Trust in the Lord completely, and do not rely on your own opinions. With all your heart rely on him to guide you, and he will lead you in every decision you make. Become intimate with him in whatever you do, and he will lead you wherever you go.
Proverbs 3:5-6 TPT

Sometimes the things that we value most are the things we hold on to the tightest. Spouses, children, family, careers; these are just a few examples. However, if we look at the example our Heavenly Father set for us, we will see that it is those very things that we are supposed to hold with open hands.

We often say that we are trusting God with them, but I wonder how many of us are really trying behind the scenes to plan, fix, manipulate, and control these things so that we can hold on to them tighter. We then question God when things aren't working out the way we think they should, or when all hell is breaking out surrounding those things/situations/circumstances. However, it is in those times when we should look at ourselves and realize that because we are trying to hold on tighter, we have opened the door for the enemy to come in. WE have made God's hand too short; WE have said in our lack of surrender that He is not enough. We think He doesn't understand the whole picture or He would be doing something!

In His apparent "lack of doing," He is looking at our lack of trust in Him, and our significant trust in ourselves, and He's saying to us that we have left Him no room, no space. In that moment, how could He trust us to have those things which we are believing Him for if we can't surrender what we already have; what He has already given to us?

The simple truth is this: the things we have and the people that are in our lives are not by our doing. We make plans, but God directs our steps to align with His will being done in and on the Earth. So, in the end, if these things don't belong to us, but to God, who are we to hold on to ever so tightly? What would have happened to mankind if God would have held on to Jesus?

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