

“The Significance of Surrender”



Why Surrender to God?

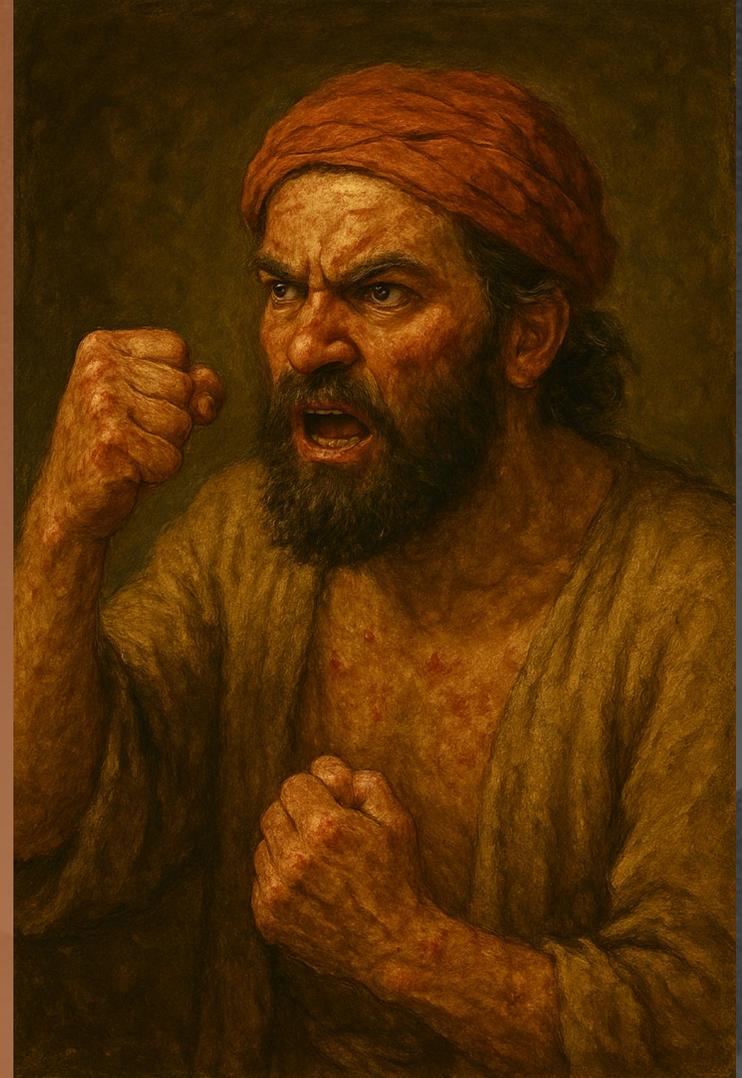
“States of helplessness, hopelessness and defeat, are golden opportunities to surrender to God, the all-knowing wise “one.”

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1. Surrender our Sovereignty

2 Kings 5:11-12^(NLT)

“But Naaman became angry and stalked away. “I thought he would certainly come out to meet me!” he said. “I expected him to wave his hand over the leprosy and call on the name of the Lord his God and heal me! Aren’t the rivers of Damascus, the Abana and the Pharpar, better than any of the rivers of Israel? Why shouldn’t I wash in them and be healed?” So Naaman turned and went away in a rage.”



1. Surrender our Sovereignty

2 Kings 5:14^(NLT)

“So Naaman went down to the Jordan River and dipped himself seven times, as the man of God had instructed him. And his skin became as healthy as the skin of a young child, and he was healed!”

Are there areas of pride in our life that we need to surrender?



2. Surrender our Scepticism

Exodus 4:1, 10_(NLT)

“But Moses protested again, “What if they won’t believe me or listen to me? What if they say, ‘The Lord never appeared to you’?”

“But Moses pleaded with the Lord, “O Lord, I’m not very good with words. I never have been, and I’m not now, even though you have spoken to me. I get tongue-tied, and my words get tangled.”



2. Surrender our Scepticism

Exodus 4:11-12 (NLT)

“Then the Lord asked Moses, “Who makes a person’s mouth? Who decides whether people speak or do not speak, hear or do not hear, see or do not see? Is it not I, the Lord? Now go! I will be with you as you speak, and I will instruct you in what to say.”

