



WEEK THREE: Let Him Do It – Study Guide

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Fully committing your life to Christ can be trying. Especially in the areas where we aren't sure what would happen if we'd let go and give God control. When we choose to commit our lives and will to Christ, our situations may not necessarily change. However, trusting God to shape and mold us in becoming more like Jesus every day will allow us to fulfill His will for our lives.

Where Am I Today?

- 1) Commitment takes a lot of things: time, energy, discipline, and focus. The list could go on. Is there something you are fully committed to doing right now? How's it going, and how's it impacting your life?

Into the Bible

- 2) When we fight commitment, it's because we follow our own will. We fight to be in a position where we want to be, rather than seeking where God wants us to be. Jesus gives us great insight on this in **Luke 14:7-24**. Read those verses and then answer the following questions: What was the significance of seating arrangements? What was Jesus communicating to the Pharisees?

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- 3) Read **Proverbs 11:2** and **Matthew 5:5**. What two contrasts does Solomon give between pride and humility? What does Jesus say about meekness?

- 4) Consciously committing your life to God is a process. It doesn't happen overnight, but rather throughout our entire lifetime. When we allow God to have control of our lives, it breaks us out of our patterns of sin. Read **Philippians 2:12-13**. What do these two verses tell us to do with our salvation and what does it say about will?

How Does This Apply?

- 5) In one of the parables Jesus gave, it wasn't that the excuses each person gave were bad things to do, but that each one of their excuses was more important to them than being with God. What are some excuses you use at times, or may currently be using, for not following Christ in a particular area of your life?

- 6) A major hindrance to becoming unstuck from sin is pride. Pride blinds us into thinking that we're in control and that we don't need God to experience change. Like Proverbs tells us, our pride may bring us comfort for a season, but it's merely the bait that sinks the hook deep into our lives and causes us to become steeped in our own distractions and sin. How have you let pride creep into your life, either in the past or currently? What was the end result?

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- 7) When we entrust our sin and distractions to Christ, everything may not change on the outside right away, but God definitely changes us on the inside. Our commitment begins to allow God to shed some light into areas of our lives where we need to let go. What may be some areas in your life you like to control and may not be ready to fully commit to Christ?

Continue Learning on Your Own

- 8) Jesus is the greatest example that we can look to regarding what humility and commitment look like. Read **Philippians 2:2-11**. In these verses, what does a life of humility look like, and how did Jesus model this for us?

If you haven't recently asked yourself whether or not you have pride in your life, take a look at these questions:

Do you seek a lot of attention? Do you want people to recognize your achievements?

Do you struggle with people's success? Are you the person who always needs to win?

Do you have a hard time getting along with people when things don't go your way?