

TALKING POINTS

RESET - SURRENDER

LEANING IN

As human beings, we instinctively resist change - and even more than change, we resist surrender, submission. Yet, to experience the fullness of what God has for us, we have to come to the difficult place of surrender - our will to God's will, our life to God's plan for us. It's easy for us to miss this reality - *surrender to God is the secret to joy*. Certain doubts can inhibit us from surrendering to God - do we really believe He is good? Do we believe He is powerful enough to transform our life?

The most important question we can ask as it regards surrender is - *who really owns us?* This surrendering is one of ownership - from yourself to God. The reality is we are purchased and redeemed by God and we should live like this is true. The beauty in this surrender is God takes responsibility for the outcomes of our lives when we surrender to Him. He takes full responsibility for the outcomes of our lives when we surrender - which allows us to have peace and joy *In HIM*.

The man or woman who is wholly and joyously surrendered to Christ cannot make a wrong decision. This is the *better* life - the life where God directs your path. This doesn't mean there won't be difficulties, but God will be present to you and guide you through them. This is the only way we can make it to the final destination God has for us.

Read Romans 12:1, 1 Corinthians 6:19-20

When it comes to surrender, are you in a standoff with God?

LIVING IT OUT

We can't move forward in our relationship with God if we're *not* surrendered. We have to take this step closer to Jesus - surrender up what we think and accept what God thinks. Here are three must-haves which enable us to surrender ourselves to God:

Possess A Faith Which Says "Because You Say So, I'll Do It" - it's easy to find ourselves second-guessing God. Especially when He asks us to do something, we hesitate. Believe God knows what's best for you and He wouldn't ask something of you which wouldn't be for your good.

Read Luke 5:1-5

How can we get beyond second-guessing God?

Say No To Self And Yes To Jesus Every Time - there is a never ending battle and continuous choice in front of us at all times to go God's way or our own way. Say yes to God's way - every time.

Read Titus 1:8, Luke 9:23, John 12:25

Have you ever experienced God's power in your life by saying "yes" to Him??

Have No Reserves, No Retreats, No Regrets - surrendering our lives to God is not a series of half-measures. If we're in, we're *all in*. The deeper the surrender, the greater God's power will be made known to us and in us.

Read Philippians 3:8-9, 2 Timothy 4:7-8, Revelation 3:15-16

Why did Jesus tell the church in Laodicea He would rather have them be hot or cold instead of lukewarm?