Do we doubt what God can do?



3. Surrender in the Storm

Mark 4:38 (NLT)

“Jesus was sleeping at the back of the boat with his head on a cushion. The disciples woke him up, shouting, “Teacher, don’t you care that we’re going to drown?””

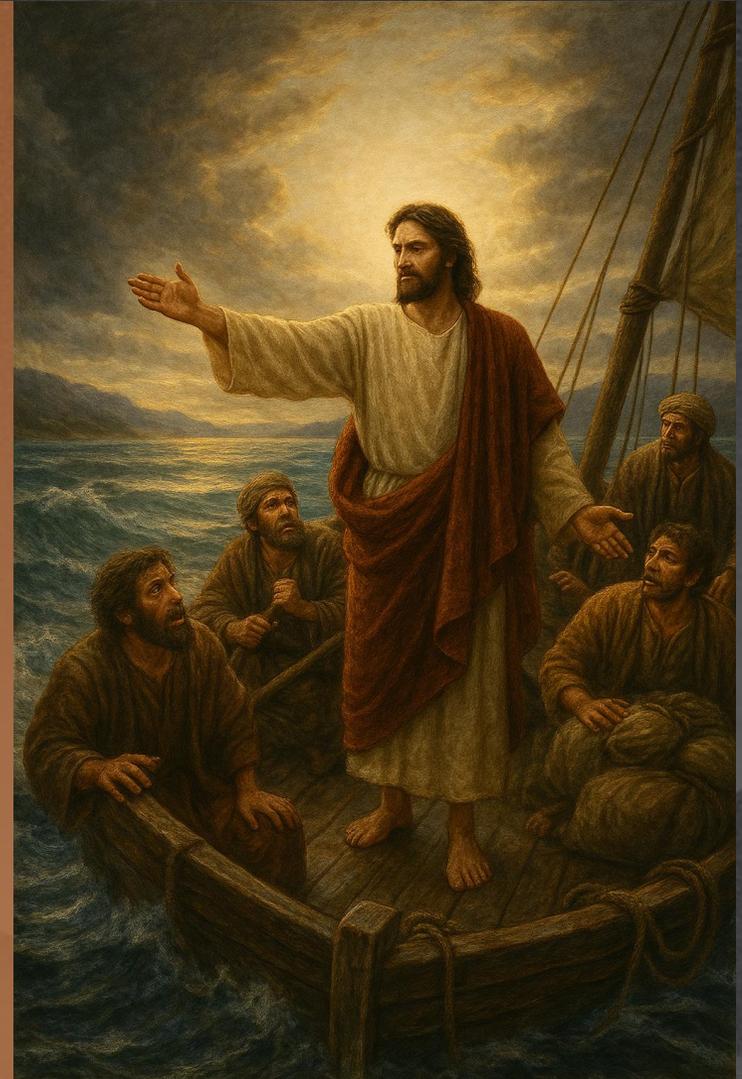


3. Surrender in the Storm

Mark 4:39-40 (NLT)

“When Jesus woke up, he rebuked the wind and said to the waves, “Silence! Be still!” Suddenly the wind stopped, and there was a great calm. Then he asked them, “Why are you afraid? Do you still have no faith?”

In the storm (battle), do we still doubt God will be in it?

