



Top Gun Maverick

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TEXT: PROVERBS 3:5-6

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At 30, some say, what's going on in my life? I thought I'd have more to show.

At 40, is this what I'm going to be?

At 50, where has my life gone?

Maverick is now 57.

Can I face what the future is lying before me from the past without blowing something up in the present?

Pete Mitchell brings all of his past – his skills, competencies, risk-taking courage and Achilles' heel of defying authority and pride - the essence of his past - to bear on the future in his present.

Will he blow it up? Will he come out alive? Will he learn and grow?

Penny sees no future in the present with Maverick because of his past.

Rooster blames Mav for his father's death and resents him for interfering in his own military career.

The future opens before them because Maverick takes what he has from the past and applies it in the present.

Another mash-up is with Iceman, Maverick's former nemesis and competitive opponent, who is now an Admiral.

How can you ride the wave of your past in the present toward the future without blowing the wrong stuff up?

Maverick's way had always been the way of pride.

Something's happening - themes of fatherhood, brotherhood, loyalty, courage, even vulnerability are emerging.

"Pride goes before destruction, a haughty spirit before a fall."



Proverbs 16:18

That's why stuff blows up in his life, his work, and his relationships.

Maverick can't see a way forward. Iceman writes it out for him: It's time to let go.

It's time to lead by letting go.

Maverick says, I don't know how. The greatest battle of his life is with himself.

Let go. Give it to God. Let go and let God.

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not into your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him and he will make your paths straight.”

Proverbs 3:5-6

Release your life, your concerns to Christ and put your hand in His. He knows how to pilot you through life and death. This is the way to freedom, to maturity.

- Let go and let God forgive and heal.
- Let go and let God show you how to care.
- Let go of having it your way.
- Let go of pride.
- Let go and learn to trust God by faith.

“Faith is like Wi-Fi. It's invisible, but it has the power to connect you to what you need.”

What Maverick needed was a power greater than his own that is at work with his best interest at heart. That's what we have in God.

“And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.”

Romans 8:28

The Alpha and Omega Lord over all time and circumstance can take your past and transform it in the present for an even greater future here and with Him forever.

What do you need to let go of today?

