

Fully Surrendered Servants
Mark 10:32–45

Intro:	I've entitled this message 'Fully Surrendered Servants'
[Image]	E.g. Story of Billy Graham on his knees in full surrender "Lord here I am, use me, I surrender as your servant"
[Need]	What a picture of a fully surrendered servant of Jesus, on his knees abandoning all. What stops you from going there? I know what stops me going there – SELF: Living for Self, Loving Self, Letting Self Lead Theologians talk about the 'incurvature of the soul' E.g. Frisbee v Boomerang ©
[Subject]	Discipleship is a call to be stripped of self and fully surrender as a servant of Christ
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I've written a prayer in 3 parts, a prayer I have prayed this week to take me to the place of being a fully surrendered servant of Jesus each day

I. Lord, Stun me this Day by Jesus Christ, My Magnificent Servant King, who Fully Surrendered & Went to the Cross (10:32–34)

³²They were on their way up to Jerusalem, with Jesus leading the way, and the disciples were astonished, while those who followed were afraid. Again he took the Twelve aside and told them what was going to happen to him. ³³'We are going up to Jerusalem,' he said, 'and the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and the teachers of the law. They will condemn him to death and will hand him over to the Gentiles, ³⁴who will mock him and spit on him, flog him and kill him. Three days later he will rise.'

- Setting: Act 1 of Mark = Galilee (1:1–8:26); Act 2 = 'On the Way' (8:27–10:45); Act 3 = J'em (11:1-16) / Now 3rd Passion Prediction
- Son of Man & Son of God: v 33 – Son of Man = Cf. Dan 7:13-34 (Approaching, Ancient of Days, Adored, Accessing, Authority) / But also Son of God (Mark 1:1 – Christ & Son of God) – don't just think positional but familial, loyal, devoted – Kingdom via the Cross!
- Sets His Face – Cf. Luke 9:51 – On the Way / Up to J'em (city he weeps over, up 3,500 feet, Passover) / Jesus Leading the Way (v32)
- Suffering – 6 fold description = condemned / handed over / mocked / spit upon / flogged / killed – Key here = Jews & Gentiles!
- Servant Who is Fully Surrendered – Why? Mark 10:45 – Servant to Save! Why? Love! E.g. Rembrandt pic – come be stunned

II. Lord, Strip Me this Day of Any & All Selfishness, which So Easily Suffocates Any & All Desire to Live as a Servant (10:35–40)

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- Stunning Selfishness: 'Then' (35) – What a contrast / Self Centeredness (35-37), Self Reliance (38-39), Self Sacrifice (v39)
- Strip me: Oh Lord, strip me of selfishness which suffocates (cf. wraps itself around my heart), sucked into staring at self
- Story Narcissus – you there? Often I'm there – staring @ self, living & loving self – e.g. diaper, drive, dictate (self suffocates service)
- Sculptor E.g. – Oh Lord strip me of selfishness, chisel me, remove from me this unceasing, never fulfilling love for self

III. Lord, Shape Me This Day to Look Not Like the World but Like my Savior & Lay Down my Life as a Fully Surrendered Servant of Jesus Christ & All Whom I Meet (10:41–45)

⁴¹When the ten heard about this, they became indignant with James and John. ⁴²Jesus called them together and said, 'You know that those who are regarded as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. ⁴³Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. ⁴⁵For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.'

- Calls them (v42a)
- Contrast to the world (v42b)
- Commands them – not so with you! (v43)
- Come imitate me (v43b-44-45)
- Control you – the beauty of the gospel is that he calls you to imitate him as you participate with his power
- E.g. John Stott – living as a fully surrendered servant of Christ / Lady @ Airport – living to serve Christ & others

