

## Total Surrender

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- I. What can God do with us when we just quit our compromise and surrender?
  - A. We have no choice.
  - B. We are bought with a very high price: the lifeblood of Jesus.
  - C. Ask the Lord: is the altar empty?
    1. Are we really willing to give our time, money, home, family, etc. without holding back?
    2. If Jesus is on the throne, then self is on the cross. If self is on the throne, then Jesus is on the cross.
- II. What does surrender mean?
  - A. Surrender your blunders.
    1. We hate our blunders thinking, *how could I be so stupid?*
    2. Jesus uses our mistakes to improve the beauty of the pattern.
  - B. Surrender your discouragements.
  - C. Surrender your worries.
    1. Philippians 4:6ff - Don't worry about anything whatever. Tell God every detail of your need in earnest and thankful prayer. And the peace of God which transcends all human understand will keep constant guard of your hearts and minds as they rest in Christ Jesus.
    2. Illustration: Concentration Camp
      - a) Corrie was in the camp with her sister.
      - b) 97,000 women killed or died.
      - c) Many women in their barrack died with the name of Jesus on their lips.
    3. "Our life is like embroidery. We do not see the pattern because we cannot see God's side."
    4. When Jesus finished at the cross, he no longer carried our sins but also our sorrows.
      - a) Cast your burdens on the Lord.
      - b) He, who has all power and understanding, longs to bear it.
    5. We must handle worry as a sin.
      - a) We can never get rich off worry.
      - b) Confess it - 1 John 1:7, 9
      - c) Worry is carrying tomorrow's load with today's strength - carrying two days at once. It is moving into tomorrow ahead of time. It is a cycle of inefficient thoughts whirling around the center of fear.

d) Worry does not empty tomorrow of its sorrow, it empties today of its strength. It does not enable us to escape evil, it makes us unfit to cope with it when it comes. - "Don't Wrestle, Just Nestle"

D. Surrender your limitations.

1. How many Christians suffer from an inferiority syndrome?
2. It is pride!
3. You do not accept that you are you, you must be more than you.

E. Surrender your "if only"s.

1. *If only I had more money.*
2. *If only I was married.*
3. Claim the victory of Jesus over these longings.
4. When you surrender something to the Lord, he uses that to demonstrate His victory.
  - a) For example: The creative power that a woman has to have a married life and children, a single woman can use to be creative in the Kingdom of God.

F. Surrender your business.

1. *Everything* belongs to the Lord.
2. Where does the Holy Spirit live in your life? Throw open all the doors.
  - a) Is Jesus a guest in a little attic room?

G. Surrender your past, present, future.

1. Many Christians are like tight-rope walkers, going from the past to the future. In one hand to set with the indigested past, in the other hand to set with the anticipated future, always balancing between hope and fear. But when you have a surrendered life, it is like being on an escalator. Although you stand relaxed, you are going higher and higher.
2. A surrendered life is relaxed.

III. Jesus bought you at a price.

- A. Is he getting his money's worth?
- B. The concentration camp gave perspective to Jesus' suffering.
- C. Love so amazing, so divine, demands my life, my soul, my all.
- D. 2 Chronicles 16:9 - The eyes of the Lord go to and fro to strengthen him whose heart is fully turned towards Him.
  1. 100% surrendered

Study Questions

A. What have you left yet un-surrendered? What is keeping your heart from being fully turned towards him? Take some time to pray and listen before responding.

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B. What have been some of your deepest sufferings? How might those sufferings shed new light on the sufferings of our Savior?

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C. How different might your life look if you totally surrendered every area to the Lord? Your relationships? Your business decisions? Your finances? Your time?

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D. Name the fears that get in the way of taking that plunge.

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