



JUDGES

THE

SAMPSON SYNDROME

Birth of Sampson

Judges 13:3 (NASB)

³ Then the angel of the LORD appeared to the woman and said to her, "Behold now, you are barren and have borne no *children*, but you shall conceive and give birth to a son.

Each of us have been called by God

Jeremiah 1:5 (NASB)

⁵ "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, And before you were born I consecrated you; I have appointed you a prophet to the nations."

We are all created for a purpose

Jeremiah 29:11 (NASB)

¹¹ 'For I know the plans that I have for you,' declares the LORD, 'plans for welfare and not for calamity to give you a future and a hope.'

God is always specific in His instructions

Proverbs 4:25-27 (NASB)

²⁵ Let your eyes look directly ahead And let your gaze be fixed straight in front of you. ²⁶ Watch the path of your feet And all your ways will be established. ²⁷ Do not turn to the right nor to the left; Turn your foot from evil.

Isaiah 30:21-22 (NASB)

²¹ Your ears will hear a word behind you, "This is the way, walk in it," whenever you turn to the right or to the left. ²² And you will defile your graven images overlaid with silver, and your molten images plated with gold. You will scatter them as an impure thing, *and* say to them, "Be gone!"

We always have a choice

Judges 16:1 (NASB)

¹ Now Samson went to Gaza and saw a harlot there, and went in to her.

Romans 8:5-8 (NASB)

⁵ For those who are according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who are according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit. ⁶ For the mind set on the flesh is death, but the mind set on the Spirit is life and peace,

Romans 8:5-8 (NASB)

⁷ because the mind set on the flesh is hostile toward God; for it does not subject itself to the law of God, for it is not even able *to do so*, ⁸ and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

Sin will take you places you never wanted to go

Galatians 5:19-21 (NASB)

¹⁹ Now the deeds of the flesh are evident, which are: immorality, impurity, sensuality, ²⁰ idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, disputes, dissensions, factions, ²¹ envying, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these,

Ephesians 5:15-17 (NASB)

¹⁵ Therefore be careful how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise, ¹⁶ making the most of your time, because the days are evil. ¹⁷ So then do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.

Colossians 2:8 (NASB)

⁸ See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deception, according to the tradition of men, according to the elementary principles of the world, rather than according to Christ.

Always understand who you are up against

John 10:10 (NASB)

¹⁰ "The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy....."

1 Peter 5:8 (NASB)

⁸ Be of sober *spirit*, be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.

Compromise is a tool of the devil

Judges 16:6 (NASB)

⁶ So Delilah said to Samson, "Please tell me where your great strength is and how you may be bound to afflict you."

You can never lay your head in the lap of evil
without living with regret

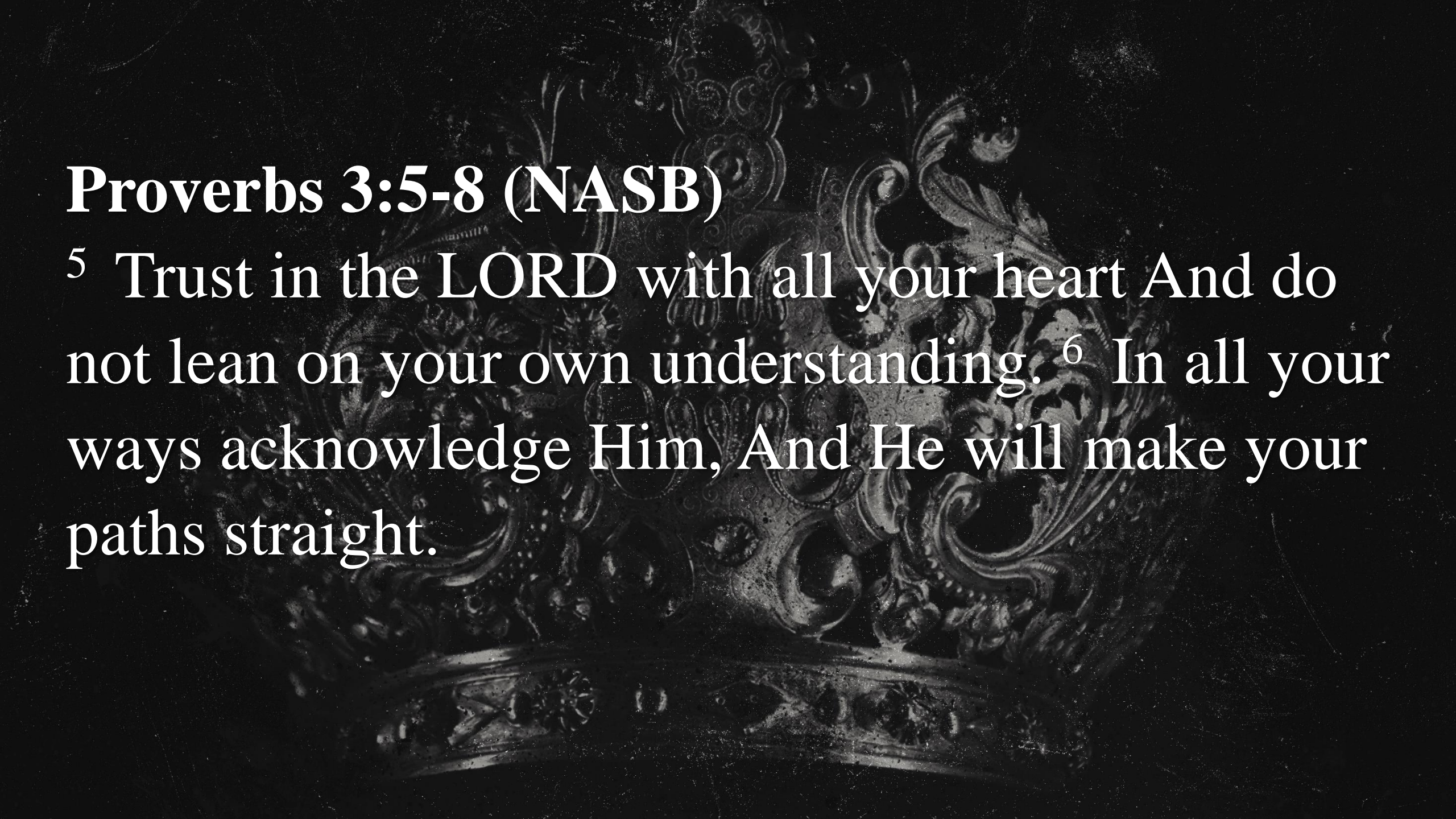
Judges 16:21 (NASB)

