

## **"It's Time To Let Go And Let God" - Zanga Schutte, August 17, 2025**

### **This Means,**

- 1. Surrendering Control:** It involves acknowledging that we can't control everything and choosing to trust God's plan instead of relying solely on our own understanding or efforts.
- 2. Trusting God's Guidance:** It means believing that God has a purpose for our lives and that His way is ultimately better, even if it's not what we initially expected or desired.
- 3. Active Faith:** It's not about passivity or doing nothing. It's about actively trusting God while taking steps of faith based on His leading.
- 4. Finding Peace:** By letting go of worry and anxiety, and placing our trust in God, we can experience a sense of peace and rest.
- 5. Allowing Christ To Lead:** We continue to resist him when he is trying to lead us?

We don't trust him and we don't want to leave our safe zone . . . **But Without taking that step,** Christ can't lead us. So here we go . . . **"Let Go And Let God"**

**Trust: Proverbs 3:5-6 says,** Trust in The Lord with all our heart and lean not on our own understanding, in all our ways, ex knowledge him and He will direct our path.

**Notes:** This is a truth straight from the bible. Our problem is, do we believe this? -It's time for us to **Let Go and Let God** and take our godly role for which God has predestined. It's our choice. God sent his only son to set the example for us to follow. Are we following his example?

**Take up your cross: Matthew 16:24 NIV** Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ."

**Notes:** His word says that whoever wants to follow him must pick up his cross. NIV "Taking up your cross" is a metaphor for accepting the difficulties and challenges that come with following Jesus. It means being willing to endure suffering, persecution, or personal sacrifice for the sake of faith. It's a symbol of the commitment to follow him, even if it means facing hardships. Sometimes that cross feels heavy and we want to give up. **Don't.** Through those times is when we start to see him clearer. The heaviest cross to bear was at Calvary, and Jesus Christ carried that one.

**On The Cross: 1 Peter 2:24 NIV** "**He himself bore our sins**" in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; "**by his wounds you have been healed.**"

**Notes:** He took every sin and burden that we could ever imagine and nailed it to the cross.

**Isaiah 53:5 NIV** But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed.

**Forgiveness: Luke 23:34a NIV** Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing . . ."

**Notes:** And then through all the pain and agony that he endured, Jesus said to the father, forgive them for they do not know what they do.

**It Is Done: John 19:30 NIV** When he had received the drink, Jesus said, "It is finished." With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

**Matthew 27:51a NIV** At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom.

**Now We Have Direct Access To The Father, The Son And The Holy Spirit!**

Notes: The curtain separating the Holy Place from the Most Holy Place was torn in two from top to bottom at Jesus' death, symbolizing that the barrier between God and humanity was removed. Now we can freely approach God because of what Jesus did for us. Those who believe in Jesus' death and resurrection can live eternally with God and escape the penalty that comes from sin. Through prayer, we can approach God openly and honestly.

**Jesus The Great High Priest: Hebrews 4:14-16 NIV** <sup>14</sup> Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess.

<sup>15</sup> For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are---yet he did not sin. <sup>16</sup> Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

Notes: Jesus identifies with us because he experienced a full range of temptations throughout his life as a human being. We can be comforted knowing that Jesus faced all our temptations and can sympathize with us. We can be encouraged because he did not give in to sin and thus shows us that we can overcome the seductive lure of temptation. Every time we resist temptation, we become more like Jesus.

**Closing: Some Words of Wisdom: Proverbs 27:17 NIV** As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another.

Notes: God doesn't always give us the people we want-He gives us the ones we need. Some will build us. Some will break us. Some will walk with us. And some will walk away. But every person God allows into our life... serves a purpose. To teach us. To test us. To stretch our heart. And to lead us closer to the person He's shaping us to become. Not everyone is meant to stay forever. Some are here to plant the seed. Others are here to water it. But only God brings the growth. So don't be bitter about who left-Be grateful for how God used them to strengthen us. It wasn't random. It was intentional.

**"Let Go And Let God" Amen and Amen**