

## Let Go

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Some of us may be confused with what has been happening with our life. Maybe we feel uncomfortable that we do not have control over our life, our children or other people. Mary was in a similar situation when the angel appeared to tell her that she would bear a son. She was confused and agitated because it seemed impossible when she had not had relations with a man. And yet, she said "let it be done to me according to Your will" (Luke 1:26 -38). Just like Mary, we must let go of all our securities and let God have control in order to have peace and eternal life.

### 1. They surrendered and let go.

- 1.1. In the Book of John 12:3, Mary let go of her expensive oil and poured it on Jesus' feet.
- 1.2. In 1Kings 19:19-21, Elisha gave up all he had, and followed Elijah. As a result, he was rewarded with a double anointing.
- 1.3. The four fishermen left their nets and boat or their job security to follow Jesus (Matthew 4:18-22).
- 1.4. In the story of The Prodigal Son, the younger son let go of his past and returned to his father; the older son let go of his resentment (Luke 15:11-32).

### 2. Mary experienced God's goodness and grace when she let go.

- 2.1. **Mary had hopes and dreams.** When an angel appeared before her, she was just a teenage girl. She was going to marry Joseph and have a perfect family life, but the angel said that God had a different plan for her. Similarly, we all have hopes and dreams for our future. Maybe some of these did not happen, and, in fact, the opposite happened. Obviously, God has another plan for us.
- 2.2. **Mary had choices to make.** She had to make a choice between her dreams and God's destiny. She had to make a decision between her plans and God's. We cannot serve two masters. We have a choice to

follow - the narrow road or the wide road. We need to let go of whatever we have planned when God wants us to do something and our plans will succeed (Proverbs 16:1).

### 3. She trusted that her Father had a purpose.

God always has a purpose. Mary let go of Jesus when He went missing in the temple (Luke 2:41). When we surrender to God, our life is not in our hands anymore. There is no partial surrender to God, only total surrender. When we cannot surrender, we do not trust God

### 4. How can we let go?

- 4.1. We need to develop a personal relationship with Jesus. He is always with us.
- 4.2. We pray. When we pray, we cast all our cares to Jesus (1Peter 5:7). God can turn all bad situations into beautiful.
- 4.3. We need to surrender control over everything to Him - our past, our sins, our troubles, our needs (Matthew 16:24-25). Our Father knows all our needs. He will do something for us.

### Conclusion:

God can do way more with our surrender than we can do through our control. His purpose and His plan will happen to us. When we surrender and let Him use us, His faithfulness is forever. Truly, He will give us a life of abundance.

### Reflection:

1. Have you surrendered everything to Him-your time, talent, and treasure?
2. Is there a burden in your heart (relationship, a health issue, fear, hurt) that you can surrender to God?

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