

TAKE THE 30-DAY CHALLENGE

Make a commitment from **January 1 through January 31, 2023** to **GROW IN FAITH** by reading the devotional by **Max Lucado: God Is With You Every Day.**

BREAKTHROUGH...

Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. James 5:14-15

Join with us to pray

for those that have requested prayer. We believe that "the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick and the Lord will raise him up."

PRAY FOR OUR MISSIONS TEAM...

scheduled to go to Ecuador in February.



- 1 That God will use their gifts to encourage the church.
- 2 That God's preached word will break down barriers.
- 3 That COVID-fear would be dispelled.
- 4 For a fresh outpouring of God's grace and His Spirit.

CONTRIBUTION RECEIPTS...

Thank you for your faithful giving. Contribution receipts will soon be issued. These will be helpful in preparing your 2022 Income Taxes.

Choose

Jan 01 » We've Come This Far By Faith
 Jan 08 » Better over Busy
 Jan 15 » Purpose over Popularity
 Jan 22 » Surrender over Control
 Jan 29 » Prayer over Panic

Prayer REQUESTS

▶ SALVATION

- Walter Miner III Gearen Family Tom M. Stein Family
 Ryan K. Tyler M. Mandy W. Dave. O

▶ HEALTH ISSUES

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Art B. » Health Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Bob Arias » Kidney Issues |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Armando » Back Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Kensey Dunlap » Broken Back |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jean G. » Health Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> George I. » Hospitalized |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Carlos V. » Leukemia | <input type="checkbox"/> Samantha B. » Health Issues |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Karla D. » Cancer Recovery | <input type="checkbox"/> Bob A. » Kidney Cancer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Evelyn K. » Cong. Heart Failure | <input type="checkbox"/> Dave O. » Hospice |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mandy W. » Cancer | <input type="checkbox"/> Christine P. » Bone Cancer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Maggie B. » Chemotherapy | <input type="checkbox"/> Howard P. » Diagnosis Pending |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Merle » Health Issues | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chuck » Hand Injury | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Carlos V. » Health Issues | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Angie & Family » Life Issues | |

METRICS THAT MATTER (01/15/23)

ATTENDANCE ▶ 32 GIVING ▶ \$295 GUESTS ▶ 0
 VOLUNTEERS ▶ 15 DECISIONS FOR CHRIST ▶ 0

Choose

Surrender over Control

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths. Proverbs 3:5-6

What is your span of control?

At work? Are you in charge? Do you delegate?
At home? Does everything have a place?
Over people? Do you micro-manage? Manipulate?

The more we try to control...

The more we are afraid of losing control.
The more we're afraid.
The more we try to control.

Control gets very messy

I want to show you a story about Abram and Sarai. Their names were later changed to Abraham and Sarah.

- One time when Abraham was really afraid for their safety, he lied. He took control. Instead of saying, "This is my wife," he said, "This is my sister." He tried to control the situation.
- The biggest example was though when they were childless and really wanting more than anything else a child. God promised Abraham the most amazing promise, "You will be the father of many nations."
- Sarai did what many of us do. When God's timing was her own, she decided to take control and try to bring about the desired outcome her own way. This is a perfect example of control getting very messy.

Now Sarai, Abram's wife, had borne him no children. She had a female Egyptian servant whose name was Hagar. And Sarai said to Abram, "Behold now, the Lord has prevented me from bearing children. Go in to my servant; it may be that I shall obtain children by

her.” And Abram listened to the voice of Sarai. So, after Abram had lived ten years in the land of Canaan, Sarai, Abram’s wife, took Hagar the Egyptian, her servant, and gave her to Abram her husband as a wife. And he went in to Hagar, and she conceived. And when she saw that she had conceived, she looked with contempt on her mistress. **Genesis 16:1-4**

NAME WHAT YOU ARE TRYING TO CONTROL:




Choose to surrender—Trust God—Rather than Control.

3 QUESTIONS that will help you choose surrender over control

1 Is it worth my concern?

- Pick your battles
- Certain things you can let go


2 Is it mine to control?

- If it is, do something about it
 - Surrendering control is not the same as relinquishing responsibility.
 - Some things God won’t do for you
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3 Is it for God alone?



*do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. **Philippians 4:6-7***



When you try to control what you can’t...**ANXIOUS.**
Give it to God—**PEACE.** What does surrender look like? When you follow Jesus!