

# Radical Surrender

What we've surrendered to the Lord isn't radical unless it's exactly what He's asked us for.

## SURRENDER DEFINITION:

1. To yield to the power of another; to give or deliver up possession upon compulsion or demand;

## Surrendering A-L-L

New Living Translation Matthew 22:35-40

35 One of them, an expert in religious law, tried to trap him with this question:  
36 "Teacher, which is the most important commandment in the law of Moses?"  
37 Jesus replied, "'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.'[a] 38 This is the first and greatest commandment. 39 A second is equally important: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'[b] 40 The entire law and all the demands of the prophets are based on these two commandments."

## Releasing Prisoners of War

*I asked the Lord to help me with radical surrender and He told me to release my prisoners of war. Both the people and the issues that have brought me hurt over the entirety of my life.*

Matthew 6:14-15

New Living Translation

14 "If you forgive those who sin against you, your heavenly Father will forgive you. 15 But if you refuse to forgive others, your Father will not forgive your sins.

- The prison we create for others becomes the one we're condemned to ourselves.
- These issues take up space and become strongholds in which the enemy can build on. Bitterness, unforgiveness, anger, strife.

- Surrendering your heart to the Lord also means releasing the hurts.

Matthew 18:15-17

New Living Translation

Correcting Another Believer

15 “If another believer[a] sins against you,[b] go privately and point out the offense. If the other person listens and confesses it, you have won that person back. 16 But if you are unsuccessful, take one or two others with you and go back again, so that everything you say may be confirmed by two or three witnesses. 17 If the person still refuses to listen, take your case to the church. Then if he or she won’t accept the church’s decision, treat that person as a pagan or a corrupt tax collector.

## **Surrendered Hearts Become One**

Acts 4:32-35

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The Believers Share Their Possessions

32 All the believers were united in heart and mind. And they felt that what they owned was not their own, so they shared everything they had. 33 The apostles testified powerfully to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and God’s great blessing was upon them all. 34 There were no needy people among them, because those who owned land or houses would sell them 35 and bring the money to the apostles to give to those in need.

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## **Eliminating Excuses**

To surrender is to stop putting up a fight, we must stop resisting God. Releasing our excuses.

Luke 14:15-24

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Parable of the Great Feast

15 Hearing this, a man sitting at the table with Jesus exclaimed, “What a blessing it will be to attend a banquet[a] in the Kingdom of God!”

16 Jesus replied with this story: “A man prepared a great feast and sent out many invitations. 17 When the banquet was ready, he sent his servant to tell the guests, ‘Come, the banquet is ready.’ 18 But they all began making excuses. One said, ‘I have just bought a field and must inspect it. Please excuse me.’ 19 Another said, ‘I have just bought five pairs of oxen, and I want to try them out. Please excuse me.’ 20 Another said, ‘I just got married, so I can’t come.’

21 “The servant returned and told his master what they had said. His master was furious and said, ‘Go quickly into the streets and alleys of the town and invite the poor, the crippled, the blind, and the lame.’ 22 After the servant had done this, he reported, ‘There is still room for more.’ 23 So his master said, ‘Go out into the country lanes and behind the hedges and urge anyone you find to come, so that the house will be full. 24 For none of those I first invited will get even the smallest taste of my banquet.’”

## Surrendering Ourselves

Romans 12:1

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A Living Sacrifice to God

12 And so, dear brothers and sisters,[a] 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.

John 6:38

New Living Translation

38 For I have come down from heaven to do the will of God who sent me, not to do my own will.

## Surrendering What’s Required

Genesis 27:1-10

New Living Translation

Jacob Steals Esau’s Blessing

27 One day when Isaac was old and turning blind, he called for Esau, his older son, and said, “My son.”

“Yes, Father?” Esau replied.

2 “I am an old man now,” Isaac said, “and I don’t know when I may die. 3 Take your bow and a quiver full of arrows, and go out into the open country to hunt some wild game for me. 4 Prepare my favorite dish, and bring it here for me to eat. Then I will pronounce the blessing that belongs to you, my firstborn son, before I die.”

5 But Rebekah overheard what Isaac had said to his son Esau. So when Esau left to hunt for the wild game, 6 she said to her son Jacob, “Listen. I overheard your father say to Esau, 7 ‘Bring me some wild game and prepare me a delicious meal. Then I will bless you in the Lord’s presence before I die.’ 8 Now, my son, listen to me. Do exactly as I tell you. 9 Go out to the flocks, and bring me two fine young goats. I’ll use them to prepare your father’s favorite dish. 10 Then take the food to your father so he can eat it and bless you before he dies.”

- He knew what the father desired and got the blessing Jacob wanted to give Esau.
- This is not about the son’s thievery but the Father’s release.
- The blessing was released after who and what he was looking for was presented.

## The Blessings of Surrender

Matthew 5:1-11

New King James Version

The Beatitudes

5 And seeing the multitudes, He went up on a mountain, and when He was seated His disciples came to Him. 2 Then He opened His mouth and taught them, saying:

3 “Blessed are the poor in spirit,  
For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

4 Blessed are those who mourn,  
For they shall be comforted.

5 Blessed are the meek,  
For they shall inherit the [a]earth.

6 Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,  
For they shall be filled.

7 Blessed are the merciful,  
For they shall obtain mercy.

8 Blessed are the pure in heart,  
For they shall see God.

9 Blessed are the peacemakers,  
For they shall be called sons of God.

10 Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake,  
For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

11 Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil  
against you falsely for My sake.