

## **SURRENDERED**

- **I Peter 5:6 AMP** - *Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God [set aside self-righteous pride], so that He may exalt you [to a place of honor in His service] at the appropriate time,*
- **Question:** *If you encounter an eternal being who is all powerful, all knowing, and all good, what is the rational response to such a higher power? The obvious answer is surrender.*
- *Surrender – to submit; to succumb; to cease resistance.*
- **Proverbs 19:21 NLT** - *You can make many plans, but the LORD’s purpose will prevail.*
- **QUOTE:** *To surrender to God is to give up all push back against His rule, His way, His plan, His process, and His timing.*

## **WEEK #1 – WHY SURRENDER**

- The truth is, man’s original sin in the Garden started with a battle for independence from God:
- **Genesis 3:1 – 6 NLT** *The serpent was the shrewdest of all the wild animals the LORD God had made. One day he asked the woman, “Did God really say you must not eat the fruit from any of the trees in the garden?”<sup>2</sup> “Of course we may eat fruit from the trees in the garden,” the woman replied.<sup>3</sup> “It’s only the fruit from the tree in the middle of the garden that we are not allowed to eat. God said, ‘You must not eat it or even touch it; if you do, you will die.’”<sup>4</sup> “You won’t die!” the serpent replied to the woman.<sup>5</sup> “God knows that your eyes will be opened as soon as you eat it, and you will be like God, knowing both good and evil.”<sup>6</sup> The woman was convinced. She saw that the tree was beautiful, and its fruit looked delicious, and she wanted the wisdom it would give her. So, she took some of the fruit and ate it. Then she gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it, too.*
- Adam & Eve had everything they would ever need. Their world was so perfect that God only gave them one rule. ONE RULE! But why surrender to God when the serpent says we can become His equal?
- **QUOTE:** *Satan is the father of lies and this lie is his firstborn: “why surrender to God when you can be His equal?”*
- **Isaiah 14:12 – 14 NKJV** *“How you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How you are cut down to the ground, you who weakened the nations! For you have said in your heart: ‘I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I will also sit on the mount of the congregation on the farthest sides of the north; 14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, I will be like the Most High.’*
- Lucifer fell for it, Adam & Eve fell for it, but we know better!
- **Deuteronomy 4:39 NKJV** – *Therefore know this day, and consider it in your heart, that the LORD Himself is God in heaven above and on the earth beneath; there is no other.*
- **CONFESS:** Jesus, I surrender! You have the right to govern my life, my body, my career, my money, my time, and my relationships. I surrender, because you are God and you have no equal!

## **FOUR REASONS TO SURRENDER (from Psalm 139):**

### **1. HE MADE YOU**

- **Psalm 139:13 – 15 NLT** *You made all the delicate, inner parts of my body and knit me together in my mother’s womb.<sup>14</sup> Thank you for making me so wonderfully complex! Your workmanship is marvelous—how well I know it.<sup>15</sup> You watched me as I was being formed in utter seclusion, as I was woven together in the dark of the womb.*

- **Isaiah 45:9 NLT** – *What sorrow awaits those who argue with their Creator. Does a clay pot argue with its maker? Does the clay dispute with the one who shapes it, saying, ‘Stop, you’re doing it wrong!’ Does the pot exclaim, ‘How clumsy can you be?’*
- **QUOTE:** *We must accept that God uniquely made us with a distinct purpose and every decision he makes is walking us closer to what He intended for us to be.*
- **QUOTE:** *The only way to stop living by DEFAULT and start living by DESIGN is to surrender to the manufacturer who made us.*

## 2. HE KNOWS YOU

- **Psalms 139:1,16 NLT** – *O LORD, you have examined my heart and KNOW EVERYTHING ABOUT ME... You saw me before I was born. Every day of my life was recorded in your book. Every moment was laid out before a single day had passed.*
- **QUOTE:** *One of the greatest acts of arrogance is for us to think that we know what would make us happy more than God knows what would make us happy.*

## 3. HE LOVES YOU

- **Psalms 139:17-18 NLT** - *How precious are your thoughts about me, O God. They cannot be numbered! 18 I can’t even count them; they outnumber the grains of sand! And when I wake up, you are still with me!*
- When life gets confusing and doesn’t make logical sense, rest in this one reality:
- **QUOTE:** *Above all else, know that God loves you with an unending, everlasting love.*
- **Ephesians 3:18, 19 NLT** – *And may you have the power to understand, as all God’s people should, how wide, how long, how high, and how deep his love is. 19 May you EXPERIENCE the love of Christ, though it is too great to UNDERSTAND fully. Then you will be made complete with all the fullness of life and power that comes from God.*
- **Mark 10:21 GNT** - *Jesus looked straight at him WITH LOVE and said, “YOU NEED ONLY ONE THING. Go and sell all you have and give the money to the poor, and you will have riches in heaven; then come and follow me.”*
- **QUOTE:** *Every instruction God gives us is always from a heart of love and with our best intention at heart.*

## 4. HE’S PURSUING YOU

- **Psalms 139:5 – 10 NLT** *You go before me and follow me. You place your hand of blessing on my head. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too great for me to understand! I can never escape from your Spirit! I can never get away from your presence! If I go up to heaven, you are there; if I go down to the grave, you are there. If I ride the wings of the morning, if I dwell by the farthest oceans, even there your hand will guide me, and your strength will support me.*
- **Romans 2:4 NLT** – *Don’t you see how wonderfully kind, tolerant, and patient God is with you? Does this mean nothing to you? Can’t you see that his kindness is intended to turn you from your sin?*
- **QUOTE:** *God is not pursuing you with a hammer of vengeance. He’s pursuing you with liquid eyes of love and there is no escape.*