

# 1829 Podcast

## LEADER GUIDE - STOP STRIVING. START SURRENDERING.

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### Key Takeaways:

1. Your identity is in Christ, not comparison.
2. Surrender daily—trust God over yourself.
3. God redeems every part of your story, even the broken ones.
4. Gratitude draws God close and kills negativity.
5. Don't chase the future—meet God in the present.
6. Growth happens through surrender—especially in family and marriage.

### Discussion Questions:

1. Pastor Jesse mentioned that God uses even the bad parts of our story to redeem them. What difficult or painful experiences in your life might God be preparing to use for His purposes?
2. Pastor Jesse said that once you learn to trust God in areas of your life, you'll never go back to trusting yourself because it's miserable. In what areas are you still trying to maintain control instead of surrendering to God?
3. What is the difference between chasing your own calling or passion versus following God and letting Him run you into your purpose?
4. Pastor Jesse said his father's calling was to provide for his family through landscaping, finding fulfillment in knowing God rather than his job. How does this reframe your understanding of vocation versus calling?
5. Marriage was referenced as an intense version of sanctification, requiring you to die to yourself. How does this biblical view of marriage contrast with cultural expectations of finding someone who makes you happy?
6. If you're more fixated on missing your calling than on following Jesus daily, what does that reveal about where you're placing your trust?

### Next Step:

Identify one area where you're trying to control outcomes. Each day this week, pray specifically: "God, I trust You with [this area]. Show me how to surrender it." Instead of stressing about finding your calling, focus on faithfulness. Ask three trusted people: "What do you see as my strengths?" and prayerfully consider their answers.



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