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How to Thrive By Giving Up Control

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- The higher your desire for control, the higher your anxiety and manipulation will be.

You can trust God because He is...

1. Love, and His love towards you is good, merciful, and faithful. (1 John 4:16 ESV)

2. Sovereign, which means He rules and controls His creation through His... (Psalm 115:3 CSB)

a. Eternality: God exists without beginning or end. Because God is outside of time, the past, present, and future are an eternal now to God. God sees all events in one eternal glance. (Exodus 3:14-15 CSB, Psalm 90:2 CSB)

b. Omniscience: God knows all things in the past, present, and future that are possible and actual. He cannot learn because He has perfect knowledge of all things. (Psalm 147:4-5 CSB)

c. Omnipresence: God is not limited or confined to a spatial location. He's fully present everywhere in His creation. (Psalm 139:7-10 CSB)

d. Omnipotence: God is unlimited in His power to accomplish His will. He is all-powerful. (Revelation 1:8 CSB)

- Joseph: A case study in giving up control and trusting God. (Genesis 37:23-24 CSB, Genesis 39:2-5 CSB, Genesis 39:6-9 CSB, Genesis 39:21 ESV, Genesis 41:55-57; 42:1-2 CSB)

Soul-tattoo: Trust God by giving up control