

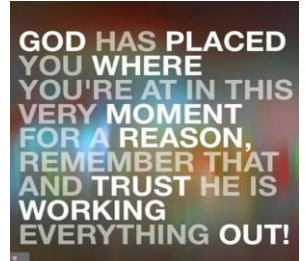


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## LET GO OF THE WHEEL

### Let God Drive

Letting Go and letting God is a phrase that is heard often throughout the Christian community, but it is one of the most problematic actions for humans to take, especially during difficult times in our lives. Letting go and letting God is indeed the path that leads to true freedom.



However, God will never shove a Blessing down your throat. We might be so tied up in the world working in our careers, taking care of family, self-medicating past wounds, worrying about – Fill in the Blank (money, spouse, children, happiness, success, etc.), that we may never see the answer. Many times to our dismay, God has placed that answer right in front of our eyes. We are so tied up in the activity of fixing whatever ails our hearts, that we have left no room in our hearts for God.

Many times, we find ourselves in situations where we are manipulating others, forcing an agenda that is selfish, or just controlling a situation. An extreme example of this type of thinking is found in a person I know who believes she can control the weather for outdoor events she attends. Talk about manipulation, domination and false sense of supremacy. Needless to say, this kind of behavior leads to emptiness, loneliness, and even anger.

In 2005, Carrie Underwood gave us an interesting clue to answer such a lonely life in the following words found in a hit song:

“Jesus, take the wheel  
Take it from my hands  
'Cause I can't do this on my own  
I'm letting go  
So give me one more chance - And save me from this road I'm on.”



The answers to the dilemma of living the dream that we think we should live and living the dream that God has planned for us is interesting. It begins with a concept of letting God drive our lives. It has to do with surrender to God, being quiet in His presence and actually listening to what the Holy Spirit is telling us to do.

Let us pay close attention to Scripture and our presentation. May God bless us with His Wisdom, His Work and the wherewithal to complete the specific mission given to each one of us. Amen. And AMEN.



### **Psalms 62:6-9 God is our Life**

My soul, be at rest in God alone, from whom comes my hope.  
God alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not fall.  
My deliverance and honor are with God, my strong rock; my refuge is with God.  
Trust God at all times, my people!  
Pour out your hearts to God our refuge!

**Phillipians 3:13-14 Eyes on the Prize**

Brothers, I for my part do not consider myself to have taken possession (of maturity). Just one thing: forgetting what lies behind but straining forward to what lies ahead,

I continue my pursuit toward the goal, the prize of God's upward calling, in Christ Jesus.

**Revelations 3:8 Go Always With God**

I know your works, behold, I have left an open door before you, which no one can close. You have limited strength, and yet you have kept my word and have not denied my name.

The Word of the Lord.



**Catechism**

**#314 Opportunities to Trust in God**

We firmly believe that God is master of the world and of its history. But the ways of his providence are often unknown to us. Only at the end, when our partial knowledge ceases, when we see God "face to face", will we fully know the ways by which - even through the dramas of evil and sin - God has guided his creation to that definitive sabbath rest for which he created heaven and earth.

**#154 Free Will to Believe or Not in God's Plan**

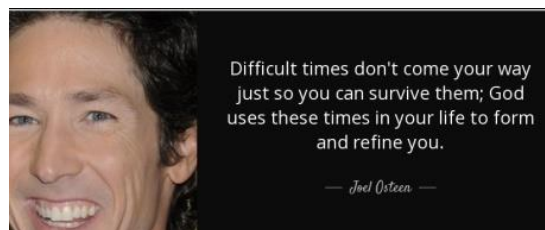
Believing is possible only by grace and the interior helps of the Holy Spirit. But it is no less true that believing is an authentically human act. Trusting in God and cleaving to the truths he has revealed is contrary neither to human freedom nor to human reason. Even in human relations it is not contrary to our dignity to believe what other persons tell us about themselves and their intentions, or to trust their promises (for example, when a man and a woman marry) to share a communion of life with one another. If this is so, still less is it contrary to our dignity to "yield by faith the full submission of. . . intellect and will to God who reveals", and to share in an interior communion with him.



**155 Let Go and Let God**

In faith, the human intellect and will cooperate with divine grace: "Believing is an act of the intellect assenting to the divine truth by command of the will moved by God through grace."

**Modern Comment**  
**Joel Osteen – Let Go and Let God**  
Elevate: Living at the Next Level



**Focus Questions:**

1. Can you recall a time when your prayer was not answered and you *Thanked God!* ?

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2. What part of Joel's message spoke most clearly to you?

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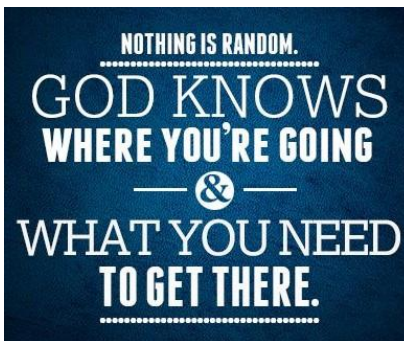
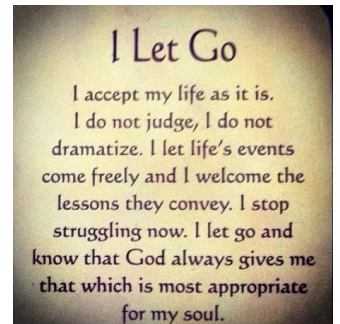
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3. Why do we find it so difficult to Let Go and Let God?

