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some things don't change

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INTRODUCTION

The Bible is full of promises that we can build our lives on. They are promises of God that he put in ink for all of us to read and follow. These promises will never change and will never fail. One promise that God gave us is that if we trust in him in all areas of our lives, he will direct our paths. Below are some questions and scriptures that will help you through this week's message discussion.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Have you ever taken directions from someone else? What kind of people do you take directions from? Has someone given you directions that lead you the wrong way? Do you trust them or go to them for directions again? Are there people in your life that you 'know' you shouldn't take directions from? Who are the people in your life that you do trust for direction?
2. Sometimes we find ourselves at a crossroads. What are some smaller decisions we make in life? What are some larger decisions? Often, making the right decision is harder to make than the wrong one. How have you felt after you made the right decision? How do you feel when you have made the wrong decision? Have you made the wrong decision more than once?
3. Give an example of when you did something for the first time that you've never done before. How did that make you feel? Were you afraid or nervous? Have you ever been unsure of the path your life is on or unsure of where you are going? What are danger signs that you are not on a path you should be on? How do you know if you are on the right path?
4. Read **Proverbs 3:5-6**. What does it mean to trust the Lord with all of your heart? We all have areas where it is easier to trust Him and also have areas where it is more difficult. In what areas is it easier to trust Him? In what areas is it harder for you? What areas do you fear the most? Worry about the most? How can you trust him more in those areas?
5. Read **Romans 8:28**. In life, people fail us all the time. Have you failed someone? In what ways? How have the people in your life failed you? How does it feel when someone fails you? How do you overcome situations where people have failed you?
6. In **Proverbs 3:5-6** it says we should surrender all of our ways to Him. What does that mean to you? In what area of your life do you need to surrender to God's ways? Is it in dating? In marriage? In parenting? Are you surrendering to God's in how you spend your time and money? Why is it hard to surrender our ways to God? What can you do to make changes in your life and start surrendering to him in more areas?

THINK ABOUT IT

God can be trusted which is why we should submit to him, look to him, lean on him, and go to Him with every area of our lives. Once we surrender to him in all aspects of our lives he will lead us down the right paths in our dating lives, our marriage, our families, our studies, our finances and our hopes and dreams.

MEMORIZE

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, do not rely on your own understanding. In all your ways surrender to him, and he will direct your paths.
PROVERBS 3:5-6

