

*Let God Have Full Control
Of Your Life.*

A Teaching Outline



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Psalm 37:7

Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for him: fret not thyself because of him who prospereth in his way, because of the man who bringeth wicked devices to pass.

Surrendering your life means:

- Following God's lead without knowing where he's sending you;
- Waiting for God's timing without knowing when it will come;
- Expecting a miracle without knowing how God will provide;
- Trusting God's purpose without understanding the circumstances.

Let go and let God have control.

Proverbs 19:21

There are many devices in a man's heart; nevertheless the counsel of the LORD, that shall stand.

As our Creator, God values all of us, whether we are poor or rich. When we help the poor, we honor both the Creator and his creation.

God has thoughts of peace toward you.

Jeremiah 29:11

For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.

We're all encouraged by a leader who stirs us to move ahead, someone who believes we can do the task he has given and who will be with us all the way. God is that kind of leader. He knows the future, and his plans for us are good and full of hope.

As long as God, who knows the future, provides our agenda and goes with us as we fulfill his mission, we can have boundless hope. This does not mean that we will be spared pain, suffering, or hardship, but that God will see us through to a glorious conclusion.

All things work together for the good for those who love God.

Romans 8:28

And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are called according to [his] purpose.

Evil is prevalent in our fallen world, but God is able to turn every circumstance around for our long-range good. Note that God is not working to make us happy but to fulfill his purpose.

This promise is claimed only by those who love God and are called by him, that is, those whom the Holy Spirit convinces to receive Christ. Such people have a new perspective, a new mind-set. They trust in God.

With God, all things are possible.

Matthew 19:26

But Jesus beheld [them], and said unto them, with men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible.

Because it is impossible for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, it appears impossible for a rich person to get into the Kingdom of Heaven. The disciples were astounded. They thought that if anyone could be saved, it would be the rich, whom their culture considered especially blessed by God. Jesus explained, however, that "with God everything is possible"

Illustration:

I have been told that there was a hole in the wall of Jerusalem called the needles eye, which was guarded by soldiers. After the gates were closed, the only way to get into the city was for a traveler to take all the burdens off of his camel and the camel would have to get down on his knees to crawl through this somewhat small hole.

Is it not true that we must come through the wall to Jesus Christ, by taking off all our burdens and getting down on our knees.

God will strengthen and uphold you.

Isaiah 41:10

Fear thou not; for I [am] with thee: be not dismayed; for I [am] thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness.

Now all believers are God's chosen people, and all share the responsibility of representing him to the world. One day God will bring all his faithful people together.

We need not fear because (1) God is with us ("I am with you"),

(2) God has established a relationship with us ("I am your God"), and

(3) God gives us assurance of his strength, help, and victory over sin and death. Are you aware of all the ways God has helped you?

God's ways are not our ways.

Isaiah 55:8-11

For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith Jehovah. [9] For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.

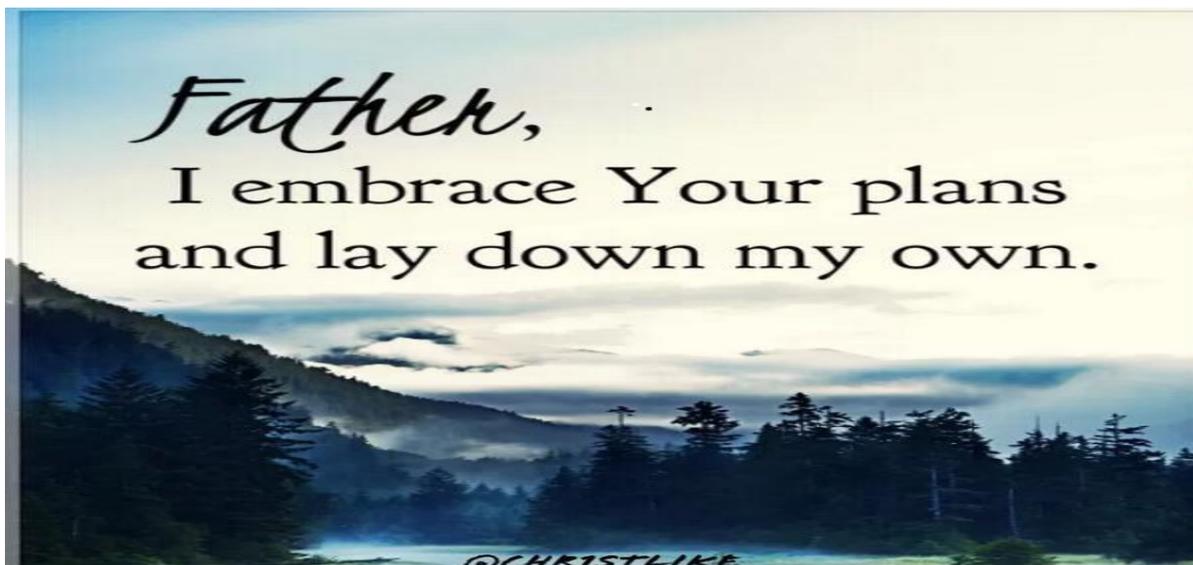
For as the rain cometh down and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, and giveth seed to the sower and bread to the eater;

So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.

