

ALTAR EGO - Part 2 of 3 My Need for Control February 8, 2015

WE MUST LAY DOWN OUR NEED FOR CONTROL

"Trust in the Lord with <u>some of your heart</u> and lean on your <u>own understanding</u>. In <u>some of your ways</u>, acknowledge him, and <u>you will make your paths straight</u>." Proverbs 3:5-6 CFV

CONTROL GONE BAD

"Now Sarai, Abram's wife, had borne him no children. But she had an Egyptian maidservant named Hagar;² so she said to Abram, 'The Lord has kept me from having children. Go, sleep with my maidservant; perhaps <u>I can build a family</u> <u>through her</u>.' Abram agreed to what Sarai said.³ So after Abram had been living in Canaan ten years, Sarai his wife took her Egyptian maidservant Hagar and gave her to her husband to be his wife.⁴ He slept with Hagar, and she conceived." Genesis 16:1-4

NAME WHAT YOU ARE TRYING TO CONTROL:

• IS IT WORTH MY CONCERN?

"'Martha, Martha, 'the Lord answered, 'you are worried and upset about many things, ⁴² but only one thing is needed. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her." Luke 10:41-42

• IS IT MINE TO CONTROL?

"Now listen, you who say, 'Today or tomorrow we will go to this or that city, spend a year there, carry on business and make money."¹⁴ Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow..." James 4:13-14

• IS IT FOR GOD ALONE?

"Do not be anxious about <u>anything</u>, but in <u>everything</u>, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, <u>present your</u> <u>requests to God</u>.⁷ And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:6-7

"...[Abraham] went over and took the ram and sacrificed it as a burnt offering instead of his son.¹⁴ So Abraham called that place <u>The Lord Will Provide</u>..." Genesis 22:13-14