## SCRIPTURE & SPOTLIGHT

## MYSTERY WORD

Proverbs 3:5-9, 11-12 MSG

- <sup>5</sup> "Trust God from the bottom of your heart; don't try to figure out everything on your own. <sup>6</sup> Listen for God's voice in everything you do, everywhere you go; He's the one who will keep you on track.
- <sup>7</sup> Don't assume that you know it all. Run to God! Run from evil! <sup>8</sup> Your body will glow with health, your very bones will vibrate with life! <sup>9</sup> Honour God with everything you own; give Him the first and the best.
- <sup>11</sup> But don't, dear friend, resent God's discipline; don't sulk under His loving correction. <sup>12</sup> It's the child He loves that God corrects; a Father's delight is behind all this."

## **AFFIRMATION:**

Today's a new day! I leave yesterday in the past. I am ready for challenges and victories even after making mistakes. Together, we are better. Our teamwork makes the dream work. We collaborate. We communicate. We build each other up. We celebrate. We cooperate. We learn from our mistakes. We are growing with grit and grace. We're ready to take on today!

DUE WEDNESDAY, MAY 31, 2023

## LET'S TALK ABOUT IT!

We're picking up where we left off last month. These verses are a part of the same letter that King Solomon was writing to his son. This was his wise advice.

Have you ever felt overwhelmed by a situation that you tried to figure out? How did you feel? What did you try to do?

Why do you think King Solomon is telling his son not to only trust God, but to listen for His voice?

If you were blind-folded and asked to only follow my directions, do you think it would be easy or hard? Would you trust me? How does trusting someone who leads you help you get to where you want to go? Why is it hard to trust someone? God?

When we think we know it all, are we dependent or independent? As we grow up, shouldn't we be more independent? Why do you think King Solomon is giving these instructions in verse 7?

What does it look like/sound like to "Honour God with everything we own"? Is it just stuff, or do you think it's also our words and actions?

When we make a mistake, it's sometimes hard being corrected. Can you think of a time when you were disciplined? What happened? What do you think "resent" and "sulk" mean?

How do corrections help us grow/make progress? Why is it hard to receive correction? Read verse 12. What does this show us about God's heart for us?

Based on our discussion and this Scripture, what character trait do you think should be our spotlight this month? Why?