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## **Sermon Resources**

Sermon: The Idol of Control



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## WHAT DO I NEED TO KNOW?

Genesis 16:1-4; Luke 10:41-42; James 4:13-14; Philippians 4:6-7

IS IT WORTH MY CONCERN?

IS IT MINE TO CONTROL?

IS IT FOR GOD ALONE?

*(SERMON IN A SENTENCE)* When you allow God to have the throne of your heart, you will know Him as Jehovah Jireh, which means "The Lord will provide."

## **MEMORY VERSE**

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. - Philippians 4:6

## WHAT DO I NEED TO ASK?

(Icebreaker) Ice Breaker: In what weird (ie. funny) area of life are you strangely a control freak?

What stood out to you from the message? How were you challenged?

What areas of life do you tend to struggle with giving up control?

Read Proverbs 3:5-6, James 4:13-16, James 1:22, and Psalm 56:3-4. How do these passages challenge your need for control?

Why do you think the desire to be in control is such a struggle for so many people?

How has your desire for power and control affected your life?

What steps do you need to take to help you trust more in God and less in yourself?

What will you trust God with that you cannot do?