



# CHOICES

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## TAKING CONTROL

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## THREE QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER WHEN CHOOSING TO SURRENDER OR TAKE CONTROL

- #1 – Is it \_\_\_\_\_ ?
- #2 – Is it \_\_\_\_\_ ?
- #3 – Is this \_\_\_\_\_ ?

## WHAT IS GOD SAYING TO ME TODAY?

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# TALK IT OVER TOGETHER

*Here's how to process this week's message together with your friends and family!*

## HERE ARE SOME QUESTIONS TO HELP YOU PROCESS THE MESSAGE:

*Start talking. Find a conversation starter.*

- If you could actually have full control over something, what would it be?
- Who rules the TV remote in your house?

*Start thinking. Ask questions to get your group thinking.*

- Even if you've read Proverbs 3:5-6, read it again like you've never seen it before. How is this Scripture inconsistent with culture?
- Why do you think we tend to naturally choose control over surrender?

*Start sharing. Choose questions that create openness.*

- In which areas of your life are you most controlling: family, work, money, friendships, or something else? How does this impact people you care about?
- Talk about the last time you felt completely out of control. What did you learn?
- Reflect on Abraham and Sarai's story from Genesis 16:1-4. Have you ever tried taking God's plans into your own hands? How did that turn out?
- Share a past or present experience where you've given God your trust. How are you practically doing this? What does it look like to give this to God?

## TAKING THE NEXT STEPS

What's one area of your life you need to stop controlling?

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### TAKE A MOMENT TO REFLECT & PRAY:

*Jesus, we've been trying to run our lives like we know better than You. Forgive us. Holy Spirit we invite You to loosen our grip on control. Father, we surrender our family, our finances, our work, to You. Amen.*

## SCRIPTURES TO FOCUS ON THIS WEEK

*"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to [God], and he will make your paths straight." Proverbs 3:5-6*