In all your ways yada'*

Him and He will direct your paths.” This is different than simply acknowledging God in each situation. Proverbs 3:6 is saying that when we know Him intimately in life circumstance, something new comes from it, and He directs its paths. I can acknowledge someone without knowing them intimately but that is not the case in Proverbs 3:6. *“In all my ways...”*— Hebrew for *ways* means *journey* or *course of life*. God says that when I am on my life journey and I *yada'* Him, then He will direct me in these particular pursuits. The Hebrew for *direct* means to *go straight* and *paths* means *way of living*. When I put this verse into my own words it says, *“If I will know God intimately in each journey I take, then He will make that particular road straight for me.”*



Life is made up of various paths such as the financial path, the relationships path, the vocational path, the sexual path, and so on. God wants us to *yada'* Him (know Him intimately) while on each path.

To know God intimately is to know what He thinks and feels about circumstances and situations. This involves communication which involves words. God's Word is how we know Him and knowing God's Word concerning the various paths of life opens doors for Him to direct us as we step into the future.

One path we each experience is the financial path. To *yada'* God on this path is to know what He says about money and its use. Once I know His heart on a subject then He can direct me to great advantage in that particular area. When I know God intimately concerning money, for instance, I gain insight into tithing, living debt free, understanding the deceptiveness of mammon and so on.

The marriage and family path is another

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SUNDAYS

10:00 am

Worship
(nursery provided)

6:30 pm

The Union's
Worship Service

MONDAYS

10:45AM

INTERCESSORS

706-897-6381

6:30pm—Graham

Cooke Group-

Information: 455-

5940

WEDNESDAYS

10:30 am

Women's Bible

Study-Information:

990.2973

FRIDAYS

8:15 am

Men's Group-

Information:

751-5266

CHALICE BEARERS

Dec 4

Jane and Bob
Grafe

Dec 11

Becky Johnson
Jan Bogue

Dec 18

Maggie Rockett
Susan Jones

Dec 24

Kitty Barbodale
Janic Terry

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common path. Knowing that God's Word instructs a person to love his spouse before children, friends, and work then it opens the door for Him to direct the marriage to be the best it can be. If a person puts their children, friends, or work before their spouse, however, then God cannot direct that couple to the same degree and things often unravel when put under stress.

There are many paths in life, and God has addressed each one in Scripture. When I know His Word then I know Him. When I yada' Him in all my ways then He can direct my paths. He can make sure that I have the home court advantage from heaven that others do not have when they do not know [yada'] Him.

God created yada'. He wants the kind of relationship that is intimate and loving. This is why the church is called the bride of Christ. He desires to be a part of each endeavor and promises never to abandon or forsake us. Yada' Him in all your ways and He will direct your paths—He will give you the home team advantage.

Blessings and Happy Advent!
Scott +



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Financials	
October	
Income	\$18,870
Expenses	\$13,229
Net	\$ 5,641
November	
Income	\$30,435
Expenses	\$18,604
Net	\$11,831

On the first Sunday of Advent I received a text from a person outside the parish who is gifted in the prophetic. This is what it said:

"I saw a picture of you [Scott] climbing up a mountain and a bunch of your members are tied onto you by a rope. The higher you go, the higher they go. However, some liked the view and stopped for a picnic and refused to go higher. A flood arose and only those on the rope stayed above the water line. What you [Scott] are teaching about mountains will bring life! It is not just a "good sermon", but it is life! There is a need for exercising our faith. No Stopping!"



You can hear the series on the Six Mountains of God by going to www.visitgrace.net.

On Advent 2 the same person received another prophetic word for Grace Church:

"You [Scott] are climbing up impossible formations. Your congregation is watching and waiting their turn. I asked what is above the rock once Scott gets above the overhang? I heard, 'My Glory.'"



January Retreat
Meet Victor Oliver, Sabbatical Interim, who will lead a one day retreat at Grace on Sat, Jan 7, and then preach on Jan 8.



\$1,100 was given to the Rileys in France and \$1,100 to the Skinners in Indonesia this Christmas. Well Done!



Christmas Brunch
Following worship on Dec 18—bring Brunch Food



Happy Birthday

2 Nicholas Terry
6 Karen Skinner
6 Patrick Mutual
17 Barbara Pate
19 Barbara England
20 Cynthia Tunnell
27 Frances Twitty
27 Madeleine Huhn

