

Deep Dive 6/29/26

Surrender – Stewart Farley

NLT Scriptures for Today - Matthew 26:36–43 - Matthew 26:47–52 - Matthew 26:38–39 -
Matthew 26:41

Opening Reflection — Follow-Up From Last Week

Last week we explored **the heart of the Father** — His love, His care, His desire to walk with us, and His life working through us. - ***How has your perspective of the Father changed over this past week? Where have you noticed His Fatherly presence, care, or voice in your daily life?***

Discussion Questions

1. Jesus Surrendered to the Father First

Matthew 26:36–39 Jesus could surrender to the moment because He had already surrendered to the Father. **Where do you see the difference between surrendering to a circumstance and surrendering to God Himself?**

2. The Cup of Surrender

Matthew 26:39 Jesus prayed, *“If possible let this cup pass... yet not My will but Yours.”* **What “cup” has God placed in front of you that requires surrender rather than resistance?**

3. Peter’s Reaction vs. Jesus’ Surrender

Matthew 26:47–52 Peter fought with a sword, then later denied Jesus. **Where do you see yourself reacting like Peter — fighting, controlling, or resisting — instead of surrendering?**

4. Identity and Surrender

Matthew 26:38–39 You wrote: *“Surrender to Christ’s identity in me — allow Him to live through me.”* **What part of your identity is hardest to surrender to Christ? Where is He inviting you to let Him live through you more fully?**

5. The Upside-Down Kingdom

The Kingdom sees surrender as courage, not weakness. **How does Kingdom surrender challenge the way the world defines strength?**

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Choose a Good Attitude at ALL Times**

6. Surrender as Yielding, Not Quitting

You wrote: *“In the Kingdom, surrender is like yielding — you’re still sitting, but doing something of value.”* **Where is God asking you to yield rather than strive?**

7. Surrender as the Doorway to Formation

You wrote: *“You will not strive your way into the image of God — you must yield your way there.”* **How does this truth reshape your approach to spiritual growth?**

8. Hearing the Spirit in Everyday Life

Jesus positioned Himself to hear the Father — quiet time, solitude, attentiveness. **Where do you most clearly hear the “whispers of surrender” in your daily life?** Conversations? Movies? Quiet moments? Relationships?

9. The Subtle Seeds of Surrender

Examples from your notes:

- “Buy that kid school clothes.” - “Let go of bitterness.” - “Stop worrying about that.” - “Lay down your anger.” **Which subtle seed of surrender has God been whispering to you recently?**

10. Surrender Changes Perspective

You wrote: *“Sometimes surrender doesn’t fix the problem — it fixes your perspective.”* **Where do you need a surrendered perspective rather than a changed circumstance?**

11. Surrender and Transformation

“Transformation is a partnership with the Holy Spirit — a life surrendered to the ways of Christ.” **What is one area where you want to partner more intentionally with the Spirit this week?**

Closing Call to Action

This week, listen for one “whisper of surrender” from the Holy Spirit — a simple, practical invitation. Take the cup He hands you, yield to it, and allow that act of surrender to shape Christ’s image in you. Choose one specific area where you will stop striving and start yielding.