

## John 15:5 (NLT2)

*Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing.*

I think we have all seen those bumper stickers that say “**Jesus (or God) is my copilot.**” But wanting Jesus or God to be your copilot is not a Christian mindset, and it is not biblical at all.

“*Why not?*” You may be thinking.

Well, if you are the pilot, then you know that the pilot calls all the shots and tells the copilot what to do and when to do it. So when you want Jesus or God to be your copilot, you are telling God and Jesus that you are lord of their life and that you are calling all the shots in your life, or straight up you are saying to Jesus or God, “*Call me lord, because I am calling the shots here, and You have to follow what I say to do.*” (Yes you can say ouch here)

But a true Christian has made God and Jesus pilot of our life, meaning that God and Jesus are calling the shots in our life, and He instructs us what to do and when to do it. He is the one directing our path and how to get there. He is the one who tells us when we are off course and instructs us how to get back on course.

Yet we sing out, “*Jesus, You are Lord of all*” but then add under our breath, “*Unless I want to take back control of my own life.*” And we do so because we want things or want to do things that are not good or right. Things that we know God would not want us to do. But if we are in control, then we can do them, regardless of what God says is right or wrong.

Or think about this way, if you have to do something in secret, then you already know it’s not the right thing to do. Example, if you want to watch an “R” rated movie, but you would be embarrassed to tell your Christian friends that you watched this movie or you wouldn’t even think of inviting them over to watch it with you, then you know, it’s not right for you to watch that movie.

Or think of it another way, If Jesus is our copilot, then we are telling Him, “*Ok copilot, we are going to watch this “R” rated movies, there will be a lot of nudity, sex, and profanity, but don’t worry, I’ll get us through this.*” I know that sounds crazy, but that is what it is like to make God or Jesus our copilot. Because we are bound to crash and die on the route that we are trying to take God and Jesus on.

Then there are those who have made God and Jesus the Pilot, yet they are just passengers on the plane, wanting to be served and just enjoying the ride they call Christianity. Sitting there listening to worship songs on their headphones and calling for the flight attendant when they

need something. Or sometimes they will move their legs so someone can get across them to their seats, but even then they feel annoyed that someone would rain on their parade or disrupt the flight (Walk with Jesus) like that.

But we are not called to be passengers on the plane that is heading to heaven, but rather we are all called to be copilots. Didn't Jesus say:

† **John 14:12** *Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father.*

And He says that to those who are coplots, the ones doing a work as they head to the Kingdom of God. Not to those who want to chill, sit back while others do all the work for God's Kingdom. Yes, doing those things in the church, but also outside the church, sharing Jesus with others and ministering to the needs of others.

So, if you want Jesus to be the copilot, so that you can be the pilot, then you don't want to be a Christian, you just want to jump on the plane and lead others to where you are going, which is not to heaven if you are the pilot and Jesus is the copilot.

† **John 14:6** *Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."*

† **Luke 9:23** *Then He said to them all, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me."*

† **John 10:27** *My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me.*