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## Me: The Control Freak

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<sup>6</sup> Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take.

*Proverbs 3:5-6 (NLT)*

**THE CYCLE:** The more I try to control, the more I **FEAR LOSING** control. And the more control **SLIPS THROUGH MY FINGERS**, the more of a **CONTROL FREAK** I become.

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√ When I modify God's plan, I will always get **MODIFIED RESULTS**.

What are you trying to control? \_\_\_\_\_

## Questions For Us Control Freaks:

### 1. Is it worth my **WORRY**?

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*Luke 10:41-42 (GW)*

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### 2. Is it **MINE** to **CONTROL**?

<sup>13</sup> Pay attention to this! You're saying, "Today or tomorrow we will go into some city, stay there a year, conduct business, and make money."

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*James 4:13-14 (GW)*

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### 3. Is **JESUS AT THE CENTER**?

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*Philippians 4:6-7 (MSG)*

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