

MY NEXT STEP TODAY IS:

- I will memorize **1 Chronicles 29:11 (LB)**
- I will accept Christ for the first time
- I will join the New Life church family
- I will sign up for Small Group Leader training
- I will look for purpose in my pain
- I will place a prayer sheet on my problems



Small Group Training QR Code

Join us on our **Prayer Line** by calling (712)832-7030. Enter access code, 1919#. The prayer line is **open daily from 6am-7am CST.**

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Saturday
6:00pm

Sunday
11:00am

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Connection Card



Giving Code

The Benefits of God Being in Control

UNDERSTANDING GOD

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MEMORY VERSE: *"Yours is the mighty power and glory and victory and majesty. Everything in the heavens and earth is yours, O Lord, and this is your kingdom. We adore you as being in control of everything."*

1 Chronicles 29:11 (LB)

GOD'S "SOVEREIGNTY":

- Over nature (**Psalm 148:8; Isaiah 45:12**)
- Over history (**Isaiah 14:26-27; Isaiah 46:10-11**)
- Over our lives

Examples:

- When you were born and where (**Acts 17:26**)
- How long you will live (**Job 14:5**)
- What natural talents you have (**Exodus 31:1-3**)

God gives you the freedom to choose how you respond, but you do not have control over your total life.

HOW GOD'S CONTROL AFFECTS ME

1. BECAUSE GOD IS IN CONTROL MY _____

HAVE A _____.

"Many are the plans in a person's heart, but it is the Lord's purpose that prevails." **Proverbs 19:21 (NIV)**

"We may make our plans, but God has the last word."

Proverbs 16:1 (GNB)

Wrong attitude: *"Look here, you who say, Today or tomorrow we are going to a certain town and will stay there a year. We will do business there and make a profit. How do you know what your life will be like tomorrow? Your life is like the morning fog—it's here a little while, then it's gone. What you ought to say is, If the Lord wants us to, we will live and do this or that."* **James 4:13–15 (NLT)**

Right attitude: *"We should make plans—counting on God to direct us."* **Proverbs 16:9 (LB)**

ACTION: ALLOW GOD TO _____ YOUR PLANS.

**2. BECAUSE GOD IS IN CONTROL MY _____
HAVE A _____.**

"So be truly glad! There is wonderful joy ahead, even though the going is rough for a while down here. These trials are only to test your faith, to see whether or not it is strong and pure. It is being tested as fire tests gold and purifies it—and your faith is far more precious to God than mere gold; so if your faith remains strong after being tried in the test tube of fiery trials, it will bring you much praise and glory and honor on the day of his return."

1 Peter 1:6–7 (LB)

Job's Response: *"I came naked from my mother's womb, he said, and I shall have nothing when I die. The Lord gave me everything I had, and they were his to take away. Blessed be the name of the Lord."* **Job 1:21 (LB)**

Joseph's Response: *"As far as I am concerned, God turned into good what you meant for evil, for he brought me to this high position I have today so that I could save the lives of many people."* **Genesis 50:20 (LB)**

**ACTION: MY RESPONSE IS TO LOOK PAST THE PAIN AND
REMEMBER GOD NEVER WASTES A _____.**

"For this reason we never become discouraged. Even though our physical being is gradually decaying, yet our spiritual being is renewed day after day. And this small and temporary trouble we suffer will bring us a tremendous and eternal glory, much greater than the trouble." **2 Corinthians 4:16–17 (GNB)**

**3. BECAUSE GOD IS IN CONTROL MY _____
HAVE AN _____.**

"Now glory be to God, who by his mighty power at work within us is able to do far more than we would ever dare to ask or even dream of—ininitely beyond our highest prayers, desires, thoughts, or hopes." **Ephesians 3:20 (LB)**

"This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know that he hears us—whatever we ask—we know that we have what we asked of him." **1 John 5:14–15 (NIV)**

ACTION: _____ YOUR PRAYERS DOWN.