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Let God Take the Driver's Seat

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The key to stress reduction in your life is to let go and let God. So how do you do this? You make Jesus the manager of your life.

The problem is, we usually want to be the manager of our own lives, and so we argue and disagree with God. We think we know what's best. The reason you're under a lot of stress is that you're constantly fighting God in your mind: "I know God says to do *this*, but I want to do *that* instead!"

Every morning when you wake up, you have a decision to make: Who's going to be in charge of your life? Who's going to be in control—you or God? Who's going to call the shots—you or God? Every day, moment by moment, you are making this decision. When you choose to make yourself the manager of your own life, it causes conflict, confusion, and stress.

Jesus says in Matthew 16:24, "Anyone who intends to come with me has to let me lead. You're not in the driver's seat; I am" (MSG). Here's what Christians tend to do: When we become believers in Christ, we give him the driver's seat. But then we promptly hop into the backseat and become backseat drivers. We're constantly giving him advice like, "No, turn this way. Stop. Wait. Faster! I want to go that way. I want to see that sight."

Many years ago, Kay and I took dancing lessons. The instructor told us one of the biggest problems couples have is letting the other lead. When they're both trying to lead, they're stepping on each other's feet all the time, and it doesn't look very pretty.

Your life doesn't look very pretty when you're trying to help God lead. Instead, let God be God and make Jesus the manager of your life.

Rick Warren

	NEWS & NOTES		
March 4- 9:30 am Ladies bible study via zoom March 8- 10a-12p-Ladies Bible Class at church building March 9-10amNew Converts class for any new baptized members or those considering baptism	March 14 -5:30 pm Young Adults Bible Study at a Chick-fil-a in Brookfield and bowling afterwards	March 15- 1-3pm Bridal shower for Kristen Hubbell March 28- 6pmLadies night at church building- fellowship and movie March 21- 22 Inspire New England workshop- Manchester Church of Christ March 30- Potluck	Remember to contribute to Spooner House food collection and our own food pantry BARNABAS PROJECT- IF INTERESTED in joining contact MaryLou(475)529-5751

Prayer Request

*Pray for **Meegan Aschen** as she seeks a new job.
*Pray for Debbie Christy's brother **Clarence**, who lost his son this past week, and for the whole **Christy family**.

*Pray for the **family of Carl Paternoster**, he passed away recently. (friends of Carol & Joe Ligouri)
*Pray for **Derin & Michelle Wilson**, Derin's dad recently passed away.

*Pray for **Karen Ohrenberger and family**, her mom recently passed away.

*Pray for **Linda Roy** (Mary Lou,s friend) who recently broke her leg.

*Pray for **Kelsey** who has cancer, (Ron's cousin David's fiance.)

*Pray for **Nancy Melson** who continues to struggle with high levels of pain, and for her husband who will be having surgery soon.

*Pray for Doreen Palmer's daughter, **Christina**, who is struggling with health challenges.

*Pray for **Jordan** (daughter of Tracy Walkup's sister in Christ, Sylvia) who is experiencing extreme pain Levels.

*Pray for Ray's brother **Mike**, who is recovering from a recent vascular procedure.

*Pray for **Linda Cerminara**, she is recovering from shoulder surgery.

*Pray for **Desrine Forbes** who is dealing with a few medical issues and is unable to work.

*Pray for **Chris Baxter** dealing with personal issues.

*Pray for those dealing with cancer and chemo treatments- Judith Gomez, Cohen (Ron's friend), Tom Byer *Prayers for all those who have lost loved ones this past year.

*Pray for families, relatives, friends and people we are reaching out to, that they may turn to the Lord. Special prayers for our church leaders. Prayers for all families caring for their elderly or sick loved ones: Allie Saracino-Cherie, ,Bob and Joanne Discala-Virginia, Greg & Linda, Gina Porto

*Pray for those suffering from long term illnesses: Emille Jones, Mike Ross, Ted & Toni Bonadio, Kevin Early, NadineKeller, Greg & Linda Cerminara,, Pat Yaglowski. Meegan and Irene, Nuris Gomez, Mildred, Karen O, Anthony Katz., Jasmyn Malagutti, Daniel Ruiz., Zak Pappas Fernandes., Jim Walkup's brother (Sam), Lance Flood, Zach Saracino, Joshua Ruiz, Brody Streety & all children with diabetes.

*Anyone interested in helping with **World Bible School-** contact Ron

*Opportunities to serve: any men willing to participate in worship service in other capacities for the church, please contact Bruce Post. Anyone interested in leading and/or helping with the building or church house maintenance please contact Bruce Pancoast.

Please bring nonperishable food items for the **Spooner House** - a list of all items needed is on back table: Jelly/Jam/Peanut Butter, Cereal/Oatmeal, Canned Meats: Chicken, Tuna, Corned Beef Hash, Canned Ravioli/Tomatoes, Pasta Sauce, Canned Fruit/Applesauce, Crackers/Snacks, Pancake Mix/Syrup, Ramen, Hamburger/Tuna Helper, Baked beans/Pork and Beans, Canned/Dried Beans (i.e. Black, Chick Pea, Cannellini, Kidney, Pinto), Rice/Rice-A-Roni, Soup/Stew/Chili, Instant/Canned Potatoes/Yams. Bring these food items to the building to be delivered to the Spooner House. Please make sure that items do not have expired dates. Thank you

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Wednesday Night Bible Study

7:00 pm via zoom

Bible class Sun. 10 am, worship service 11 am Online bible class and worship service go to our website: **trumbullchurchofchrist.org**

Week of 3/02/25 Song Leader :Kris Eddy Lord's Table:Bruce Post

Closing Prayer: Andrew Langalis

Usher:Bob Discala

Week of 2/16/24- 2/82225

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