²¹ Then the Philistines seized him and gouged out his eyes; and they brought him down to Gaza and bound him with bronze chains, and he was a grinder in the prison.

Never allow you mind to live by sight, always
follow your heart and live by faith

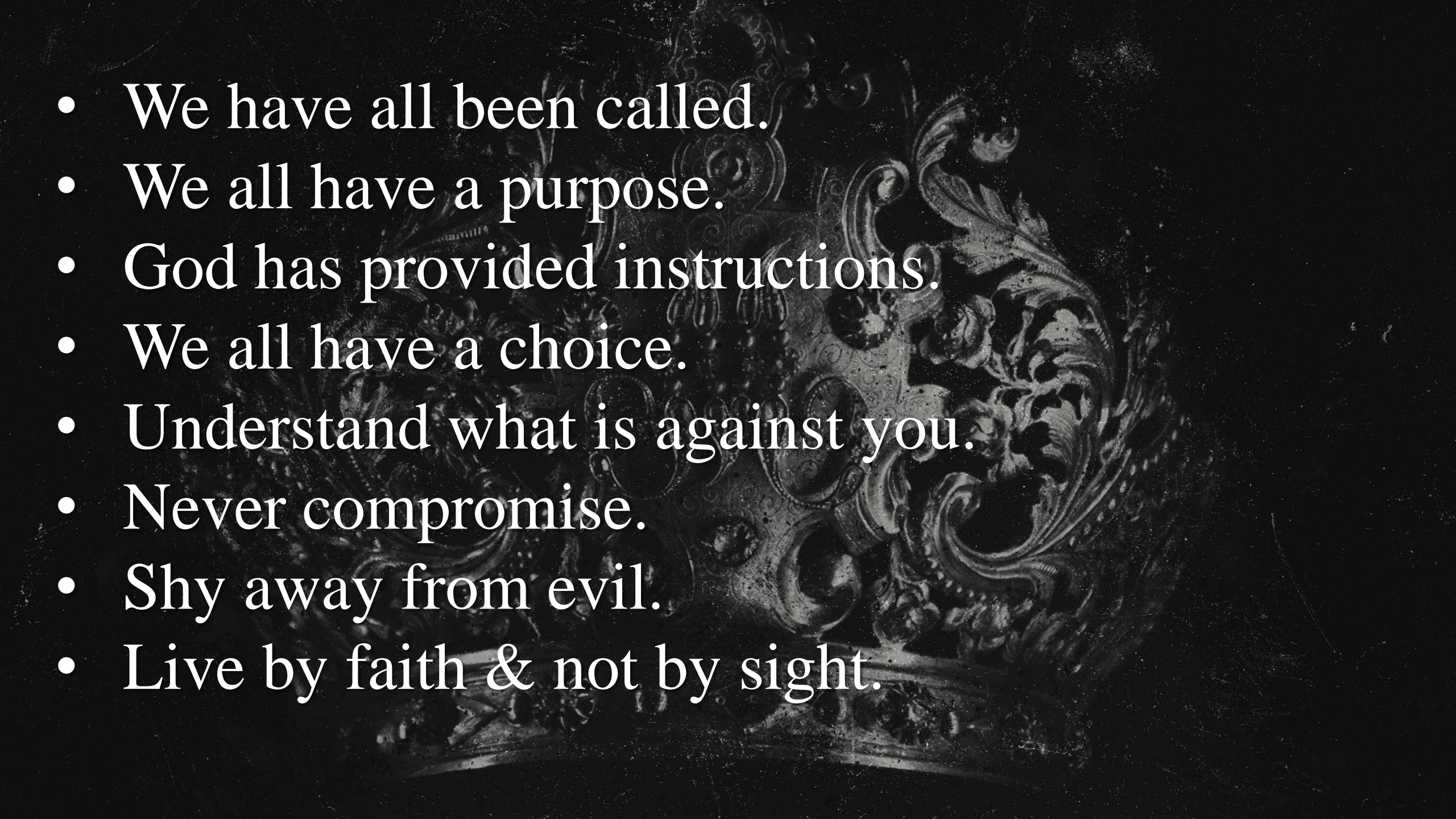
Psalm 91:1-3 (NASB)

¹ He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High
Will abide in the shadow of the Almighty. ² I will
say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress, My
God, in whom I trust!" ³ For it is He who delivers
you from the snare of the trapper.....



Proverbs 3:5-8 (NASB)

⁵ Trust in the LORD with all your heart And do not lean on your own understanding. ⁶ In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He will make your paths straight.

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- We have all been called.
 - We all have a purpose.
 - God has provided instructions.
 - We all have a choice.
 - Understand what is against you.
 - Never compromise.
 - Shy away from evil.
 - Live by faith & not by sight.

Proverbs 3:7-8 (NASB)

⁷ Do not be wise in your own eyes; Fear the LORD and turn away from evil. ⁸ It will be healing to you body And refreshment to your bones.

