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WEEKLY MINISTRY MEDITATIONS



"A JOURNEY OF THE HEART"

Reasons for surrendering

March 20, 2017

GALATIANS 2:20 NKJV – (20) I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the *life* which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

As we learned last week, God tells us to surrender our lives to Him. This is no small task. All our plans, every desire we feel, each entitlement that once seemed our right—everything is put aside in order to make way for our King's will. Have you wondered why God can ask this of us? The Lord has every right to demand that we give Him our all.

- (1) Scripture teaches us that He is sovereign—the King and Ruler over the entire universe. As a result, we are under His authority, whether we choose to submit or not.
- (2) Through His death and resurrection, Jesus saved us from our sin and its consequences. Therefore, we are indebted to Him more than we could ever repay.
- (3) He sustains us; we should consider each breath and heartbeat a gift from Him.

Undoubtedly, God is entitled to ask that we yield our life to Him. At the same time, surrender is in our best interest. The Father promises that following Him leads to hope and an established future. Psalm 31:19 states, "How great is Your goodness, which You have stored up for those who fear You . . ." So, while He is the Almighty One with all authority to demand our life, He promises to care for us and to do what will benefit us most.

Are you willing to put yourself aside in order to follow Jesus? His way is best, and it offers hope, joy, and peace. We will not always like everything He chooses, but He promises to work all things for good. Will you trust God enough to hand the reins over to Him?

SCRIPTURE READING

1 CORINTHIANS 6:19-20

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

For Home Improvement – Bring the Family to Church.