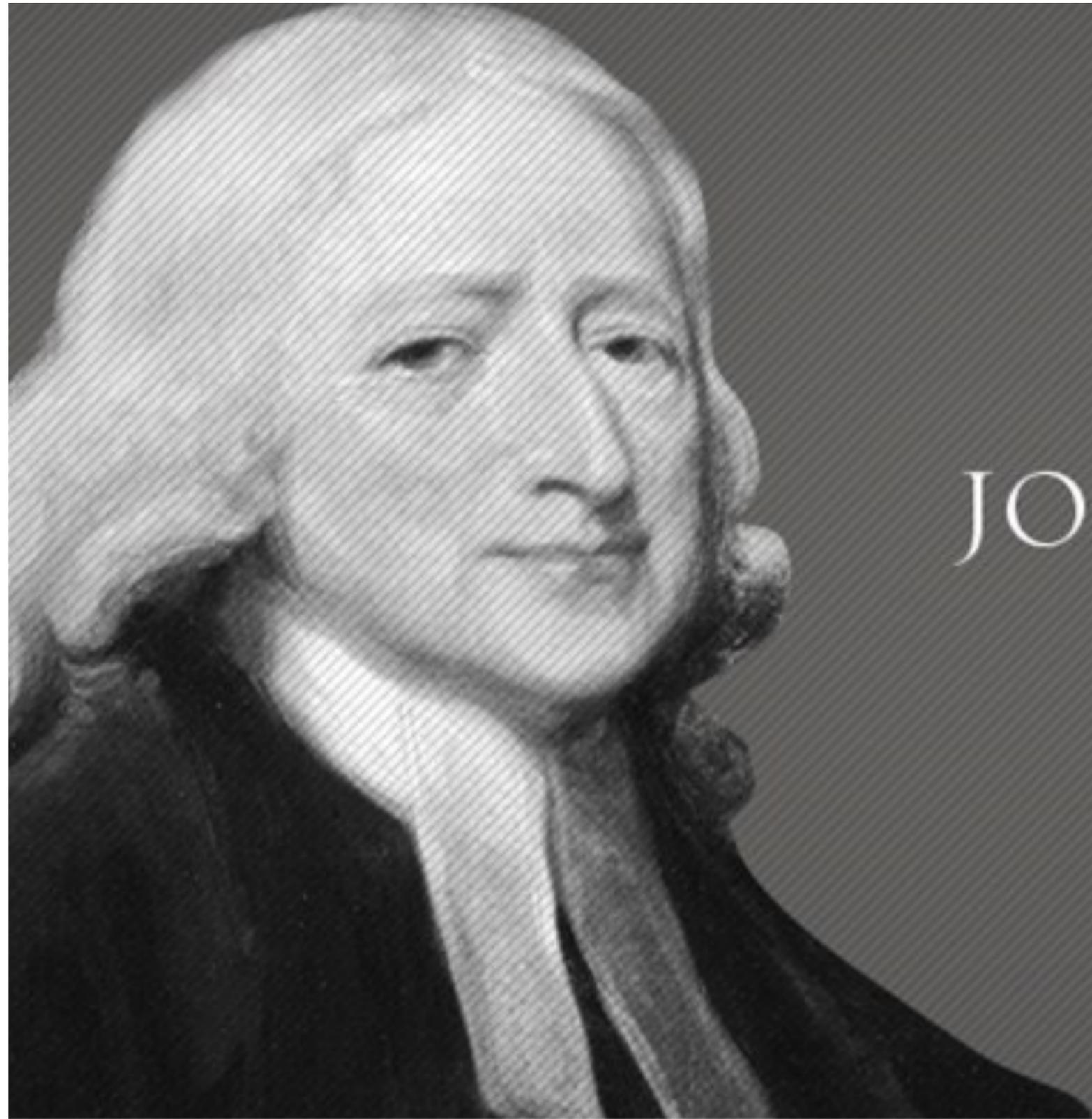
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FOLLOW

