

Surrender

Surrender means to "give up or yield," "to give oneself over to the power of another's control," or "to resign one's self." Surrender is a choice to yield.

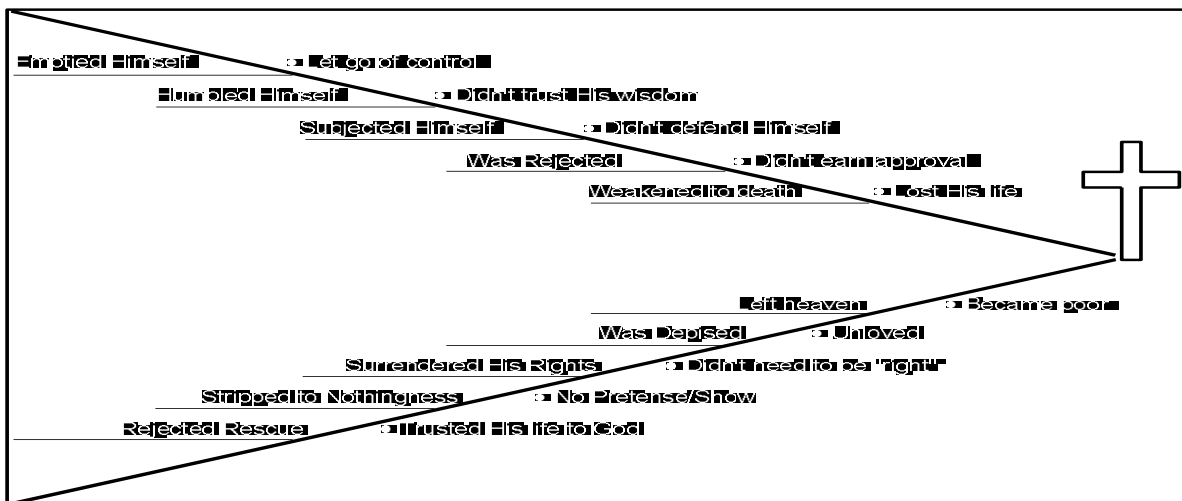
While we do not surrender to defeat or passivity, we need to surrender our flesh patterns. Continuing to struggle from self-effort and will-power only prolongs our frustrations, conflicts, and defeat. Surrender is yielding to the Holy Spirit in recognition and admission that I can do nothing apart from Christ.

- The Lord has to teach us that surrender is the sincerest act of faith. Surrender is depending solely on God for our peace, joy, godly attitudes, and actions in every circumstance and relationship regardless of how trying, overwhelming, unfair, or seemingly impossible instead of relying on ourselves.
- Committing yourself is not the same as surrender. A commitment is what I promise to do for God. Submitting is admitting my need for a Savior and a Sanctifier. Surrender is submitting or yielding our lives to God, trusting Him to do what He has promised in and through us.

1. Jesus submitted Himself to His Father.

- Acts 2:22 Jesus the Nazarene ... God performed through Him in your midst,
- Luke 4:1 Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit...led around by the Spirit in the wilderness.
- Luke 5:17 One day, He was teaching... the power of the Lord was *present* for Him to perform healing.
- John 1:33 The Spirit descend[ed] and remain[ed] upon Him.
- John 5:19 I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself.
- John 5:30 I can do nothing on My own initiative.
- John 14:10 I do not speak on My own initiative, but the Father abiding in Me does His works.
- 2 Cor 5:19 God was in Christ, reconciling the world to Himself.
- 2 Cor 13:4 Indeed He was crucified because of weakness, yet He lives because of the power of God.

2. Jesus humbled Himself.



3. Humble yourself.

- 1 Pet 5:5-7 You younger men, likewise, be subject to your elders; and all of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, for God is opposed to the proud, but gives grace to the humble. Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty [saving] hand of God, that He may exalt you at the proper time, casting all your anxiety on Him, because He cares for you.
- Phil 2:5-9 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. For this reason, also, God highly exalted Him.
- Matt 16:24-25 Then Jesus said to His disciples, "If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it; but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it.
- John 12:24 Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains by itself alone; but if it dies it bears much fruit. He who loves his life loses it.

4. Prayer

Father God,

- I agree with Your word. Apart from Jesus, I can do nothing.
- I receive Christ as my life and choose to surrender my right to self-reliance.
- I yield my will-power, mind and thoughts, body, and entire life to You.
- By faith, I choose to stop relying on and surrender:
 - My right to my time or timing
 - My right to my body
 - My right to entertainment options
 - My right to friendships and the places I go
 - My right to be comfortable
 - My right to be right
 - My right to possessions or finances
 - My right to a good reputation
 - My right to have acceptance
 - My right to be successful
 - My right to have pleasant circumstances
 - My right to presume on the will of God
 - My right to life itself
 - My right to beauty or strength
 - My right to be understood
 - My right to be heard
 - My right to take up an offense
 - My right to expect others to meet my needs
 - My right to results
 - My right to my methods or preferences
 - _____
 - _____
- I entrust my past successes and failures, my problems, my character, and attitudes into Your keeping. I invite You, Holy Spirit, to be my all and all.
- Father, I permit You to work out your good will and pleasure in and through my life anyway You choose.

In the name of Jesus, I pray. Amen.