

Surrendering What We Hide:

What's God Revealing Beneath the Surface? Sunday, January 11, 2026

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Are We Really Ready for More? 2

Psalm 139:23–24; Proverbs 20:27; Hebrews 4:12–13; Proverbs 4:23; Luke 6:45; Psalm 46:10; 1 John 1:9; Proverbs 3:5

DISCOVER (Message Notes)

INTRODUCTION

- Things _____ When We Slow Down
- Who's Really in _____? (Recap)
- Fasting Has a Way of Bringing the Heart to the _____
- God's Goal Is Revelation, Not _____
- _____ Is Where Surrender Goes Deeper

1. GOD SEARCHES THE HEART TO _____, NOT TO SHAME

- God's Searching Is an _____, Not an Accusation
- Exposure Is About _____, Not Condemnation
- God Always Reveals with the _____ in Mind

2. HIDDEN PLACES DON'T STAY _____

- What Goes Unaddressed Begins to Influence _____
- What's _____ Always Finds Its Way Out
- Hiding Doesn't Start Out as Rebellion, It Starts Out as _____

3. SURRENDER REQUIRES US TO STAY OPEN TO GOD

- Staying Open to God Begins With _____
- Openness Is What Allows Honest _____
- Staying Open Requires Trust Over _____

TAKING THE BROWNIES OUT OF THE OVEN

- To Those Who Are Already Fasting... Stay Faithful
- To Those Who Haven't Started Yet... The Invitation Is Still Open
- 21 Days with Jesus: A Guided Plan for Prayer and Fasting
- The Invitation Is the Same for All of Us

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

- _____ God is revealing something beneath the surface of my heart, and I'm choosing to stay open to Him
- _____ I recognize where control has begun replacing reliance on God, and I'm surrendering that area back to Him
- _____ God is inviting me to repentance, and I'm agreeing with Him about what needs realignment.
- _____ I'm ready to place my life more fully under Jesus' leadership and follow Him with openness and obedience

GROW: Going Deeper for Personal Study and Application

- **Reflect:** Take time this week to sit with these questions slowly. Don't rush to answer them. Let God surface what He wants to surface. 1. Where have I started closing off instead of staying open with God? 2. What has God been gently bringing to the surface during this season? 3. Where has control quietly replaced reliance on Him?
- **Read & Pray:** Read [Psalm 139:23–24](#), [Proverbs 4:23](#), and [Proverbs 3:5–6](#) slowly over the next few days. As you read, resist the urge to fix or explain anything. Simply ask God to search your heart and show you what He wants to lead you through.
- **Practice Staying Open:** As you continue this fast, choose one moment each day to pause and listen. This may be during a skipped meal, a quiet morning, or an intentional break in your routine. Use that moment to ask one simple question: "God, what are You trying to show me right now?"