Wednesday Devotional

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Scripture: John 12: 24

Dying For Control By: Dr. Charles Stanley

Does your life ever feel completely out of control? Like a car hydroplaning down a slick highway – the more you put on the brakes, the worse your slide.

Certainly it's human to want to be in charge of our lives – to steer our course with our own wisdom. This is why when God works to break us of this need for control through our circumstances, it's so difficult. He takes us out of the driver's seat and forces us to be passengers on the journey. And He keeps the pressure on until we confess we just cannot manage anymore. We have given it our best, and it wasn't enough – so we're ready to let go.

As you see from today's verse, this is exactly where your gracious Savior wants you. He wants you to die to your sense of control so that He can live through you.

You cannot accomplish in the flesh what only He can do through His resurrection power. But for Him to live through you, you have to give up. So stop fretting. Release control of the wheel and let Him drive.

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