

SERMON SERIES: Quest 52

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Sermon Title:

“Control in Crisis”

Introduction

We continue on in our Quest 52 series this week we look at what it looks like to surrender control to God. When we lack trust in God in certain areas of our lives, we try to control them. But through the example of Jesus, we see that there is so much more freedom in surrendering control to God.

- Share a time when you felt like you were trying to control a situation but ultimately had to surrender it to God. How did that experience impact your faith journey?

Seek the Word

- Read Mark 14:53-59. Jesus does not speak, even though false witnesses have come against him. How does the silence of Jesus speak to his surrender of control?
- Read Mark 14:60-65. Jesus chose surrender over control during his trial and crucifixion. How does his example inspire you to surrender control in your own life, especially during challenging times?

Go Deeper

Read Matthew 26:39. Jesus makes a decision in the garden that the Father's will be carried out over his own. How does this prayer demonstrate Jesus' surrender to God's plan, and how can we apply this attitude of surrender in our own lives?

Talk About It

- Think about a specific area of your life where you're struggling to surrender control to God. What steps can you take to release that control and trust in God's plan?
- How can we support each other in our journey of surrendering control to God? Share practical ways we can encourage and pray for one another.
- Ryan mentioned the importance of reflecting before reacting. How can we cultivate a habit of reflection in our daily lives, especially during challenging situations?
- Discuss practical ways we can prioritize listening to God's voice amidst the distractions of everyday life, such as social media and busy schedules.

Wrap Up

Reminder: Jesus chose to make his decision in the garden instead of the courtroom.

Challenge: This week, intentionally identify one area of your life where you tend to exert control rather than surrendering it to God. Commit to surrendering it to God each day through prayer and reflection. Whenever you feel the urge to take control or worry about the outcome, consciously release those concerns to God and trust in His plan for your life.