



Discussion Questions
Sermon title: The Fear of Losing Control
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Let's Talk

1. What do you think of the whole idea of "New Year's Resolutions"? What helps you most to set a goal and then achieve it?

Let's Dig

1. What is one thing Pastor Dale said that you want to discuss?
2. Have you ever been in a situation where you were out of control to the degree that it really scared you? What made it worse? What helped most?
3. Do you like to control the people and circumstances around you? Why is that important to you?
4. Does the idea of giving control over to God scare you or reassure you? Why?
5. What do you think of how the Israelites responded to feeling out of control? How did they treat, Moses, each other and God? How do you think you would have responded?
6. Victor Frankl created the equation "D = S-M" (Despair = Suffering Without Meaning). What do you think of that understanding of life?
7. Purpose is essential to joy in life. What is your purpose? Why? What impact has that purpose made upon your life?
8. Read 1 Samuel 17. Verse 47 states, ".....the battle is the LORD'S." What impact does it make to know that our difficult times are often the Lord's battle, not ours?
9. What impact does it make to realize that a major struggle in your life is actually God's battle and He will work to accomplish His glory?
10. What did you learn from the story of Don Ortiz and his response to being in prison? What is your daily purpose as one who is free?

Let's Act

1. Most of us have people we know that are experiencing a difficult time right now. Do something simple, practical and loving this week to encourage them to realize that God is with them, fighting for them, and will display his glory in their situation.

For Next Week

1. Next week's sermon is titled, "Conquering the Fear of the Devil." Pastor Dale Hummel will be speaking. Jill Fox will speak at The Gathering.
2. To prepare please read Exodus 14:5-9 and pages 31 - 41 of "Red Sea Rules."

