

## Fire Pit Topic July 2019: Dependence

Definition and Clarification: That in which I trust or rely upon. Clarification: there is a difference between dependence and inter-dependence. For instance, in my human relationships, there is an inter-dependency which is reciprocal, or it goes both ways. That means there is a shared dependency. Only in my relationship to God am I to be totally dependent. We should never view human relationships, families, vocations, hobbies, etc., as things on which we are dependent.

How to Illustrate at the Chapter Meeting: Ask these questions: Have you ever found yourself trying to find absolute dependency (trust) through a human relationship? Do you think there is a chance that we may be trying to find something through a human relationship that only God can supply?

### Fire Pit Discussion: Focus Group

1. Discuss the definition and clarification.
2. Illustrated in History: During WWII, England was inter-dependent on her Allies like the United States and others. They had a shared dependency. But, when it came to total dependence, Churchill and others called on everyone to cry out and rely on Almighty God.
3. References in the Bible:
  - a. Isaiah 22: 11 Prophet tell people they did not depend on the God who made the water.
  - b. Isaiah 10: 20
  - c. Proverbs 3: 5-6
4. Illustrated in the life of Jesus
  - a. John 11: 41-42 Jesus had complete trust that His Father heard Him.
  - b. John 8: 28-29
  - c. Luke 23:44-46 Jesus illustrated His total dependency and trust in His Father by going to the cross.
5. Application: Where do you find yourself trying to meet your needs for dependency? They can only be met in God.