

My Need For Control

Altar Ego #2

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REVIEW OF WEEK 1

Altar: the place where you make a sacrifice, or lay down something before God.

Ego: what we believe (think) about ourselves.

We will lay down our feelings of inadequacy. Why?

- 1) God's View Of You Is Different Than Your View
- 2) God Has Already Given You More Than You Realize
- 3) It's Less About You Than You Think

We Will Lay Down Our Need For _____.

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Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.

Proverbs 3:5-6 (NIV)

CONTROL GONE BAD

Now Sarai, Abram's wife, had borne him no children. But she had an Egyptian servant named Hagar; so she said to Abram, "The Lord has kept me from having children. Go, sleep with my servant; perhaps I can build a family through her."

Abram agreed to what Sarai said. So after Abram had been living in Canaan ten years, Sarai his wife took her Egyptian servant Hagar and gave her to her husband to be his wife. He slept with Hagar, and she conceived.

Genesis 16:1-4

NAME WHAT YOU ARE TRYING TO CONTROL:

Three Questions To Ask About The Area You Are Trying To Control

1. Is It Worth My _____?

"Martha, Martha," the Lord answered, "you are worried and upset about many things, but only one thing is needed. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her."

Luke 10:41-42 (NIV)

2. IS IT MINE TO _____?

Now listen, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go to this or that city, spend a year there, carry on business and make money."

Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow...

James 4:13-14

3. IS IT FOR GOD _____?

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.⁷

And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:6-7

Questions For Discussion During The Week

- What people or circumstances are you trying to control?
- What actions, thoughts, and words of your own might you need to take better control of?
- What will you trust God with, that you cannot do?

**All scriptures from TNIV unless otherwise noted*