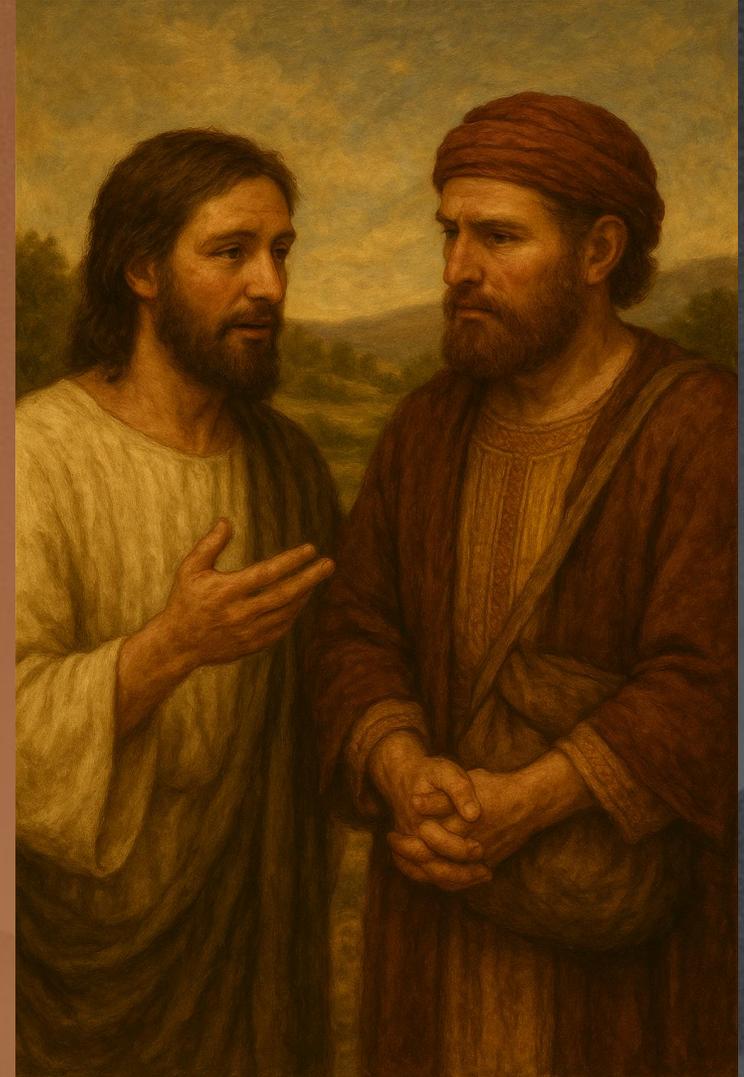


4. Surrender our Securities

Mark 10:21-22 (NLT)

“Looking at the man, Jesus felt genuine love for him. “There is still one thing you haven’t done,” he told him. “Go and sell all your possessions and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.”

At this the man’s face fell, and he went away sad, for he had many possessions.”

