## Summer Series Let Go and Let God July 13/14, 2019

**Proverbs 3:5-6** Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take.

What do you do when life feels like it is falling apart?

- ✓ Our perspective shapes our reality.
  - 1 Peter 5:8. Stay alert! Watch out for your great enemy, the devil. He prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour.
- ✓ We are only alone if we <u>choose</u> to be alone.
  - Proverbs 13:20 Walk with the wise and become wise, for a companion of fools suffers harm.
- ✓ God's plan is <u>always better</u> than my plan.
  - Jeremiah 29:11 For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.
- 2 Kings 13:14-19 When Elisha was in his last illness, King Jehoash of Israel visited him and wept over him. "My father! My father! I see the chariots and charioteers of Israel!" he cried. Elisha told him, "Get a bow and some arrows." And the king did as he was told. Elisha told him, "Put your hand on the bow," and Elisha laid his own hands on the king's hands. Then he commanded, "Open that eastern window," and he opened it. Then he said, "Shoot!" So he shot an arrow. Elisha proclaimed, "This is the Lord's arrow, an arrow of victory over Aram, for you will completely conquer the Arameans at Aphek." Then he said, "Now pick up the other arrows and strike them against the ground." So the king picked them up and struck the ground three times. But the man of God was angry with him. "You should have struck the ground five or six times!" he exclaimed. "Then you would have beaten Aram until it was entirely destroyed. Now you will be victorious only three times.
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    - **Philippians 4:6-7** Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.
  - 2. Take <u>action</u> and seize the opportunity.
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  - 3. Take <u>aim</u> and <u>see</u> your victory.

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- Hebrews 11:1 Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.
- 4. Be persistent and don't quit.
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Walk Away: What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? - Romans 8:31.