

# No Man Takes My Life

by BJ Jones

*"No man takes my life, but I lay it down."*



Jesus said this about His crucifixion on the cross of Calvary. No man takes His life. He freely lays it down. He lays it down as the propitiation for our sins. He lays it down as a dutiful big brother that sacrifices His all for the sake of His family. He recognizes that for Him to die, is for you to gain. His death brings your opportunity. His death brings your freedom. His choice to go to hell and back is for the purpose of your redemption. If God did not so love the world that He gave His only begotten Son for you, you would be lost to the "streets" of this life. You'd be lost like a street walker, selling yourself to the highest bidder, the easiest bidder, the first bidder, the next, bidder.... Ask yourself, what in your life is "pimping" you?

How can you as the man of God, or the woman of God, be redeemed and moving in the best that God has for your life? *How can you "fix" yourself to manage all that God has in store for you?* First, fix your eyes on God. God knows the plans He has for you. Plans to give you peace and to prosper you... Have you really received Christ into your life as Savior? Then you are a new creature and all things become brand new. Yet, have you made Jesus Christ the Lord of your life? Have you committed to Him? Or are you still struggling inside with that daily commitment? It is a critical matter.

When you walk daily with Jesus, no man takes your life, you lay it down! When Jesus is the true Lord of your life, you willfully and gratefully lay down your life for Him. Greater love has no man except he lay down his life for a friend. Are you a Friend of God? In all things, in all ways acknowledge Him and He will direct your paths. God will illuminate your pathways. God will shine light into your darkness. *But you are a peculiar people. Holy. Set a part. He has called you out of darkness and into His marvelous light.*

Wash your mind and your spirit with the Word of God. Read or listen to the Bible every day. Wash your self daily with the love of God from His own Word, the Bible. For if God is for us, who can be against us? Ten thousand may fall at your side, darts of the wicked are flying all around you, disease and natural disaster are all around -- but none shall come neigh thee. How can this be? How can I escape the "plagues" of this world? *Be of good cheer for Jesus Christ has over come the world.* You escape the plagues of this world by laying down your life for your friend, Jesus Christ. He will be a rock. He is your strong tower. An ever present help in the time of storm.



You are buttressed by God's will. His will is the infinite I AM. His will is the eternal I AM. *But what does that mean?* It means that God was here before you were and will be here, after you are. God stands on both sides of your eternity. When God dwells in you, you are connected to his eternity. You are plugged in to His strength. He is your fortress. You are not a fortress. It is only with and through God Almighty that you can be victorious against the wiles of the wicked one. The devil seeks to destroy you. That is why on this earth, sickness and disease, poverty and dissension and discord are the binding aspects of your life. Without God, you are not bound with love, you are in bondage with the sins of this world, throughout which Satan is roaming as a lion seeking whom he can devour.

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Yet a sovereign, almighty God gave you a free will. This is why your will is key. Your will is critical. Your will must be submitted to God. Satan needs your will, in order to work in your life. Satan cannot create anything. He is a corruptor. *Satan is a fallen angel who is jealous of your ability to create. God gave the ability to create to you. God made you distinct from the angels. God made you in His image and in His likeness. God blew His breath of life into you. He gave His gift of eternal life to you.*

Satan has been cast out of Heaven by God. Satan has also been defeated in hell by Jesus Christ. Satan can be defeated in your life, based on your free will choice. Choose this day whom you will serve. Choose life or death, blessings or cursings. You have the free will that God gave you. He made you with the ability to choose. He made you with a will to choose your life or death. Therefore, choose life! No man can take your life, if first you submit to your Father God and lay your life down. Tell Jesus "No man takes my life, I lay it down." No man takes my life, but I lay it down.

