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SURRENDERED (Continued-Part 3)

Love – an intense feeling of deep affection.

*Synonyms of love: adoration, worship, passion, unselfishness, devotion, relationship, yearning, desire.

***Agape** – love of God for man and the love of man for God, divine love.

Surrender – to yield, to give up completely, cease resistance, to give oneself up, to give oneself over, to give oneself up into the power of another

*Synonyms of surrender: abandonment, submission, yielding (humble – synonym submissive).

*Antonyms of surrender: keep, retain, withhold, fight, defy, thwart, combat, reject, resist, protect

***Not a coincidence that we are geographically near the center of Geneva, NY.**

*Isaiah 58 is God's letter to us

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***Not Surrendering: Verses 3-5;**

- Fast to please self
- Oppress (abuse, persecute) ourselves and others by our attitudes and actions (not showing love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, self-control)
- Fight and quarrel
- Humble self by going through motions (ex. Job went through the motions by offering sacrifices for his kids)
 - Bowing your heads
 - Dressing in burlap, Covering self with ashes

***Surrendering: Verses 6-7; 9b; 10a; 13**

- Free those who are wrongly imprisoned
- Lighten the burden
- Let oppressed go free
- Share food with hungry

- Give shelter and clothes(coverings) (1 Corinthians 13:5 love keeps no record of/covers wrongs)
- Remove heavy yoke oppression
- **(If)(we have a choice)** keep feet from breaking Sabbath and doing as please on God's holy day
- not speaking idle(your own) words (1 Corinthians 13:5 love is not self-seeking)

***Blessings of Surrender: Verses 8-9a; 10b-12; 14**

- Light break forth like dawn, healing will quickly appear
- Righteousness will go before you (God's righteousness)
- Well-watered garden
- Rebuild ancient ruins
- Repairer of broken walls, restorer of streets to dwell in
- Find your joy in the Lord
- Cause to ride in triumph on heights of land, feast on inheritance of your father Jacob(will mount up and be given promised territory)

*Galatians 5- fruits of the Spirit is love... 1 Corinthians 13 – the greatest of these is love.

**Word from the Lord:

- **Humbling ourselves and surrendering to God's will is an act of love.**
- **When we do not surrender, ourselves and others are not able to experience and see God's power on display.**
- **As children of God we are called to walk in love, agape love (divine love), in all of our relationships. Without it love is not patient and kind, demands its own way, is selfish, rude, jealous, acts unbecomingly.**
- **Our obedient surrender enables someone else to respond in obedient surrender.**