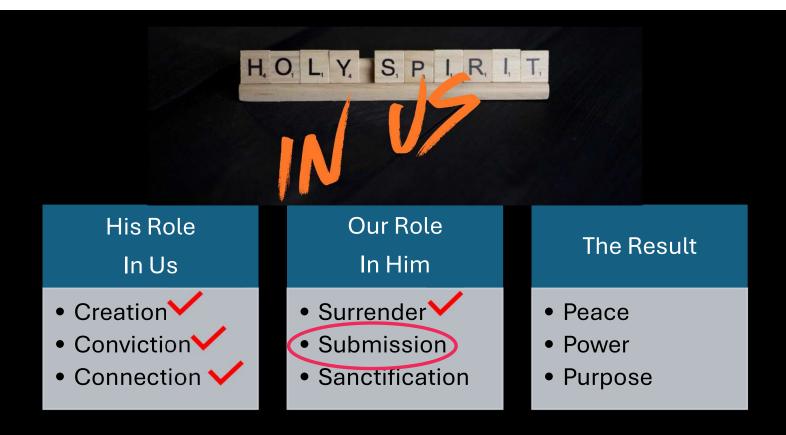
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"For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them." – Eph 2:10

<u>Humility</u> is the key that unlocks the gateway to His Grace <u>James 4:7-10 NKJV</u>

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v8 ... "Draw near to God and He will draw near to you.

Wash your hands – sinners - purify your hearts -double-minded.

(singleness of heart & mind- toward one true love — love not the world but God)

V9 ... "Grieve, mourn wail. Change laughter to mourning -your joy to gloom. (time to get serious)

V10 ... "Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up."



We've been exploring the power of submission in our walk with Jesus Christ. True submission isn't about losing ourselves – but about vielding to God's perfect plan and will for our lives. Humility is the key that unlocks the gateway to His Grace.

"God Resists the Proud But Gives Grace to The Humble!"

When we humble ourselves before the Lord – He Lifts us up! Our Mission? - To yield more fully to God's voice and direction!

"My sheep Hear My Voice. I know them and they follow me" – Jesus Christ

SUBMISSION -

WHAT – WHY – HOW?

<u>What is it? -</u> Submission: Greek – *hypotassō* (who-pa-tas'-so) <u>Greek Military Term:</u>

In war – (and we are in a spiritual battle) it means: "to arrange [troop divisions] in a military fashion under the command of a leader". (King - Jesus Christ)

In life - it is "a voluntary attitude of giving in, cooperating, assuming responsibility, and carrying a burden".



SUBMISSION -WHAT – <u>WHY</u> – HOW?



WHY DOES IT MATTER?

- God Has Asked Us To "Go" -
- God Resists The Proud Gives Grace to the Humble (Gives Unmerited Favor To a Submitted Life Submitted to Him & Others)

If you've been wondering – why life has been like "sandpaper" (or a power sander) – always - "frustrating" - always getting resistance – always stumbling – perhaps it's because we've been resisting His leading!

We Suffer In Many Cases - From: "Self-Inflicted" wounds. He's trying to help – He's trying to heal - lead – but we were not willing"

We Are Only Called To Do What Jesus Did Himself!

Philippians 2:3-8; 12-13

v3-"Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves; do not look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others.

Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, [and] being made in the likeness of men. Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

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... V12- So then, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your salvation with fear and trembling;

for ... it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for [His] good pleasure."



The Christian Life – Is walking under the direction of the Holy Spirit

When we 1st. Surrendered We were saved – <u>SAFE</u> – Now that we are Kingdom Citizens ...

Our role is to SUBMIT to His Direction for Our Lives ~

We Are "Disciples" – "Learners" – Follow the Leader – Model His behaviors!

He Directs -

We Follow!



He's got Perspective – we don't!

- John 10:27

"My sheep Hear My Voice – I Know Them & they Follow Me"

WHAT – WHY – HOW?

Jesus Is Only Asking Us To Do What He Did!

Jesus – "I tell you the truth, the Son can do nothing by Himself. He does only what He sees the Father doing. Whatever the Father does, the Son also does." – John 5:19

We Have Entered the Kingdom – We Are Citizens! Good Citizen's - Submit To The Laws of the Land!

We Are Under:

- His Protection
- His Direction
- His Watchful Eye
- His Care & Provision
- Obey God Leave All Your Outcomes To Him
 - Proverbs 3:5&6 (He shall direct your paths)
 - Psalm 23 (The Lord is my Shepherd)
- Romans 12:1-2 (Be not Conformed/Transformed)



WHAT – WHY – HOW?



SUBMIT - YIELD

- To Walk Out Your Life's Path In The Spirit Is To Yield to God's Will for Your Life!
- We Give Holy Spirit Control Because We Realize Who's Path It Is.
- Anxious Thoughts? Release Those To Him "He hasn't given us -spirit of fear/but of power/love/sound mind". (2 Tim. 1:7)
- Speak The Truth (w/Love and Humility)- even if not to your advantage.
- Apologize First (seek forgiveness go quickly settle things)
- Besetting Sins (accountability partner/recognize triggers/replace the habit/)
- Pray Always Ask Holy Spirit to Guide & Guard you/words/thoughts/actions.
- Read His Word The Bible God's Word is our Handbook for Living

WHAT - WHY - HOW?