JESUS THROUGH THE BOOK OF MARK

PART 2: FOLLOW THE CALL OF JESUS



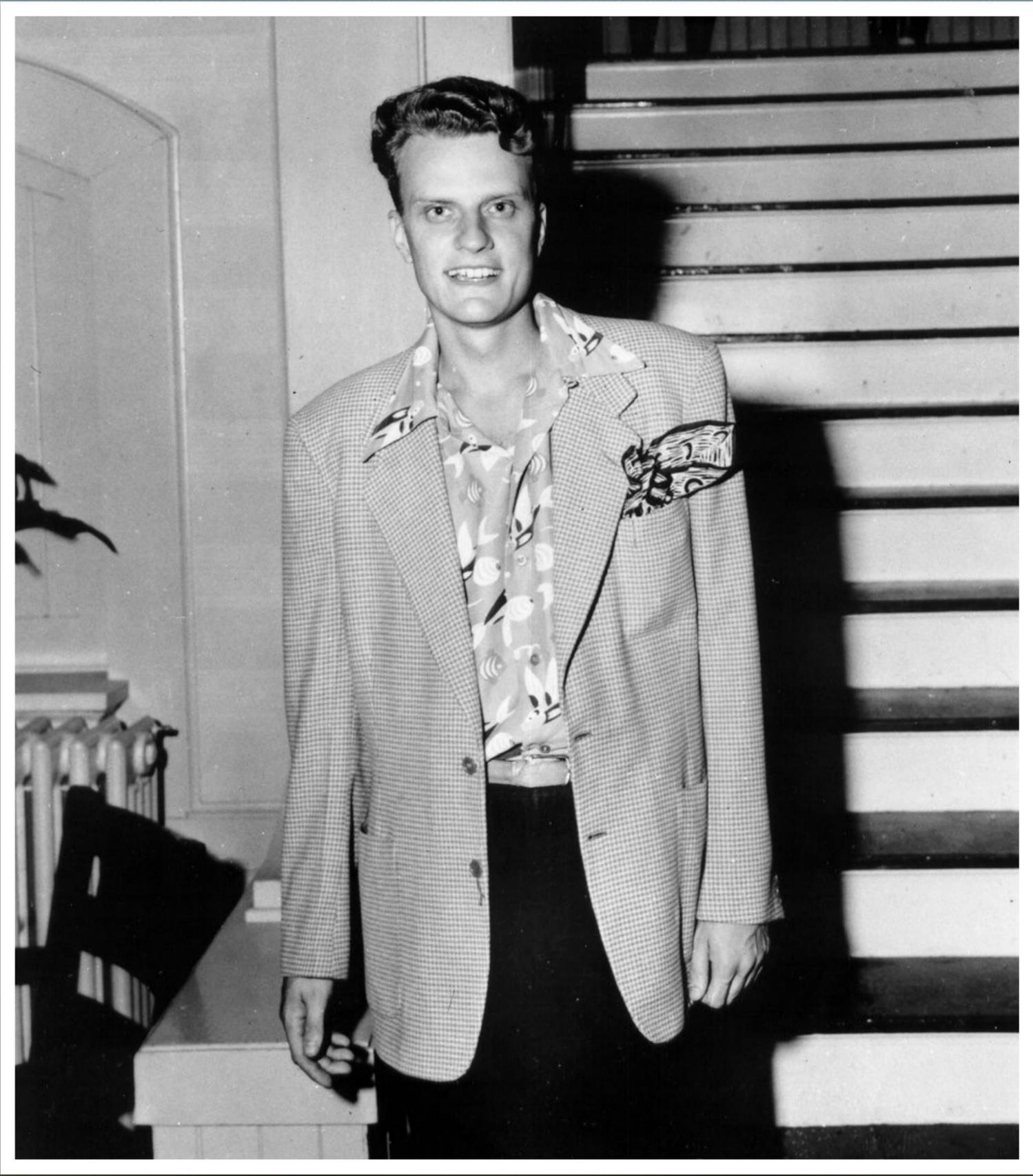


JOHN WESLEY

1703–1791

WESLEY COVENANT PRAYER

I am no longer my own, but yours.
Put me to what you will, rank me with whom you will;
put me to doing, put me to suffering;
let me be employed for you, or laid aside for you,
exalted for you, or brought low for you;
let me be full, let me be empty,
let me have all things, let me have nothing:
I freely and wholeheartedly yield all things
to your pleasure and disposal.
And now, glorious and blessed God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
you are mine and I am yours. So be it.
And the covenant now made on earth, let it be ratified in heaven.
AMEN.



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