

Confession & Surrender

Opening Announcements:

- Re-Opening Plans
- Children's Ministry Reading Plan
- Deep Thoughts Blog - Will will share "how" to get reminders
- IF Gathering
- Graduation Recognition

Q: When you think of Confession, what comes to mind?

Q: When you think of Surrender, what comes to mind?

Q: Why are BOTH difficult?

Confession:

READ: Psalm 32:5. "I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin."

James 5:16 "Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working."

1 John 1:9 "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness"

Romans 10:9 "if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved"

Q: Above are two kinds of "confession". There is confession of sins (Ps. 32.5, James 5:16, 1 John 1:9) and confession of faith (Romans 10:9). What do they both have in common?

Q: What are the promises attached to each?

Q: Why are the "hard"?

Q: Why are the powerful?

Surrender:

READ: Matthew 16:24-26 "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. ²⁵ For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. ²⁶ For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul?"

Luke 9:59-60 "To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, let me first go and bury my father." ⁶⁰ And Jesus said to him, "Leave the dead to bury their own dead. But as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God."

Luke 14:33 "So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple."

Luke 14:26-28 "If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. ²⁷ Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸ For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it?"

Luke 22:39-42 "And he came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives, and the disciples followed him. ⁴⁰ And when he came to the place, he said to them, "Pray that you may not enter into temptation." ⁴¹ And he withdrew from them about a stone's throw, and knelt down and prayed, ⁴² saying, "Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me. Nevertheless, not my will, but yours, be done."

Q: In the above examples of scripture, what are some of the common characteristics?

Q: Do Jesus' words sound "radical" or "extreme"? Why do you think this?

Q: How does Jesus' example in the garden encourage you, inspire you...inform you about "surrender".

Q: What the most difficult part of surrender?

Q: How do we help with this part?

HOMEWORK:

- Daily Bible Reading Plan
- Look for ways to encourage your neighbor and get involved with what AIC is doing in the community during the shutdown. Prayer for others can be an awesome help!