

Fresh Surrender - Week 9

Set Apart for Oneness

Romans 8:26 And in the same way-by our faith --the Holy Spirit helps us with our daily problems and in our praying. For we don't even know what we should pray for nor how to pray as we should, but the Holy Spirit prays for us with such feeling that it cannot be expressed in words. 27 And the Father who knows all hearts knows, of course, what the Spirit is saying as he pleads for us in harmony with God's own will. 28 And we know that all that happens to us is working for our good if we love God and are fitting into his plans. 29 For from the very beginning God decided that those who came to him-and all along he knew who would-should become like his Son, so that his Son would be the First, with many brothers. 30 And having chosen us, he called us to come to him; and when we came, he declared us "not guilty," filled us with Christ's goodness, gave us right standing with himself, and promised us his glory. TLB

Question: Is God really **perfecting** ALL that concerns me?

- There is a call coming from God for us to enter into a new relationship with Him that is called **absolute** surrender, which mean giving all we are to enter into **oneness** with God and His perfect will.
- God is asking us to allow His **will** to take the place of our will, and His **strength** to take the place of our pitiful strength. God wants to replace my **weaknesses** with His strength.
- That God Himself will come in to turn around what is wrong and make it right, to **conquer** what is evil in our minds and hearts.
- God had to teach Abraham **faith** in the birth of Isaac. He taught him **faithfulness** in dealing with Lot.

From a Facebook post the other day:

God why is it that you take me through troubled waters? God's response was, "because your enemies can't **swim**."

God accepts our surrender.

Question: How do I know that?

- Because I can see God working in the **secret** place of my heart...that place where only He and I can go.
- He meets me there to love and to **encourage** me to continually trust Him with my life.

Question: What is the secret to all this?

- Coming just as I am.
- My **faith** must trust God when my fears seem to overwhelm me, and when my **flesh** seems stronger than the Spirit that dwells in me.

- God is **molding** us into the character of Christ.
- Every day of 2020, we lived with the pandemic, the protests, the politics, and our own everyday **problems.**
- This must be seen as God working in our own lives for change. These changes have been:
 - **Unexpected**
 - **Unpleasant**
 - **Unwanted**
 - **Unforgettable**
 - **Unprecedented**

The Story George Muller

- He was able through grace to maintain a good **conscience** before God day by day. He was able to do this because he learned obedience to the things God taught him.
- He was also a lover of God's **Word.** He just learned to enjoy the fellowship with God daily and he learned to continually **pray.**

I believe prayer take three forms for the believer:

1. The prayer of **Worship**
2. The prayer of **Fellowship**
3. The prayer of **Intercession**

Intercession may just mean this I am taking hold of God and His **strength** for the people he has laid on my heart.

So, absolute surrender is all about the need for **oneness** with God.

Several things we need to see here in order to accomplish that.

1. We must allow God to take His **place** in our hearts.
2. We must **accept** His will in everything and trust what God is doing.
3. We must be willing to trust His **power.**
4. If God is to be all in our lives, it will require something on our part---
faith and sacrifice.

Final Thought:

The **unchanging** goodness of God can surely change me.