

**FAITH OR FEAR?**  
**Ruth 1:1-5**

**I. Trust God when you encounter evil times (1a).**

Judges 17:6: In those days there was no king in Israel; **everyone did what was right in his own eyes.**

Judges 21:25: In those days there was no king in Israel; **everyone did what was right in his own eyes.**

Proverbs 3:7-8: Do not be wise in your own eyes; **fear the Lord and depart from evil.** It will be health to your flesh, and strength to your bones.

**II. Trust God when you encounter difficult times (1b-2).**

Proverbs 3:5-6: 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.

2 Corinthians 5:7: For we walk by faith, **not by sight.**

**III. Trust God when you encounter sorrowful times (3-5).**

Psalm 13:5-6: **But I have trusted in Your mercy;** my heart shall rejoice in Your salvation. I will sing to the Lord, **because He has dealt bountifully with me.**

Psalm 32:10: Many sorrows shall be to the wicked; **but he who trusts in the Lord, mercy shall surround him.**