

# MADENEW: STUDY GUIDE

## Belief: Dependency

**The Bible clearly instructs us that God is the source for all things in our lives and that our trust must be in Him above all else.**

*Proverbs 3:5-6 “Trust in the Lord with all your heart. And do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He will make your paths straight.*

**Foundational Verses – Psalms 23:1-6, 73:26, 121:1-8, Matthew 6:25-34**

### 1. God is our source

1. The fundamental belief that God is the primary source of care and provision is a foundational, and guiding philosophy, of Christian faith. (Philippians 4:19-20)
2. Without this understanding, we will make poor decisions, as we seek to solve our own problems often making things worse. (1Timothy 6:3-10)

### 2. We learn His promises in His word.

1. God’s word teaches us that His promises define our lives and His laws govern our existence. To learn them is to be blessed. To be ignorant of them is at our peril. (Deuteronomy 28)

### 3. Taking God’s words into the heart is the process of discipleship.

1. The Bible instructs us to move away from worldly thinking that establishes self, and its appetites, as the center of provision. If self is always in charge first as a principle, then self takes the place of lord. (James 4:13-16)
2. Both God and self cannot be Lord at the same time. (Matthew 6:24)

### 4. Walking in the truth of God as our source reveals our faith.

1. When we work through trusting God as our source, our faith is developed and perfected in the process. (1 Peter 1:3-9)
2. When God’s people face the same manner of trial as the rest of humanity, and remain secure and steadfast, the world watches and learns by our faith. They see what being dependent upon God looks like. (1 Peter 2:11-20)

## Questions

1. How has God worked in your life to teach you that He is your source?
2. What scriptures do you cherish that He has used to minister this truth to you?
3. How different does your life look now from what it did before you knew Jesus?
4. How has learning dependency upon God helped to share Jesus with others?