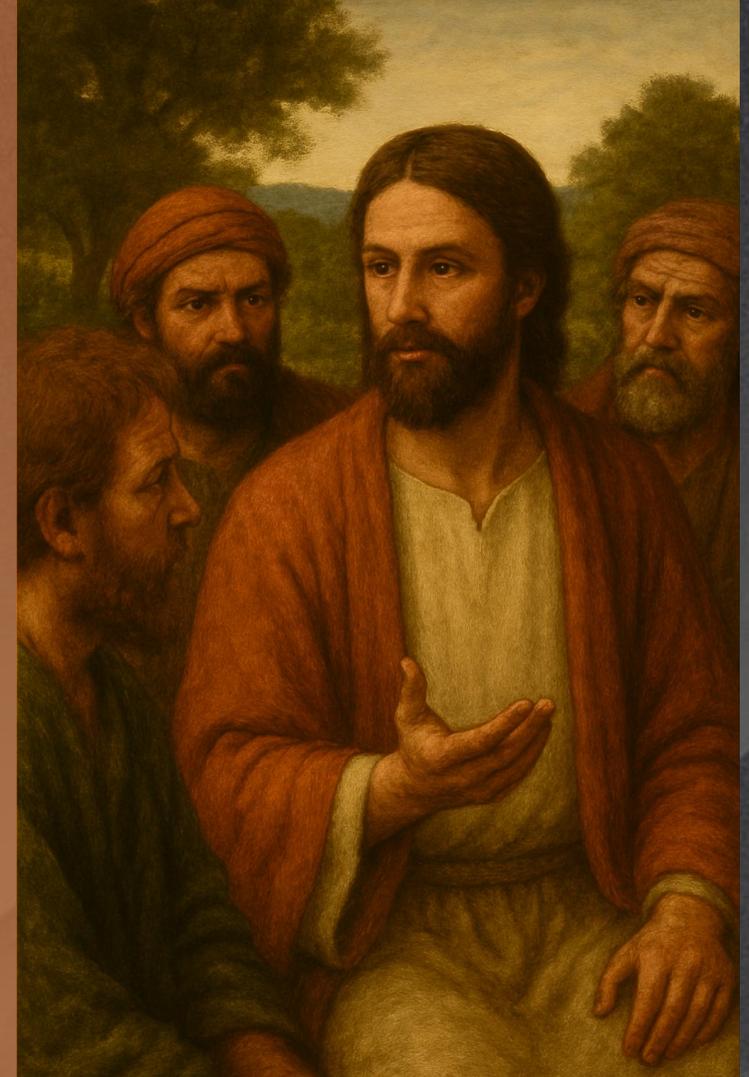


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Mark 10:28-29 (NLT)

“Then Peter began to speak up. “We’ve given up everything to follow you,” he said. “Yes,” Jesus replied, “and I assure you that everyone who has given up house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or property, for my sake and for the Good News, will receive now in return a hundred times as many houses, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and property – along with persecution. And in the world to come that person will have eternal life.”

What are we holding onto when we need to surrender it to God?

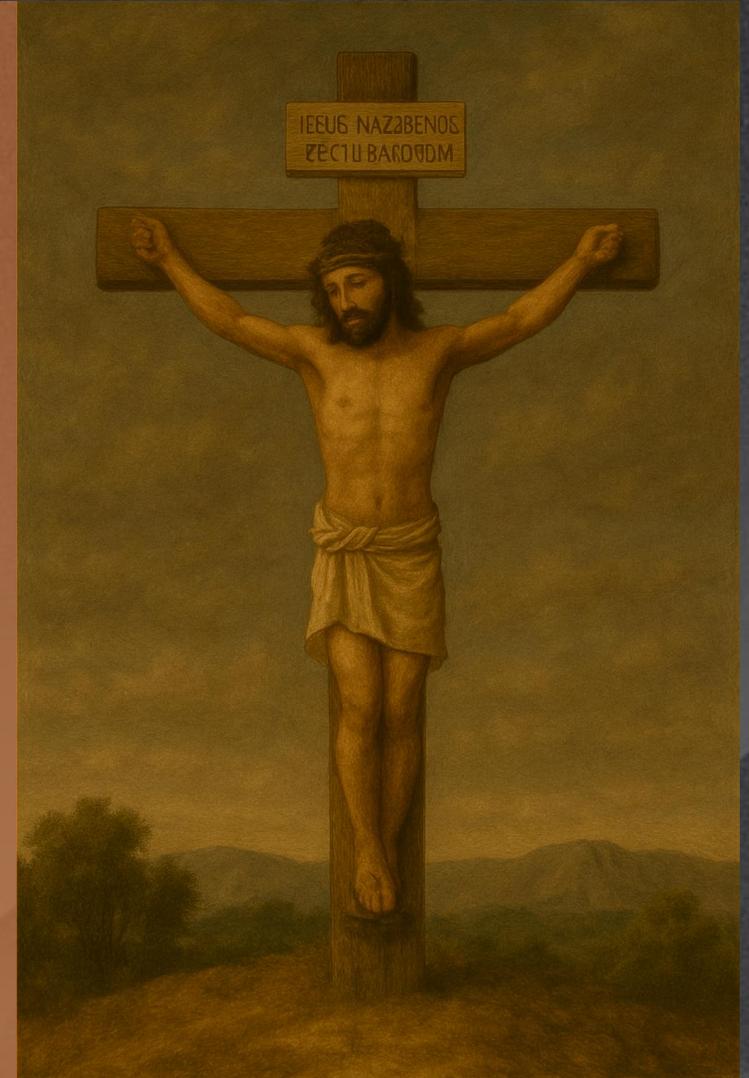


5. Surrender to the Saviour

Luke 22:42 (NLT)

“Father, if you are willing, please take this cup of suffering away from me. Yet I want your will to be done, not mine.”

Have we surrendered to Jesus?



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Questions to Consider:

1. Can you think of any other areas that we can surrender to God?
2. Are there any areas that you need to surrender to God? How are you going to do it?
3. What can we do to keep ourselves surrendered?