".... present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, [which is] your reasonable service. v2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what [is] that good and acceptable and perfect will of God."

~ Romans 12:1-2



WHAT - WHY - HOW?

As A Kingdom Citizen –

- You Are Not Your Own Called to Be a Disciple
- We Submit To His Will & The Rules Of The Kingdom

Movie - "Sleeping with the Enemy"

Can't Party With the Enemy All Night & Do Battle Against Him The Next Day! (James 4:4)

Being a Disciple – a Student – a Learner of Jesus

We – Model What The Teacher Does

When God asks for "A" – and we want "B" - We do "A"

WHAT – WHY – HOW?

Peter -

Luke 5:4-5 - "... He said to Simon, "Launch out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." But Simon answered and said to Him, "Master, we have toiled all night and caught nothing; nevertheless at Your word I will let down the net."

<u>Jesus -</u>

Mark 14:36 "And He said, "Abba, Father, all things [are] possible for You. Take this cup away from Me; nevertheless, not what I will, but what You [will]."

WHAT – WHY – HOW?

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WHAT-WHY-HOW?

Luke 9:23-25 – "... If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me.

For whoever desires to save his life will lose it,

but whoever loses his life for My sake will save it.

For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and is himself destroyed or lost?

SUBMISSION - WHAT – WHY – HOW?

HOW? James says it's - <u>Humility</u>

Humility Is the Key that Unlocks The Gateway to God's Grace!

(James Chapter 4)

- > v6- "He says: "God resists the proud, but gives grace to the <u>humble</u>."
- v7- "therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.
- V8- "Draw near to God and He will draw near to you."
- v10- "Humble yourselves before the Lord, and He will exalt you"

"Exalt" -- Raise you up to dignity, honor and happiness

SUBMISSION -

WHAT – WHY – HOW?

"Lord even the demons are subject to us in Your name"-Luke 10:17

- The demons submitted to the Disciples – because the Disciples were <u>humbly</u> submitted to the Lord!

BUT-HOW?

SUBMIT - YIELD



STEP 1 - Submit To God (humility – we tend to skip "Step 1")

STEP 2- Resist satan (opposite of submitting)

STEP 3- satan has to flee (satan can not stay in the light of Jesus)

"even the demons are subject to us – in Your name" – Luke 10:17

Who's Name?

Jesus

Draw near to God – He draws near to you.

SUBMIT - YIELD



1 Peter 5:5-9

v5 "... Yes, all of [you] be <u>submissive</u> to one another, and be clothed with <u>humility</u>, for "God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble."

Peter - Said The Same as James!

v6 Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time,

v7 casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you.

v8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.

v9 Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world.

WHAT - WHY - HOW? SUBMIT - YIELD



How?

You have not because you ask not – or ask amiss - James 4:2&3

- Pray If We Ask Anything According to His Will/Ye Shall Receive!
- Stay In His Word- (Bible Reading) We Can Know His Will.
- We Have Not- Yet Resisted To Bloodshed/Striving Against Sin (Heb. 12:4)
- You Cannot Be Tempted Beyond What God Allows/He Makes a Way Of Escape - (1Cor. 10:13)
- To Walk In The Spirit- Is To Yield to God's Will for Your Life!

"Do You Want to Be Made Well?" ~ Jesus Christ

SUBMIT - YIELD



Why does It Matter?

God Desires Most Of All -

- #1. Our Salvation!
- #2. Our Maturity In Him!(to grow up in all things)
- #3. We Are His Plan To Reach Others!
- #4. It's a Matter of Life and Death!

Will We Fall Short?

- #1. Yes sometimes- but if we do we have an advocate with the Father.
- #2. 1st John 1:9- "If we confess our sins He is Faithful/Just to forgive ...
- #3. Get Back In The Game -
- #4. Saved? You can be in The Arena but not in the Game!

Up to you where you sit: Snack Bar/Bleachers/On the Bench/On the Field

SUBMIT-YIELD



Are You willing to "YIELD"?
The Blue Marble in your life?

✓ When you do – you allow God to work through your life to impact others and your world – for good!



- ✓ A Yielded Life Is a Life filled with Peace/Power & Purpose!
- ✓ He Is Working Out His Perfect Plan and Purpose In Your Life!

Holy Spirit - paraklētos

- He is our Helper
- Guide
- Advocate
- Comforter
- Convictor
- Life Preserver

- Remembrancer
- Encourager
- Aider
- Counselor
- Connector
- Commander

The Truth Teller - We Can Trust To Yield To!







His Role In Us

- Creation
- Conviction
- Connection

Our Role In Him

- Surrender
- Submission
- Sanctification

The Result

- Peace
- Power
- Purpose



