

Let It Go

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Our Purpose: To be a community of believers where, no matter who you are, you can experience life change through Jesus Christ.

It's hard to start something new when we use our energy holding on to what's old.

"If you cling to your life, you will lose it; but if you give up your life for me, you will find it."

—Matthew 10:39 NLT

If your first concern is to look after yourself, you'll never find yourself. But if you forget about yourself and look to me, you'll find both yourself and me."

—Matthew 10:39 MSG

"When Jesus had spoken these words, he went out with his disciples across the brook Kidron, where there was a garden, which he and his disciples entered. Now Judas, who betrayed him, also knew the place, for Jesus often met there with his disciples. So Judas, having procured a band of soldiers and some officers from the chief priests and the Pharisees, went there with lanterns and torches and weapons. Then Jesus, knowing all that would happen to him, came forward and said to them, "Whom do you seek?" They answered him, "Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus said to them, "I am he." Judas, who betrayed him, was standing with them. When Jesus said to them, "I am he," they drew back and fell to the ground. So he asked them again, "Whom do you seek?" And they said, "Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus answered, "I told you that I am he. So, if you seek me, let these men go." This was to fulfill the word that he had spoken: "Of those whom you gave me I have lost not one." Then Simon Peter, having a sword, drew it and struck the high priest's servant and cut off his right ear. (The servant's name was Malchus.) So Jesus

said to Peter, "Put your sword into its sheath; shall I not drink the cup that the Father has given me?"

—John 18:1-11 ESV

We need to let go of this idea that this is about us.

It's not about you.

We need to let go of the idea that this is about "us versus them."

People are not our enemy.

It's not about them.

If we don't have anything to hold onto we don't know what to do.

We need to hold onto something.

Sometimes to let go you need to hold on.

You need to hold on to Jesus.