

TOPIC: SURRENDER

REFLECTIONS OF GOD'S GRACE BIBLE STUDY

I'm Letting Go

Music has always been an important part of my life. Yesterday I heard "Lift Me Up" by The Afters. When they sang in the chorus, "Your love catches me so I'm letting go," sweet memories of my dad came to mind. I pictured a little girl with pigtails standing on a high porch and a daddy standing on the ground looking up at his girl, saying, "Come on and jump ... I will catch you." No matter how many times this happened, I always knew that if I jumped, Daddy would catch me. I trusted him, and he always caught me. He never let me down. As I got older, I may not have been jumping off a porch into his arms, but I knew I could trust him if I needed help with anything life threw at me. When I became an adult, there were many times I would talk to Daddy about a problem or a situation. He would never tell me what to do but would always offer suggestions of how he would handle it. It was always my decision to make. Sometimes I made the right decision and things fell into place; sometimes I didn't, but even then, Daddy loved me and he would do everything he could to help me recover from the bad decision.

Our heavenly Father wants us to trust Him just like I trusted my dad when I would jump off the porch into his arms. God wants us to let go and allow His loving arms to catch us. He wants us to fully surrender our lives to Him. We can trust Him to catch us. He will never miss or drop us. And just like my dad would give me suggestions to problems I was facing, God will give us direction. He will lead us where we should go, but He doesn't force His will on us. It is still our decision to make on whether we will follow His direction. If we choose to go our own way or follow our own will, He will still love us and will be there to gently guide us back into His will when we repent and help us recover from the mess we made. Today I want to let go of everything holding me back and trust Him with my life completely. I want to jump off the porch and into His arms. I want to heed His call and His direction for my life, and live in the center of His perfect will. I hope that is your desire as well.

Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust and not be afraid; for the LORD JEHOVAH is my strength and my song. He also is become my salvation.

(Isaiah 12:2)

**Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on thee, because he trusteth in thee. (Isaiah 26:3)
Blessed is the man that trusteth in the LORD, and whose hope the LORD is.**

(Jeremiah 17:7)

The LORD is good, a strong hold in the day of trouble; and he knoweth them that trust in him.

(Nahum 1:7)

The meek will he guide in judgment; and the meek will he teach his way.

(Psalm 25:9)

And thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, This is the way, walk ye in it, when ye turn to the right hand, and when ye turn to the left.

(Isaiah 30:21)

DEVOTIONAL STUDY FORM

Date:

Scripture Passage:

Step 1: **Prayer for Insight**

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Step 2: **Meditation**

Six ways to meditate on a verse:

1. **PICTURE IT!** Visualize the scene in your mind.
2. **PRONOUNCE IT!** Say the verse aloud, each time emphasizing a different word.
3. **PARAPHRASE IT!** Rewrite the verse in your own words.
4. **PERSONALIZE IT!** Replace the pronouns or people in the verse with your own name.
5. **PRAY IT!** Turn the verse into a prayer and say it back to God.
6. **PROBE IT!** Ask the following nine questions:

Step 3: **Application**

Is there a...

SIN TO CONFESS?

PROMISE TO KEEP?

ATTITUDE TO CHANGE?

COMMAND TO KEEP?

EXAMPLE TO FOLLOW?

PRAYER TO PRAY?

ERROR TO AVOID?

TRUTH TO BELIEVE?

SOMETHING TO THANK GOD FOR?

Step Four: **Memorization** (What verse will I memorize?)

Verse: