

Will you surrender your life to Jesus?

Super Saturday Jesus Rally September 5, 2015

Agenda

1. Record the call
2. Introductions
3. Songs -
 - a. Good to me
 - b. Blessed Assurance
 - c. What a Friend We Have in Jesus
4. Prayer
5. Welcome
 - a. Who I am and what is the Bible Team (see previous call)
6. Study - **Will you surrender your life to Jesus?**
 - a. Discussion of the topic- What does surrender mean to you?
 - b. In what ways should we surrender:
 - i. Surrendering our ways
 - ii. Surrendering our will
 - iii. Surrendering our hopes and expectations
 - iv. Surrendering our sins
 - v. Surrendering our worries/cares
 - c. What surrender isn't
 - i. It's not a one time deal

Examples of surrender:

Zedekiah being asked to surrender

Jeremiah 38: 14 One day King Zedekiah sent for Jeremiah and had him brought to the third entrance of the LORD's Temple. "I want to ask you something," the king said. "And don't try to hide the truth."

15 Jeremiah said, "If I tell you the truth, you will kill me. And if I give you advice, you won't listen to me anyway."

16 So King Zedekiah secretly promised him, "As surely as the LORD our Creator lives, I will not kill you or hand you over to the men who want you dead."

17 Then Jeremiah said to Zedekiah, "This is what the LORD God of Heaven's Armies, the God of Israel, says: 'If you surrender to the Babylonian officers, you and your family will live, and the city will not be burned down. **18** But if you refuse to surrender, you will not escape! This city will be handed over to the Babylonians, and they will burn it to the ground.'"

19 "But I am afraid to surrender," the king said, "for the Babylonians may hand me over to the Judeans who have defected to them. And who knows what they will do to me!"

20 Jeremiah replied, "You won't be handed over to them if you choose to obey the LORD. Your life will be spared, and all will go well for you. **21** But if you refuse to surrender, this is what the

LORD has revealed to me: **22** All the women left in your palace will be brought out and given to the officers of the Babylonian army. Then the women will taunt you, saying,

‘What fine friends you have!

They have betrayed and misled you.

When your feet sank in the mud,

they left you to your fate!’

23 All your wives and children will be led out to the Babylonians, and you will not escape. You will be seized by the king of Babylon, and this city will be burned down.”

Job - a progression of surrender

After he lost everything (not including his health)

Job 1: **20** Job stood up and tore his robe in grief. Then he shaved his head and fell to the ground to worship. **21** He said,

“I came naked from my mother’s womb,

and I will be naked when I leave.

The LORD gave me what I had,

and the LORD has taken it away.

Praise the name of the LORD!”

22 In all of this, Job did not sin by blaming God.

After “terrible boils from head to foot.”:

Job 2: **8** Job scraped his skin with a piece of broken pottery as he sat among the ashes. **9** His wife said to him, “Are you still trying to maintain your integrity? Curse God and die.”

10 But Job replied, “You talk like a foolish woman. Should we accept only good things from the hand of God and never anything bad?” So in all this, Job said nothing wrong.

After a period of wrestling with God and with His friends:

After arguing with man and God

Job 13:

13 “Be silent now and leave me alone.

Let me speak, and I will face the consequences.

14 Yes, I will take my life in my hands
and say what I really think.

15 God might kill me, but I have no other hope.^a
I am going to argue my case with him.

16 But this is what will save me—I am not godless.
If I were, I could not stand before him.

After experiencing God

Job 42: Then Job replied to the Lord:

2 "I know that you can do anything,
and no one can stop you.

3 You asked, 'Who is this that questions my wisdom with such ignorance?'
It is I—and I was talking about things I knew nothing about,
things far too wonderful for me.

4 You said, 'Listen and I will speak!
I have some questions for you,
and you must answer them.'

5 I had only heard about you before,
but now I have seen you with my own eyes.

6 I take back everything I said,
and I sit in dust and ashes to show my repentance."

Habakkuk

Before (Arguing with God)

Habakkuk 1

12 O Lord my God, my Holy One, you who are eternal—
surely you do not plan to wipe us out?

O Lord, our Rock, you have sent these Babylonians to correct us,
to punish us for our many sins.

13 But you are pure and cannot stand the sight of evil.
Will you wink at their treachery?

Should you be silent while the wicked
swallow up people more righteous than they?

14 Are we only fish to be caught and killed?
Are we only sea creatures that have no leader?

15 Must we be strung up on their hooks
and caught in their nets while they rejoice and celebrate?

16 Then they will worship their nets
and burn incense in front of them.

"These nets are the gods who have made us rich!"
they will claim.

17 Will you let them get away with this forever?
Will they succeed forever in their heartless conquests?

After (Complicit with God)

Habakkuk 3: 12 You marched across the land in anger
and trampled the nations in your fury.

13 You went out to rescue your chosen people,
to save your anointed ones.

You crushed the heads of the wicked
and stripped their bones from head to toe.

14 With his own weapons,
you destroyed the chief of those
who rushed out like a whirlwind,

thinking Israel would be easy prey.
15 You trampled the sea with your horses,
and the mighty waters piled high.
16 I trembled inside when I heard this;
my lips quivered with fear.
My legs gave way beneath me,
and I shook in terror.
I will wait quietly for the coming day
when disaster will strike the people who invade us.
17 Even though the fig trees have no blossoms,
and there are no grapes on the vines;
even though the olive crop fails,
and the fields lie empty and barren;
even though the flocks die in the fields,
and the cattle barns are empty,
18 yet I will rejoice in the Lord!
I will be joyful in the God of my salvation!
19 The Sovereign Lord is my strength!
He makes me as surefooted as a deer,
able to tread upon the heights.

Moses

Exodus 3 - Moses protests

Moses is called

10 Now go, for I am sending you to Pharaoh. You must lead my people Israel out of Egypt."

Objection 1

11 But Moses protested to God, "Who am I to appear before Pharaoh? Who am I to lead the people of Israel out of Egypt?"

Objection 2

Exodus 4 But Moses protested again, "What if they won't believe me or listen to me? What if they say, 'The LORD never appeared to you?'"

Objection 3

10 But Moses pleaded with the LORD, "O Lord, I'm not very good with words. I never have been, and I'm not now, even though you have spoken to me. I get tongue-tied, and my words get tangled."

Objection 4

13 But Moses again pleaded, "Lord, please! Send anyone else."

Exodus 5 - Arguing with God

19 The Israelite foremen could see that they were in serious trouble when they were told, "You must not reduce the number of bricks you make each day."20 As they left Pharaoh's court, they confronted Moses and Aaron, who were waiting outside for them. 21 The foremen said to them, "May the LORD judge and punish you for making us stink before Pharaoh and his officials. You have put a sword into their hands, an excuse to kill us!"

22 Then Moses went back to the LORD and protested, "Why have you brought all this trouble on your own people, Lord? Why did you send me? 23 Ever since I came to Pharaoh as your spokesman, he has been even more brutal to your people. And you have done nothing to rescue them!"

Exodus 33 - After all the miracles and witnessing God

12 One day Moses said to the LORD, "You have been telling me, 'Take these people up to the Promised Land.' But you haven't told me whom you will send with me. You have told me, 'I know you by name, and I look favorably on you.' **13 If it is true that you look favorably on me, let me know your ways so I may understand you more fully and continue to enjoy your favor. And remember that this nation is your very own people.**"

14 The LORD replied, "I will personally go with you, Moses, and I will give you rest—everything will be fine for you."

15 Then Moses said, "If you don't personally go with us, don't make us leave this place. 16 How will anyone know that you look favorably on me—on me and on your people—if you don't go with us? For your presence among us sets your people and me apart from all other people on the earth."

17 The LORD replied to Moses, "I will indeed do what you have asked, for I look favorably on you, and I know you by name."

Peter

John 6: 58 I am the true bread that came down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will not die as your ancestors did (even though they ate the manna) but will live forever."

59 He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue in Capernaum.

60 Many of his disciples said, "This is very hard to understand. How can anyone accept it?"

61 Jesus was aware that his disciples were complaining, so he said to them, "Does this offend you? 62 Then what will you think if you see the Son of Man ascend to heaven again? 63 The Spirit alone gives eternal life. Human effort accomplishes nothing. And the very words I have spoken to you are spirit and life. 64 But some of you do not believe me." (For Jesus knew from the beginning which ones didn't believe, and he knew who would betray him.) 65 Then he said, "That is why I said that people can't come to me unless the Father gives them to me."

66 At this point many of his disciples turned away and deserted him. 67 Then Jesus turned to the Twelve and asked, "Are you also going to leave?"

68 Simon Peter replied, "Lord, to whom would we go? You have the words that give eternal life.

69 We believe, and we know you are the Holy One of God."

Matthew 16: 13 When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?"^c

14 "Well," they replied, "some say John the Baptist, some say Elijah, and others say Jeremiah or one of the other prophets."

15 Then he asked them, "But who do you say I am?"

16 Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."

17 Jesus replied, "You are blessed, Simon son of John, because my Father in heaven has revealed this to you. You did not learn this from any human being. 18 Now I say to you that you

are Peter (which means 'rock'), and upon this rock I will build my church, and all the powers of hell will not conquer it. 19And I will give you the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven. Whatever you forbid on earth will be forbidden in heaven, and whatever you permit on earth will be permitted in heaven."

20Then he sternly warned the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

21From then on Jesus began to tell his disciples plainly that it was necessary for him to go to Jerusalem, and that he would suffer many terrible things at the hands of the elders, the leading priests, and the teachers of religious law. He would be killed, but on the third day he would be raised from the dead.

(arguing with God)

22But Peter took him aside and began to reprimand him for saying such things. "Heaven forbid, Lord," he said. "This will never happen to you!"

23Jesus turned to Peter and said, "Get away from me, Satan! You are a dangerous trap to me. You are seeing things merely from a human point of view, not from God's."

24Then Jesus said to his disciples, "If any of you wants to be my follower, you must turn from your selfish ways, take up your cross, and follow me. 25If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake, you will save it. 26And what do you benefit if you gain the whole world but lose your own soul? Is anything worth more than your soul? 27For the Son of Man will come with his angels in the glory of his Father and will judge all people according to their deeds. 28And I tell you the truth, some standing here right now will not die before they see the Son of Man coming in his Kingdom."

Matthew 26

31On the way, Jesus told them, "Tonight all of you will desert me. For the Scriptures say, 'God will strike the Shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.'

32But after I have been raised from the dead, I will go ahead of you to Galilee and meet you there."

33Peter declared, "Even if everyone else deserts you, I will never desert you."

34Jesus replied, "I tell you the truth, Peter—this very night, before the rooster crows, you will deny three times that you even know me."

35"No!" Peter insisted. "Even if I have to die with you, I will never deny you!" And all the other disciples vowed the same.

Jesus - The ultimate example of surrender

Matthew 26

Jesus Prays in Gethsemane

36 Then Jesus went with them to the olive grove called Gethsemane, and he said, "Sit here while I go over there to pray." 37 He took Peter and Zebedee's two sons, James and John, and he became anguished and distressed. 38 He told them, "My soul is crushed with grief to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me."

39 He went on a little farther and bowed with his face to the ground, praying, "My Father! If it is possible, let this cup of suffering be taken away from me. Yet I want your will to be done, not mine."

40 Then he returned to the disciples and found them asleep. He said to Peter, "Couldn't you watch with me even one hour? **41** Keep watch and pray, so that you will not give in to temptation. For the spirit is willing, but the body is weak!"

42 Then Jesus left them a second time and prayed, "My Father! If this cup cannot be taken away unless I drink it, your will be done." **43** When he returned to them again, he found them sleeping, for they couldn't keep their eyes open.

44 So he went to pray a third time, saying the same things again. **45** Then he came to the disciples and said, "Go ahead and sleep. Have your rest. But look—the time has come. The Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. **46** Up, let's be going. Look, my betrayer is here!"

Psalms of Surrender

Psalm 32

- 1 Oh, what joy for those
whose disobedience is forgiven,
whose sin is put out of sight!
- 2 Yes, what joy for those
whose record the Lord has cleared of guilt,
whose lives are lived in complete honesty!
- 3 When I refused to confess my sin,
my body wasted away,
and I groaned all day long.
- 4 Day and night your hand of discipline was heavy on me.
My strength evaporated like water in the summer heat. Interlude
- 5 Finally, I confessed all my sins to you
and stopped trying to hide my guilt.
I said to myself, "I will confess my rebellion to the Lord."
And you forgave me! All my guilt is gone. Interlude
- 6 Therefore, let all the godly pray to you while there is still time,
that they may not drown in the floodwaters of judgment.
- 7 For you are my hiding place;
you protect me from trouble.
You surround me with songs of victory. Interlude
- 8 The Lord says, "I will guide you along the best pathway for your life.
I will advise you and watch over you.
- 9 Do not be like a senseless horse or mule
that needs a bit and bridle to keep it under control."
- 10 Many sorrows come to the wicked,
but unfailing love surrounds those who trust the Lord.
- 11 So rejoice in the Lord and be glad, all you who obey him!
Shout for joy, all you whose hearts are pure!

Psalm 51

For the choir director: A psalm of David, regarding the time Nathan the prophet came to him after David had committed adultery with Bathsheba.

- 1 Have mercy on me, O God,
because of your unfailing love.
Because of your great compassion,
blot out the stain of my sins.
- 2 Wash me clean from my guilt.
Purify me from my sin.
- 3 For I recognize my rebellion;
it haunts me day and night.
- 4 Against you, and you alone, have I sinned;
I have done what is evil in your sight.
You will be proved right in what you say,
and your judgment against me is just.
- 5 For I was born a sinner—
yes, from the moment my mother conceived me.
- 6 But you desire honesty from the womb,
teaching me wisdom even there.
- 7 Purify me from my sins, and I will be clean;
wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.
- 8 Oh, give me back my joy again;
you have broken me—
now let me rejoice.
- 9 Don't keep looking at my sins.
Remove the stain of my guilt.
- 10 Create in me a clean heart, O God.
Renew a loyal spirit within me.
- 11 Do not banish me from your presence,
and don't take your Holy Spirit from me.
- 12 Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and make me willing to obey you.
- 13 Then I will teach your ways to rebels,
and they will return to you.
- 14 Forgive me for shedding blood, O God who saves;
then I will joyfully sing of your forgiveness.
- 15 Unseal my lips, O Lord,
that my mouth may praise you.
- 16 You do not desire a sacrifice, or I would offer one.
You do not want a burnt offering.
- 17 The sacrifice you desire is a broken spirit.
You will not reject a broken and repentant heart, O God.
- 18 Look with favor on Zion and help her;
rebuild the walls of Jerusalem.
- 19 Then you will be pleased with sacrifices offered in the right spirit—
with burnt offerings and whole burnt offerings.
Then bulls will again be sacrificed on your altar.

Jesus' call for us to surrender

John 12

24 I tell you the truth, unless a kernel of wheat is planted in the soil and dies, it remains alone. But its death will produce many new kernels—a plentiful harvest of new lives. **25** Those who love their life in this world will lose it. Those who care nothing for their life in this world will keep it for eternity. **26** Anyone who wants to serve me must follow me, because my servants must be where I am. And the Father will honor anyone who serves me.

Practical ways for us to surrender

Romans 12: And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him. **2** Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.

Best ways that I know of to live a life of surrender:

Pray, Read, Share Daily

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