

# HONEY FROM THE ROCK – PART 5: DO WHATEVER IT TAKES

*A Bible Study on Surrender, Unity, and Advancing the Gospel*

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## BIG IDEA

To fulfill God's mission, we must **lay down our personal rights, unify around the gospel, and do whatever it takes to lead people to Jesus.**

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## THEME

The greatest obstacle to kingdom impact is not lack of ability—it is **clinging to personal rights instead of surrendering to God's purpose.**

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## I. PRESSING IN WHEN IT'S HARD

“When things get difficult... we pull back. But that's when God asks us to press in.”

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### Scripture:

- James 1:2–4
  - Hebrews 10:39
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### Teaching:

Our natural instinct:

- Difficulty → Withdrawal
- Risk → Avoidance
- Pain → Retreat

God's call:

- Difficulty → Faith
  - Risk → Obedience
  - Pain → Growth
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### **Key Insight:**

**The moment you want to pull back is often the moment God is calling you forward.**

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### **Application:**

- Where are you currently pulling back instead of pressing in?
  - What step of faith is God asking you to take?
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## **II. UNITY IS ESSENTIAL FOR KINGDOM IMPACT**

“If we're not unified... nothing gets done.”

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### **Scripture:**

- **1 Corinthians 9:22**
  - **1 Corinthians 1:10**
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### **Teaching:**

Unity is not:

- Agreement on everything
- Uniformity in thinking

Unity is:

- Alignment in mission
  - Commitment to the gospel
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**Key Insight:**

**A divided church cannot deliver a unified message.**

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**Application:**

- Are your words and actions building unity—or creating division?
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## **III. THE PROBLEM: CLINGING TO OUR RIGHTS**

“The moment you claim your rights... unity breaks.”

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**Scripture:**

- 1 Corinthians 12:12–13
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**Teaching:**

“Rights” sound like:

- “I deserve...”
  - “This is mine...”
  - “That’s my seat... my way... my preference...”
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**Real-Life Impact:**

When rights dominate:

- People get hurt
  - Division grows
  - The gospel gets blurred
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**Key Insight:**

**When rights rise, the mission falls.**

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**Application:**

- What “rights” are you holding onto that are hurting unity?
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## **IV. PAUL’S MODEL: GIVING UP RIGHTS FOR THE GOSPEL**

“I would rather give up everything than hinder the gospel.”

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**Scripture:**

- 1 Corinthians 9:12
  - 1 Corinthians 8:13
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**Teaching:**

Paul chose:

- Mission over comfort
  - Unity over preference
  - Impact over personal freedom
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**Theological Insight:**

Spiritual maturity is measured by:

- What you give up
  - Not what you claim
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**Key Insight:**

**Mature faith sacrifices preference for purpose.**

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**Application:**

- What are you willing to give up for someone else to know Christ?
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## **V. JESUS: THE ULTIMATE EXAMPLE OF SURRENDER**

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**Scripture:**

- **Philippians 2:5–8**
  - **Luke 23:33–34**
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**Teaching:**

Jesus:

- Gave up His rights
  - Gave up His position
  - Gave up His life
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**Key Insight:**

**The cross is the ultimate picture of surrendered rights.**

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**Application:**

- How does Jesus' sacrifice reshape your view of your own rights?
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## **VI. WHAT HAPPENS WHEN WE LET GO OF RIGHTS**

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**Scripture:**

- **Matthew 20:16**
  - **Matthew 5:44**
  - **Luke 6:29**
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**Teaching:**

When rights are surrendered:

- Pride becomes humility
  - Anger becomes grace
  - Division becomes unity
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**Key Insight:**

**Letting go of rights releases the power of the gospel.**

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## **VII. DO WHATEVER IT TAKES**

“I became all things to all people...”

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## Scripture:

- 1 Corinthians 9:22
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## Teaching:

Paul's mindset:

- Adapt
  - Relate
  - Serve
  - Reach
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## Important Clarification:

This does NOT mean:

- Compromising truth

It DOES mean:

- Removing barriers
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## Key Insight:

**We adjust methods—but never the message.**

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## Application:

- What barriers are you creating instead of removing?
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# VIII. ONE PERSON AT A TIME

“Maybe it’s not about changing the world... but one person.”

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**Scripture:**

- **Luke 15:7**
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**Teaching:**

God's strategy:

- One conversation
  - One act of love
  - One changed life
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**Key Insight:**

**You change the world by loving one person at a time.**

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**Application:**

- Who is your "one" right now?
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## **IX. THE CHURCH'S REAL MISSION**

"What happens outside the walls matters more."

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**Scripture:**

- **Matthew 28:19**
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**Teaching:**

Church is not:

- Just gathering

Church is:

- Sending
  - Serving
  - Reaching
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**Key Insight:**

**The church exists for those not yet in it.**

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## **X. HUMILITY IS THE PATH FORWARD**

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**Teaching:**

Letting go of rights requires:

- Humility
  - Surrender
  - Trust
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**Key Insight:**

**You cannot hold onto pride and carry the gospel at the same time.**

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## **XI. FINAL CALL: LEAVE YOUR RIGHTS AT THE DOOR**

“We don’t have to be right—we have to be obedient.”

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**Teaching:**

Obedience means:

- Listening
  - Acting
  - Trusting
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**Key Insight:**

Obedience advances the gospel—rights delay it.

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## **SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

1. Where are you pulling back instead of pressing in?
  2. What “rights” are you holding onto?
  3. How does surrender impact unity?
  4. Who is the one person God is calling you to reach?
  5. What would “doing whatever it takes” look like in your life?
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## **MEN’S APPLICATION CHALLENGE**

**This Week:**

- Identify ONE right to surrender
  - Serve ONE person intentionally
  - Share your faith with ONE person
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**Accountability:**

- Share with another man
- Follow up midweek

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## **DAILY PRAYER**

“Lord, help me lay down my rights, pick up my cross, and follow You. Give me the courage to do whatever it takes to share Your love.”

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## **CLOSING PRAYER**

“Father, teach us to surrender our rights, unify our hearts, and pursue Your mission above all else. Use us to reach even one person for Your kingdom. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”