

## **Mike Whan — Let Go of the Remote**

Mike became CEO of the United States Golf Association (USGA) on July 1st following a highly successful 11 year tenure as Commissioner of the LPGA. He is the eighth leader of the USGA in its 126 year history, following Mike Davis who is leaving to design golf courses with Tom Fazio II.

In this short video, Mike describes an incident that forced him to “let go of the remote” which kept him in control of his life. Up until then, he couldn’t even imagine giving the “remote” over to someone else. Then he learned that God had better plans and solutions for him and his family than he did. Trusting God with the remote became his “go-to” answer for all the big decisions and challenges in his life and career. That included his recent decision to leave a job he knew and loved to join the USGA at the age of 57.

Mike also discusses how his passion for the game of golf and the people he has been privileged to work with have guided his career. Being driven by love, passion, mission and purpose for what he does is essential for Mike. As he puts like this:

“Is golf important to God? I hope not. I hope that’s not high on His priority list. But I think how you treat others, the opportunities you provide them, and the kind of purpose-driven life you live comes from your decisions. And when those decisions are passion and mission based, everything else takes care of itself.”

### **Discussion Questions**

1. Have you ever come to a point where there was no other choice but to turn something over to God?
2. Faith comes from trusting God, letting Him work and accepting the outcomes. Are you doing that?
3. Can you honestly say that you are (or were) driven by passion, mission and love in your career?
4. If you’re retired, what’s driving you now?