Take no thought for the morrow.

Matthew 6:34

Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day [is] the evil thereof.



The Lord directs a man's steps.

Proverbs 16:9

A man's heart deviseth his way: but the LORD directeth his steps.

God holds the breath of all mankind in his hand.

Job 12:10

In whose hand is the soul of every living thing, and the breath of all mankind.

God is governor over his kingdom.

Psalms 22:28

For the kingdom [is] the LORD'S: and he [is] the governor among the nations.

God has done whatsoever he pleases.

Psalms 115:3

But our God [is] in the heavens: he hath done whatsoever he hath pleased.



Ephesians 1:11

In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will:

God's purpose is to offer salvation to the world, just as he planned to do long ago. God is sovereign; he is in charge. When your life seems chaotic, rest in this truth: Jesus is Lord, and God is in control. God's purpose to save you cannot be thwarted.

God made both peace and evil.

Isaiah 45:7

I form the light, and create darkness: I make peace, and create evil: I the LORD do all these things.

Bruce Larson tells how he helped people struggling to surrender their lives to Christ:

For many years I worked in New York City and counseled at my office any number of people who were wrestling with this yes-or-no decision. Often I would suggest they walk with me from my office down to the RCA Building on Fifth Avenue.

In the entrance of that building is a gigantic statue of Atlas, a beautifully proportioned man who, with all his muscles straining, is holding the world upon his shoulders. There he is, the most powerfully built man in the world, and he can barely stand up under this burden. 'Now that's one way to live,' I would point out to my companion, 'trying to carry the world on your shoulders. But now come across the street with me.'

"On the other side of Fifth Avenue is Saint Patrick's Cathedral, and there behind the high altar is a little shrine of the boy Jesus, perhaps eight or nine years old, and with no effort he is holding the world in one hand. My point was illustrated graphically.

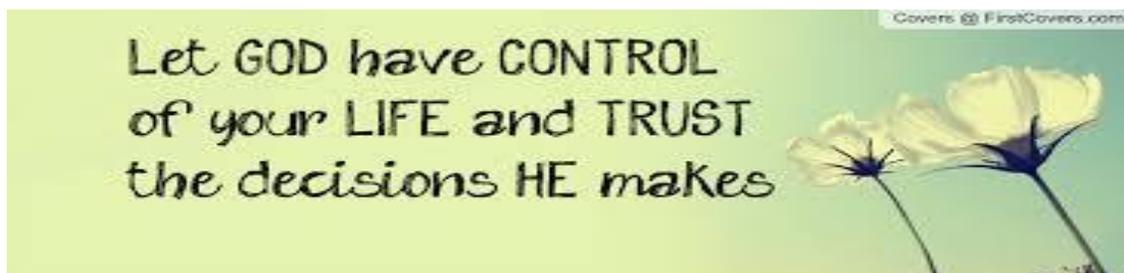
"We have a choice. We can carry the world on our shoulders, or we can say, 'I give up, Lord; here's my life. I give you my world, the whole world.'"

[Bruce Larson, Believe and Belong.](#)

All temptation is common to man.

1 Corinthians 10:13

There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God [is] faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear [it].



All that God has sworn will come to pass.

Isaiah 14:24 The LORD of hosts hath sworn, saying, surely as I have thought, so shall it come to pass; and as I have purposed, [so] shall it stand:

Illustration:

"Prayer is surrender-surrender to the will of God and cooperation with that will. If I throw out a boat hook from the boat and catch hold of the shore and pull, do I pull the shore to me, or do I pull myself to the shore? Prayer is not pulling God to my will, but the aligning of my will to the will of God."

E. Stanley Jones, in *Liberating Ministry from the Success Syndrome*, K Hughes, Tyndale, 1988, p. 73

An invitation is given to open your heart's door to Jesus

Rev. 3:20

Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.

To ask Jesus to come into your heart, please pray this Prayer:

Dear Lord Jesus, I believe you are the Christ, the Son of the Living God. I ask you to forgive me of my sins and coming into my heart. I accept you as savior and will follow you as Lord. Amen.

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