

Surrendering the Throne: Who's Really in Control? Sun, Jan 4, 2026

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Are We Really Ready for More? 1

Romans 12:1; Matthew 6:24; Psalm 139:23-24; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

DISCOVER (Message Notes)

INTRODUCTION

- Wanting More is the _____ Part
- New _____ Always Requires Leaving Things Behind

1. THERE'S ALWAYS A _____

- Authority Is Never _____
- _____ Is the Throne We Justify Most Often
- Comfort and Busyness Eventually Push God _____
- _____ Takes the Throne Without Our Permission

2. SURRENDER ALWAYS STARTS ON THE _____

- God Reveals What He Intends to _____
- What We Keep Hidden Quietly _____ Us
- This Is Why _____ Matters Right Now

3. WHERE "MORE" GETS _____

- Surrender Always Shows Up in What We Say _____ To
- _____ Is Often Where Surrender Shows Up First
- "More" Requires Us to Move from Attending to _____
- Surrender Means Saying Yes Even When It _____ Us Our Comfort

4. A SEASON OF SURRENDER

BRINGING IT HOME

- This Fast is Personal Before It's Corporate
- God's Preparing Us by Bringing Us Back to the Center
- We're Beginning This Season the Same Way Jesus Did

RESPOND: If you're ready to take a step, start here

- _____ I'm recognizing an area of my life where I've been holding control, and today I'm choosing to surrender it back to Jesus
- _____ God is showing me what's been sitting on the throne of my heart, and I'm opening that area to His leadership
- _____ As I begin this season of prayer and fasting, I'm asking God to search my heart, realign my priorities, and lead me forward
- _____ I'm ready to surrender my life to Jesus and trust Him as my Savior and Lord.

GROW: Going Deeper for Personal Study and Application

- **Reflect:** Where have I been holding control instead of trusting Jesus? What has been quietly shaping my decisions, pace, or peace more than I realized?
- **Read & Pray:** Read [Romans 12:1](#) and [Psalm 139:23-24](#) slowly. As you read, don't rush to fix anything. Ask the Holy Spirit to search your heart and show you what He wants to realign, not to shame you, but to lead you.
- **Take a Step:** As you begin this season of prayer and fasting, choose one daily moment to slow down and listen. It might be during a meal you're skipping, a quiet morning, or a pause in your day. Don't try to produce answers. Simply invite God to speak and pay attention to what surfaces.