

# Surrender

*“Then Jesus told his disciples, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it ” (Matthew 16:24-25).*

You are created in God’s image, but God has given you a mind and you are to it wisely. From the moment you are born on this earth, you begin struggling to discern who you are and what you are here for

You must recognize God’s sovereign authority as the One who sits in the heavens and it is Him you should alone to surrender. Though sometimes it is difficult to submissively surrender each day to Him. Surrendering daily is your choice, and your choice alone.

Surrender means -to give oneself up into the power of another: to yield to another. Surrender is willful acceptance and yielding of your will. Surrender is a battle term and means giving up all rights to the conqueror.

Sometimes you avoid surrendering to God because doing so would mean surrendering areas of your life that you want to control.

God knows you!!! He tells you that if you recognize His sovereignty, trust in His goodness, and trust His plans— He will guide your steps and establish your plans to bring them about in accord with His purposes and His righteousness!!!!

Life happens, and these events should not control you. You have a choice to trust Him with things or not. The good news is, even in the events God knows if your heart is fixed on Him or not. God weighs your motives, intents, and purposes. The Lord alone has all the facts. He alone is able to judge the purity of your motives and the reasons for your plans. God has a plan for your life, and surrendering to Him means you set aside your own plans and eagerly seek His.

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