

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.

Proverbs 3:5-6

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Remember what the Scriptures say about faith:

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You must believe that He is who He says He is.

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