



DGM Message Summary: Let It Go

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Opening Remarks (for Greet):

- there seem to be a lot of folks hanging in there holding on by a thread
- you'll leave renewed

Key Points:

- II Corinthians 1:8 (ESV)
 - If we are really brothers and sisters in Christ, we have to be honest with one another about what we're going through
 - We all struggle in life
 - No one knows what happened to Paul in Asia, but we do know about the impact
 - For every step Paul took forward, he was knocked back three and he was growing frustrated; refers to it in scripture as thorn in his flesh ("burned beyond measure"; like a crushed aluminum can underneath a foot)
 - Paul wasn't a quitter; his resume hadn't been touched. In fact, he was loved and favored by God, but stood helpless in this particular situation. The events were so tough they didn't really see life as a worthwhile endeavor.
- II Corinthians 11:24 (ESV)
 - Paul was beaten by the Jews 5 times! 3 times with rods! 1 time with stones! 3 times shipwrecked
 - Verse 27
 - He also knew what it was like to toil and work hard! Being frustrated, which causes him to toss and turn all night. Hunger and thirst...etc...
- Back to II Corinthians 1:8 (ESV)
 - The anointing of God will NOT exempt you from process, no matter how strong God's hand is on your life; there are things he has to take you through to develop you!
 - In life, we are in process. As powerful as God is in our lives, we have to continue to submit to that process.
- Matthew 27:37

- Re: Crucifixion of Jesus (titulus on the way to cross)
- Back to II Corinthians 1:8 (ESV)
 - Paul felt back a dead-man walking and couldn't avoid harm, no matter where he went
 - He didn't want to be healed anymore; death was more appealing.
 - But, Paul had finally gotten to the place where the spirit could finally show him something!
 - We should not trust in ourselves. Sometimes, our pain is how God breaks our misplaced trust.
- Common advice: When you get to the end of your rope, tie a knot and hold on!

Bishop's advice: When you get to the end of your rope, let go!

- Our rope is not long or strong enough to get to where God wants to take us
- Let go and let god in those moments do what only God can do! Our sin is as strong as our stubbornness. When we let go, that's when God can do what he wants to do in our life!
- In order to really experience a God that raises the dead, you have to die!
- Some ideas, people, places and things must be let go of if they aren't working
- We worship a God who raises the dead, so sometimes, things gotta die! Don't put fertilizer on them or endure the agony.
- When you finally get over yourself and say "I can't," God says "I can" and you step into the kind of power Paul experienced on his occasion where he let go!
- Our job is not to figure it out; it's just to trust him!
 - Don't waste nights trying to figure out how God's gotta fix things by morning
 - Stop trusting in our ability
- I Peter 5:6 (ESV)
 - It's not the situation, but how you react to it that determines if it gets bitter or better
 - The more quickly we bend, the better it goes
 - Tiredness isn't necessarily a result of your schedule; it's all the energy you're exerting trying to get something accomplished
 - We must humble ourselves so the rider (God) can take control and gets us to the place where we need to be
 - If you really believe God has put you in a place, surrender and let it be! (AAA prayer)
 - There are some things we can't change! But we have to know what things we can change and the wisdom to know the difference
- Humble yourself so God can exalt you in due season
 - The change in season is connected to humility, and not circumstance
 - Due time is not a calendar event, but a character event!
 - When you finally let go and give it to God, your due time is coming
- I Peter 5:7 (ESV)
 - The proof of humility is letting go!
 - Proud people are upset, angry, frustrated; always mad at somebody! Control freaks!
 - The moment you let go and let God, your miracle will become due because due time is not based on a calendar, but character!

- According to scripture, if you're worrying, you haven't humbled yourself just yet.
 - Definition of humility: when you finally look at your situation and say I don't care anymore; casting all your cares upon him because you know he really cares for you (and he DEFINITELY DOESN'T need you looking over his shoulder)
 - God said to Peter, "Upon this rock, I will build a church..."
 - Too many of us are trying to do it all on our own (i.e. paying bills, fixing marriages, fixing businesses, etc)
- Philippians 4:6-7
 - "Be anxious for nothing..."
 - In other words, after you pray about it, LET IT GO!
 - Worrying about people or things is pride. Humility says I don't care; I'm gonna be alright because God's got me.
 - People's emotional state shouldn't always impact you
 - "And the peace of God..."
 - When you really give it to God, God really gives you peace!
 - I don't know how God's going to fix, but I have a feeling everything's gonna be alright.
- God is trying to protect our easily broken hearts and minds
 - When we give it to God in prayer, he'll give us a peace we can't figure out
 - It's a joy only God can give and the world can't take away!
- LET GO AND LET GOD!