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**Act of Contrition**

Oh my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended thee, and I detest all my sins not merely because of the loss of Heaven and the pains of Hell, but most of all because they offended thee my God who art all good and deserving of all my love.

I firmly resolve with the help of thy grace to confess my sins, do penance, and amend my life. Amen

Let the one who thirsts come forward, and the one who wants it receive the gift of life-giving water.

Revelations 22:17  
May God Bless You.  
St. Hilary Men's Group



## A Prayer for Recommitment to Christ

Precious Lord Jesus, I recommit my life to you.

I recommit my life to you because you keep calling me to your side.

O, Lord Jesus, I so often fail you.

Precious Lord, I am weak and I fall down but I cannot change on my own.

Yet, even in my falling down, I can hear your tender voice calling me to come back to you.

In the times of my life when I have turned away from you and I seek to live just for myself, I can feel your gentle nudge upon my heart to come near you again.

I am grieved Lord.

I am grieved for I turned away from you and I did not think about you.

I walked away from you because I thought of myself and my needs before I thought of you.

Now, I recommit my life to you because you still love me, even when I have turned away from you.

Now, I recommit my life to you because you forgive me so quickly I can hardly say I am sorry before I feel your arms wrapped around me in forgiving love.

To you I give all praise, honor, and glory.

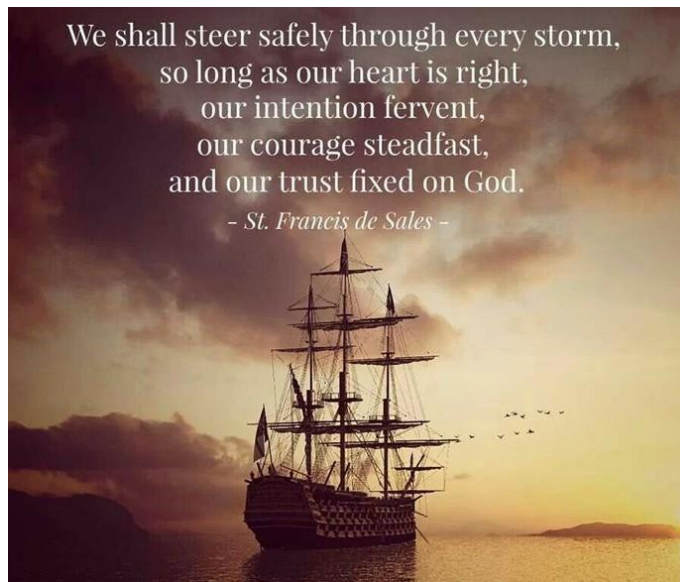
In the name of God the Father, Jesus Christ the Son, and the Holy Spirit who lives within me and touches me,

Amen



We shall steer safely through every storm,  
so long as our heart is right,  
our intention fervent,  
our courage steadfast,  
and our trust fixed on God.

- St. Francis de Sales -





Lord, God and Savior, by your love you draw me to yourself. Forgive me – the sinner that I am, and fill me with every good thing, not withholding even the gift of your most beloved son. Come dwell in my heart.

Send forth your Holy Spirit to guide me in your path. Make me worthy of your love, and teach me how to forgive as you forgave.

Thank you for your tender mercies. I ask you to Bless my family, friends and those who I meet on this path. Where there is joy, give them continued joy. Where there is pain or sorrow, give them your peace and mercy. Where there is self-doubt, give them a renewed confidence. Fill their every need with your Holy Grace.

You are indeed my Lord, God and Savior.  
Amen. And AMEN.



### Men's Group Calendar

<b>8/26/2017</b>	Leadership Meeting	8 AM Sacred Heart Library
<b>9/9/2017</b>	<b>Men's Group</b>	<b>7 AM Mass</b>
<b>9/23/2017</b>	Leadership Meeting	8 AM Sacred Heart Library
<b>10/14/2017</b>	<b>Men's Group</b>	<b>7 AM Mass</b>



A Man who never quits is Never Defeated.  
We are ordinary men who labor for Christ.



**Anxiety is the greatest evil that can befall a soul, except sin.  
God commands you to pray, but He forbids you to worry.**

— St. Francis de Sales

**ACTION PLAN**

This week I will do my best to listen to God's will in my life by:

Creating a daily prayer practice

Seeking God in prayer and being quiet in His presence

Recommitting my Soul to the Holy Spirit as God intends

Asking Jesus for help in becoming a better servant



Jesus wants us to make choices that reflect His presence in our hearts.

Life constantly presents us with opportunities to choose to love and serve one another.

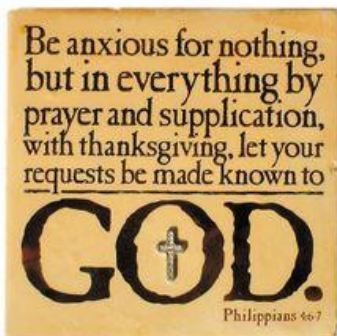
It is not about us.

It is about reaching out in love.

Go to the Author of Life often.

**“Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them.”**

Mark 11:24



**You are God's representative on Earth. When you Bless and encourage the people in your life, you are revealing God's love for them.**