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Before I truly came to know Jesus, I was self-centered and self-sustaining. I wanted full control at all times and in all aspects of my life. Whenever adversity or big decisions came my way, I attempted to take control of the situation. Needless to say, that never worked out well for me. I was left feeling alone, full of hate, and a giant void filled my life. I was left broken by trying to do things my way. But thankfully, Jesus took my burdens up on that cross and allowed me to have a relationship with the Father. It's been a process to get to where I am now, but through that process, I've learned the importance of Jesus not only being my Savior but also the Lord of my life. Most recently a moment came where I initially failed again to put God first, but thankfully God was patient with me. God has had me extremely busy this year, and things were building up and I was trying to handle them with my own yoke. And with that comes a mountain of stress and anxiety. Our neighbor hired a tree guy that ultimately ended up with him destroying our yard and our fence. I was left with feelings of anger, and uncertainty towards the tree guy. I had people telling me to call the police, make him pay for a professional to come and fix it, etc, basically all worldly answers, and I still had no idea what to do. So, I fell to my knees and asked God what He wanted me to do. God spoke to me in Psalms 130:4 which says "through you we have forgiveness." Initially I was like "NO WAY can I forgive this guy." But God worked through me and the Holy Spirit took over. Our neighbor had given me some money for my fence, which was money that was to be paid to the tree guy. But the tree guy was struggling, I could sense that he truly needed the money and our neighbor wasn't going to help him anymore, and he held nothing back to let him know it. The Holy Spirit told me "it's time". I took the kid over to our house and shared with him my testimony, with both of us crying in my driveway, I was able to pray for him, give him a copy of the Lord's best seller, and give him the money that my neighbor had given me to fix my fence. I have never felt so much pure joy in my life. And I had never felt closer to God. I was overwhelmed with joy, and all of those previous feelings of stress and anxiety were gone. And who would have thought, paying someone to destroy our property would do that. God knew what He was doing all along. Putting Him first was the only way that the situation was going to work. He reminded me that His yoke is easy.