



**I yield and let go.
I surrender all
to You oh Lord,
the One I love
with all my heart.**

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ENTERING THROUGH SURRENDER

The day that you surrendered your life, and considered yourself dead, is the day that you let Jesus live His life through you, birthing the power to overcome.

*And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death.
(Rev 12:11 NKJV)*

The quickest way to hear the Lord speak, is to totally surrender your life to Jesus Christ. Give Him everything you are, everything you want, everything you have, everything you pursue, everyone you love, every part of who you are: **BODY, SOUL AND SPIRIT.** Surrendering to God is trusting that He is your Good, loving Heavenly Father Who brings everything together for good. It is trusting that even if all you give up is tested and tried by the enemy, that the Lord said yes for

SUCH A GREAT COST TO GIVE FREE WILL
God made Adam free and give him a voice
He laid down His power to grant free choice.
God walked with Adam and gave him access
Talking, sharing, waiting for Adam's "yes."
Through His great power, by force He could take.
With His great love, He yielded for their sake.
In the garden, He would not interfere.
He gave free choice for willing volunteers.

Through out these years of mankind's history
God's heart travails an enflamed mystery.
He pursues our lives with such passionate love.
Yet waits for entrance as the gentle Dove.
Bowing His ear low, He's so sensitive
Hearing our desires, if we're receptive.
He yearns as He waits for our permission.
With circled groaning for our decision.

His intense love is constrained persuasion
Lest He overtake us by invasion.
With great restraint He will not use His force
To rule our life with pressuring coerce.
God knows the cost of honoring free will
Continued this day, He suffers it still.
One third of His creatures fell to the earth
Refused His love, dishonored what he birthed.

He may seek us and be inquisitive.
But only wants what were willing to give.
He makes sure we really know He is there.
So we will receive what He has to share.
He suffers long, through wavering so-so's.
Til He's convinced that we really mean no.
God's deepest travail is that He does wait
For mutual desire to relate.

John 17:21 NKJV

*... that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me,
and I in You; that they also may be one in Us...*

His good purpose. It is trusting Him that even in death, His good purpose reigns. It is trusting that in every death, there is multiplied life.

Many strongholds fall by the wayside when you are in total surrender to the Lord. This takes away veils that keep you from hearing Him in the many ways He speaks.

2 Cor 3:16-18 NLT

But whenever anyone turns to the Lord, then the veil is taken away. Now, the Lord is the Spirit, and wherever the Spirit of the Lord is, he gives freedom. And all of us have had that veil removed so that we can be mirrors that brightly reflect the glory of the Lord. And as the Spirit of the Lord works within us, we become more and more like him and reflect his glory even more.

The various aspects in this lesson are about how to

surrender to God. This character trait is important in hearing God speak to you. It is about having a heart that bows low to listen to the One you love. It is giving Him first place and giving honor to His voice in your life. When you are surrendered, yielded, letting Him lead, and no longer striving with Him, something precious begins to form within you. It is the nature of Jesus Christ, Who did nothing of Himself. He only did what He heard and saw His beloved Father doing.

John 5:19-20 NKJV

Then Jesus answered and said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He sees the Father do; for whatever He does, the Son also does in like manner. For the Father loves the Son, and shows Him all things that He Himself does; and He will show Him greater works than these, that you may marvel.



HE LEADS US THEN GIVES FREE WILL

When God brings us to make a decision, He initiates the circumstances and movement, He draws us, gets our attention, then says, "It's yours, you decide!" The Lord is not a controller. He does not force us to do something we do not want to do. He leaves the decision of whether we will follow Him, up to us. He wants our personalities, our own heart, to want what He wants but He does this through His love, sometimes "tough love". That's why He draws us, He does not want to push or control us into doing what's right. Why? Because true love honors free will. Without freewill, God would have slaves and puppets and not reciprocating relationship with sons and daughters.



HE SPEAKS WHEN WE YIELD

"Most assuredly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it produces much grain. He who loves his life will lose it, and he who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. If anyone serves Me, let him follow Me; and where I am, there My servant will be also. If anyone serves Me, him My Father will honor." (John 12:24-26 NKJV)

I received an insight about God's multiplication factor while looking at some scriptures. The Bible says, "For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren." (Romans 8:29 NKJV) That means that our destination is to become like Jesus. And Jesus' destination before His resurrection was death to His own will by yielding His life to the Father's will.

Jesus said the only way a plant lives forever is to continue to produce fruit. The way it produces fruit is for the grown plant to die after harvest, and allow its seeds to be planted back into the ground. The single seed, and thus the plant,

is multiplied many times over. He said, "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." (Luke 9:23-24 NKJV) This kind of death to self is a decision to yield our own personal desire over a circumstance and say, "Lord, if this is Your will, then I accept that You know best." "Not my will, but thine be done." (Luke 22:42)

This is a painful place to be, but it has glorious rewards of a multiplied life. Jesus chose to yield His own will and lay His life down as a *righteous seed* for the sake of multiplying that seed to all who would believe on Him. His death multiplied righteousness for an entire world. The Bible says that only the Father brings forth the multiplied life: "I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase. So then neither he who plants is anything, nor he who waters, but God who gives the increase. Now he who plants and he who waters are one, and each one will receive his own reward according to his own labor. For we are God's fellow

workers; you are God's field." (1 Corinthians 3:6-9 NASB)

The Father chose that Jesus' physical death would be increased beyond the grave, by bearing the fruit of eternal salvation for anyone who would partake of that fruit. Like Jesus, when we go through death to self, the Father chooses what fruit our yieldedness will produce. Every person is different, therefore every person will have a different harvest of the fruit of their decisions.

Not everyone who is a Christian will go through death to self-will. The fact is, we can be as close to God as we want to be. "And He was saying to them, take care what you listen to. By your standard of measure it shall be measured to you." (Mark 4:24 NASB) "Draw near to God, and He will draw near to you." (James 4:8 NASB) Because we have a choice, death to self will not be chosen by everyone. But those who want God above everything else are willing to follow Jesus Christ even to the cross. As a result, those people will hear God on earth, in the greatest measure available to mankind.



***“There are 2 lasting gifts we can give our children.
One is roots the other is wings.”***



WHAT IT MEANS TO SURRENDER AND LET GO

***“If you love something, you will set it free.
If it comes back to you, it was meant to be.”***

As I was thinking about the parable of what it means to surrender to God and let go, I saw a vision of an open palm with a tiny bird sitting there. Love is letting go and honoring someone enough to give them free will. That is what we do with God when we surrender to His will. And that is what God does with us in giving us free will.

A friend sent me a vision:

“I saw a bird, and it flew back a bit to a tree where it felt safe and continued talking, though more relaxed. I listened, could not understand, and asked the Lord to tell me what the bird was saying. Then I saw myself holding a small bird in my hands. The bird was not afraid. It wanted to be with me and the bird knew it was safe there. I knew how fragile the bird was and that I had the ability to crush the bird in my hands. I just sat there with this knowledge and quite content to leave my hands open so it could fly away and return as it desired. The bird is not mine; it is the Lord’s. I must be careful to remember that.”