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LAW #4: The Law of LETTING GO

(If you're ready to let go and let God, here's how)

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"The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not be in want. He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he restores my soul. He guides me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever." (Psalm 23; NIV)

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LAW #1: Everyone wears a lifejacket. No exceptions!

LAW #2: Hold onto the rope, lean back, let the boat do the lifting.

LAW #3: Keep your knees bent; the water gets rough without warning.

LAW #4: When you fall, let go of the rope; we will come back for you.

The 4 Great Fears

The fear of being alone.

The fear of obsolescence.

The fear of a wasted life.

The fear of abandonment.

"Sing to God, sing praise to his name, . . . A FATHER TO THE FATHERLESS, A DEFENDER OF WIDOWS, . . . God sets the lonely in families, he leads forth the prisoners with singing . . ." (Psalm 68:4-6 NIV)

The 5 Promises

The promise of His presence.

"No one will be able to stand up against you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I WILL NEVER LEAVE YOU NOR FORSAKE YOU." (Joshua 1:5 NIV)

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The promise of His provision.

"Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this,' says the LORD Almighty, 'and see if I will not THROW OPEN THE FLOODGATES OF HEAVEN AND POUR OUT SO MUCH BLESSING THAT YOU WILL NOT HAVE ROOM ENOUGH FOR IT. I will prevent pests from devouring your crops, and the vines in your fields will not cast their fruit,' says the LORD Almighty." (Malachi 3:10-11 NIV)

The promise of providence.

"'Because he loves me,' says the LORD, 'I will rescue him; I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name. He will call upon me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble, I will deliver him and honor him. With long life will I satisfy him and show him my salvation.'" (Psalm 91:14-16 NIV)

The promise of His protection.

"But let all who take refuge in you be glad; let them ever sing for joy. Spread your protection over them, that those who love your name may rejoice in you. For surely, O LORD, you bless the righteous; you SURROUND THEM WITH YOUR FAVOR AS WITH A SHIELD." (Psalm 5:11-12 NIV)

The promise of His place.

"Don't let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God, and trust also in me. There is more than enough room in my Father's home. If this were not so, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? When everything is ready, I will come and get you, so that you will always be with me where I am." (John 14:1-3 NLT)

The 3 No Needs

There is no need to be weighed down by worry.

"Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life?" (Luke 12:25 NIV)

There is no need to be angry and bitter.

"Post this at all the intersections, dear friends: Lead with your ears, follow up with your tongue, and let anger straggle along in the rear. God's righteousness doesn't grow from human anger. So throw all spoiled virtue and cancerous evil in the garbage. In simple humility, let our gardener, God, landscape you with the Word, making a salvation-garden of your life." (James 1:19-21; The MSG)

There is no need to be a control freak.

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