

Who God Is, Is What You Need

Our Omnipotent God's Got You



Talk It Over

Message Summary ...

Obsessing over what we can't control leads to losing grip on what we can and robs us of rest. Trust in God's omnipotence. As we release control to Him, we find true peace and gain control over our lives, just as Jesus demonstrated with Lazarus.

Key Scriptures ...

²⁶ *Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."*

Matthew 19:26 (NIV)

³ *So the sisters sent word to Jesus, "Lord, the one you love is sick."*

⁴ *When he heard this, Jesus said, "This sickness will not end in death. No, it is for God's glory so that God's Son may be glorified through it."*

John 11:3-4 (NIV)

²¹ *"Lord," Martha said to Jesus, "if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²² But I know that even now God will give you whatever you ask."*

John 11:21-22 (NIV)

²⁵ *Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; ²⁶ and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?"*

John 11:25-26 (NIV)

³⁵ *Jesus wept.*

John 11:35 (NIV)

⁴³ *When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" ⁴⁴ The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face.*

John 11:43-44 (NIV)

Start Talking ...

Find a conversation starter for your group.

- What's one area of your life you struggle to release control because you like the way you do it so much more than others (Driving, loading the dishwasher, vacation planning, etc.)?
- Watch this week's Sermon Refresh: [Here](#) (Available Mondays)

Start Thinking ...

Ask a question to get your group thinking.

- Please read the Key Scriptures on the [left](#).
- What do you think the story of Lazarus in John 11 teaches us about God's power and our need to trust Him?

Start Sharing ...

Choose a question(s) to create openness.

- Can you share a time when you felt like you were trying to control something that was out of your hands? How did it affect you?
- How can we practice releasing control to God in our daily lives, especially when we feel anxious or overwhelmed?
- What's something going on in your life right now that you need to give over control to God?

Start Praying ...

Heavenly Father, we come before You, acknowledging our tendency to hold onto control. Help us release our anxieties and trust in Your omnipotence. May we find peace in Your power and live with faith, knowing our lives are secure in Your hands. Amen.

Start Doing ...

This week, challenge yourself to identify one area where you feel the need to control. Each day, take a moment to pray and consciously release that area to God, trusting in His power and plan. Journal your thoughts and any changes you notice in your peace and perspective.

Commented [HL1]: one situation? one thing going on in your life?