



Part 1: Control Issues

So then, since we have a great High Priest who has entered heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to what we believe. 15 This High Priest of ours understands our weaknesses, for he faced all of the same testings we do, yet he did not sin. 16 So let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive his mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it most. - Hebrews 4:14-16 NLT

What you attempt to control the most often reveals where you trust God the least.

Then Jesus went with them to the olive grove called Gethsemane, and he said, "Sit here while I go over there to pray." 37 He took Peter and Zebedee's two sons, James and John, and he became anguished and distressed. 38 He told them, "My soul is crushed with grief to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me." He went on a little farther and bowed with his face to the ground, praying, "My Father! If it is possible, let this cup of suffering be taken away from me. Yet I want your will to be done, not mine." (Matt 26:36-39 NLT)

Don't you realize that I could ask my Father for thousands of angels to protect us, and he would send them instantly? - Matthew 26:53 NLT

Then he returned to the disciples and found them asleep. He said to Peter, "Couldn't you watch with me even one hour? Then Jesus left them a second time and prayed, "My Father! If this cup cannot be taken away unless I drink it, your will be done." So he went to pray a third time, saying the same things again. (Matthew 26:40,42,44 NLT)

- **Surrender usually takes more than one attempt.**

"If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross, and follow me. (Matt 16:24 NLT)

- **Surrender doesn't guarantee a trouble free life.**
- **Jesus doesn't invite us to a life of comfort and ease, but to a life of sacrifice and surrender.**
- **We don't always have the power to control, but we always have the power to surrender.**

3 Questions to Ask When You're Tempted to Take Control:

- **Is it worth my concern?**
- **Is it mine to control?**
- **Is it for God alone?**

"Be still, and know that I am God!" (Psalm 46:10 NLT)

TALK IT OVER

- Read Psalm 46:10. What do you think it means to “be still, and know that [He] is God”? How could being still be more beneficial than being controlling?
- Is there something in your life that you’re trying to control that God wants you to surrender? What’s one step you could take to surrender to Him this week?
- Share about a time when you were tempted to control but chose to surrender instead. What did you learn about God through that experience?

Suggested Reading Plan: [Jesus Can Relate](#)

Announcements:

- **Sunday Service @ 10 AM.** Nursery is available for children up to age 4, and KidZone for ages 5-11.
 - ***Please Note:*** *This week, KidZone is canceled and Nursery will be available after worship only.*
- **Girl’s Ministry** for grades K-6 Tuesdays 5:30-6:30 PM. See Sharee for more info.
 - ***Please Note:*** *Girls Ministry is on pause for the summer!*
- **Finish Line Youth** for ages 12-12th grade Fridays 7- 8:30 PM. See Pastor James for more info.
 - ***Please Note:*** *Youth Group is on pause for the summer!*
- **“The Big Give”** donations will be received July 2-16 to help fund our summer “servolution” events! Whether you give online, text, mail, or donation box, please indicate that your gift is for “servolution.”
- **Kingdom Seekers Vacation Bible School** August 14-18. Registration info will be available soon!
- **New Life Community Festival** August 19. More information will be available soon!

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