

## *Can't Control the Wind*

What will we face in 2020? No doubt, it will be a mix of circumstances – some positive and happy; others disappointing and challenging.

We can't control what life throws our way, but we can choose the attitude that drives our response. Attitude, in fact, is the only thing in life over which we have complete control, and for which God holds us completely accountable.

A song by Ricky Skaggs – country and bluegrass singer, musician, producer and composer – puts it in the right perspective. Here are the lyrics to *Can't Control the Wind*:

*When I was a boy, daddy was my guiding light.  
We'd take walks and talk about fishing, girls and life.  
He'd help me with my homework, cheer me up when I was down;  
Best friend that I ever had; I miss havin' him around.  
He'd say, "Do the very best you can with all that you've been blessed,  
And if the load's too great for you, the Lord will do the rest.  
Keep one thing in mind if all else should fail:  
You can't control the wind, but you can adjust the sail."  
Daddy lost his job when the factory closed;  
Times were hard, bills to pay, he was troubled and it showed.  
But he said, "Son, don't worry; it's all to no avail;  
We can't control the wind, but we can adjust the sail."  
I think of his advice when life turns its back on me.  
There is no mountain I can't climb if I start down on my knees,  
And if the load's too great for me, the Lord will do the rest.  
I'll do the very best I can with all that I've been blessed.  
I'll keep one thing in mind if all else should fail:  
I can't control the wind, but I can adjust the sail.  
No, I can't control the wind, but I can adjust the sail.*

Count on it: The wind will blow in your life. Just know – you *can* adjust the sail!

*Be renewed in the spirit of your mind* (Ephesians 4:23 NKJV).

– Beecher Hunter