

Today's Scriptures

-Matthew 16:24-26

-John 10:17-18

-Luke 14:26-33



Def of "Mount Up"



Is classified as a period of time that God rewards our stillness and waiting period with supernatural Exponential Growth.

The best part about The "Mount Up" is that it doesn't have to last for only one season.

Our continuous decision to spend alone time with God without being influenced by the world can result in continuous growth in areas of our lives that produce the fruits of the spirit, as well as the unmerited favor of God in our natural lives.



Eventually, our continuous decision to “Mount Up” will produce a lifestyle that attracts others to want to make the same sacrifice we did.

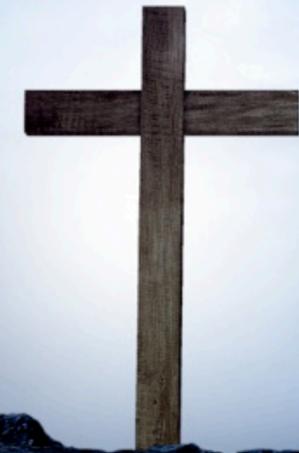
It will also populate a new body of believers that exemplify the life and behaviors that Jesus called us to live as his disciples.



**31 But those who wait on the
LORD Shall renew their
strength; They shall mount up
with wings like eagles, They
shall run and not be weary,
They shall walk and not faint.**

Isaiah 40:31

NKJV



The Journey to Surrender

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**The Goal of this sermon series is to get us to give up the things that we often place next to God.
God + Anything = Idolatry**

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***3 "You must not have any other god but
me.***

Exodus 20:3–6

NLT



4 "You must not make for yourself an idol of any kind or an image of anything in the heavens or on the earth or in the sea.

Exodus 20:3–6

NLT



5 You must not bow down to them or worship them, for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God who will not tolerate your affection for any other gods. I lay the sins of the parents upon their children; the entire family is affected—even children in the third and fourth generations of those who reject me.

Exodus 20:3–6

NLT



6 But I lavish unfailing love for a thousand generations on those who love me and obey my commands.

Exodus 20:3–6

NLT



**When surrendering
control becomes
something we are not
willing to do,
We have become our
own idol!**

Take Up Your Cross

#iDenySelf



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Questions

- What or who in your life are you not willing to give up?
- What or who do I idolize?
- Do I have trust issues?
- What in my life do I value the most?
- What would you least want God to take from you?
- Do I have Control issues?



24 *Then Jesus said to His disciples, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me.*

Matthew 16:24–26

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25 *For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it.*

Matthew 16:24–26

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26 *For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?*



Matthew 16:24–26

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24 *Then Jesus said to his disciples, "If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross, and follow me.*

Matthew 16:24–26

NLT



25 *If 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.*

Matthew 16:24–26

NLT



26 *And what do you benefit if you gain the whole world but lose your own soul? Is anything worth more than your soul?*

Matthew 16:24–26

NLT



Def of Deny

1. to declare (something) to be untrue
2. to refuse to admit or acknowledge (something)

Def of Surrender

To Give up or cease resistance to an enemy or opponent and submit to their authority.



***The first step to
Surrender is Self Denial.***

**In order to surrender,
we must be willing to be
honest with ourselves
about our situations**



Be Honest With Yourself..

- Honest about the fact that I'm incomplete to begin with
- I don't have it all together
- There's still transformation that needs to take place
- **I NEED GOD**



2 Types of Surrender

**Maturity &
Desperation**





2 Types of Surrender

Maturity

- **Voluntary**
- **Means to Give In**
- **Usually Happens by choice before God intervenes**





2 Types of Surrender

Desperation

- **Involuntary**
- **Usually happens at the point of Giving Up**
- **Usually happens out of our control because God intervened and the situation got out of control.**
- **Shows Up in the form of a God-Whooping**



17 ***"The Father loves me because I sacrifice my life so I may take it back again.***

John 10:17–18

NLT



18 *No one can take my life from me. I sacrifice it voluntarily. For I have the authority to lay it down when I want to and also to take it up again. For this is what my Father has commanded."*

John 10:17–18

NLT



**Surrender is a Form of
worship
which makes it our
reasonable service**



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.

Romans 12:1

NLT



- **Taking up our Cross**
means to gather ourselves
(Get yourself together)
- **Take Up Your Cross**
means.. to GATHER
YOURSELF

26 ***"If you want to be my disciple, you must, by comparison, hate everyone else —your father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters —yes, even your own life. Otherwise, you cannot be my disciple.***



Luke 14:26–33

NLT



27 *And if you do not carry your own cross and follow me, you cannot be my disciple.*

Luke 14:26–33

NLT



28 *"But don't begin until you count the cost. For who would begin construction of a building without first calculating the cost to see if there is enough money to finish it?"*

Luke 14:26–33

NLT



29 *Otherwise, you might complete only the foundation before running out of money, and then everyone would laugh at you.*

Luke 14:26–33

NLT



30 *They would say, 'There's the person who started that building and couldn't afford to finish it!'*

Luke 14:26–33

NLT

31 *"Or what king would go to war against another king without first sitting down with his counselors to discuss whether his army of 10,000 could defeat the 20,000 soldiers marching against him?"*



Luke 14:26–33

NLT



32 *And if he can't, he will send a delegation to discuss terms of peace while the enemy is still far away.*

Luke 14:26–33

NLT



33 *So you cannot become my
disciple without giving up
everything you own.*

Luke 14:26–33

NLT



How Do We Know When it's time to Surrender

- **When the situation becomes too big for us to handle yourself.**
- **When we grow a desire to want to be closer to God**



**God Does his Best
Work when we
take our hands off**

25 *If 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.*



Matthew 16:25

NLT



***Surrender is required to
receive salvation***

**because Surrender was
required for the
Sacrifice Jesus made for
us to have salvation**



**Coming to the place of
Surrender is when we finally
Realize that
The peace we are looking for is
in our ability to surrender**



What does surrendering & Taking Up Your Cross Look Like?

- **Letting Go**
- **Forgiving**
- **Unconditional Love**
- **Serving One another**



42 "Father, if you are willing, please take this cup of suffering away from me. Yet I want your will to be done, not mine."

Luke 22:42

NLT