

Let It Be

A Lord's Flock General Assembly Topic

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There are areas in our life that we cannot let go: family, work, finances, and our ministry. This controlling attitude stems from our need for security. When we cannot control things, we often feel confused and disturbed. On the other hand, if we surrender everything to God and allow faith to empower us, then we are His true followers.

1. We don't always have the power to control, but we have the power to surrender.

Storm or trouble comes unnoticed. We don't have control over what is going on around us. Thus, we have to live a life of surrender; but it takes faith. God's faithfulness is evident when we live by faith.

It was not easy for Mary when the angel asked her to drop everything about her life. But she responded with **trust in God's purpose** when she said, "**Let it be.**"

We have to learn that there is no such thing as partial surrender. It is either we surrender, or we don't.

2. Why is it hard for us to surrender?

2.1 It is in our **nature** that we want to control.

2.2 Culture dictates our mindset. It tells us to make things happen and that no one else has a say in our lives.

3. Why should we let go & let it be?

3.1 Jesus says that if we cling to our life and try to be in control, we are going to lose it. But if we surrender our life to Him, we will find Him in our life (Lk 9:24).

3.2 If we want to be successful despite the challenges, then we have to surrender our lives to our Lord Jesus Christ.

3.3 We have to let go and let Him take over our life. However, it may be hard if one lacks faith because surrender is rooted in faith. God "is before

all things, and in Him all things hold together" (Col 1:17).

3.4 Surrendering is not just a one-time commitment, but a daily decision.

3.5 When Mary answered, "Let it be", she surrendered her life to God and saw His faithfulness. In the same way, Jesus also set a good example; He learned to let go in the garden of Gethsemane. He could have asked God to take away His suffering, but He did not. Instead, He surrendered.

4. God's promises when we surrender

4.1 God is with us (Lk 1:28) His presence indicates His goodness, faithfulness, kindness, and love.

4.2 When we surrender, God can do more than what we expect. Truly, the Lord cares for us; let us surrender everything to Him (1Ptr 5:7).

Reflection:

1. What is it that we are still trying to control?
2. What is it that God is telling us to surrender to Him?

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