

1  **Taking Matters into Your Own Hands**

2  **I am tempted to take matters into my own hands when I refuse to believe God's plan is different from my expectations.**

- *"While he was still speaking, there came a crowd, and the man called Judas, one of the twelve, was leading them. He drew near to Jesus to kiss him, but Jesus said to him, "Judas, would you betray the Son of Man with a kiss?"" (Luke 22:47–48, ESV)*

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3  **I am tempted to take matters into my own hands when I think God needs my help.**

- *"And when those who were around him saw what would follow, they said, "Lord, shall we strike with the sword?" And one of them struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his right ear. But Jesus said, "No more of this!" And he touched his ear and healed him." (Luke 22:49–51, ESV)*

4  **I am tempted to take matters into my own hands when God's activity threatens my comfort, convenience, or position.**

- *"Then Jesus said to the chief priests and officers of the temple and elders, who had come out against him, "Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs? When I was with you day after day in the temple, you did not lay hands on me. But this is your hour, and the power of darkness." (Luke 22:52–53, ESV)*