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I. Surrender What You Are And What You Are Not!

- A. Surrender (defined/Webster's) – To yield, to give up oneself into the power of another.
- B. Complete (defined/Webster's) – Fully, all the way to the end, leaving nothing out, holding nothing back, to bring to an end, to finish.
- C. Complete surrender to God – Giving ourselves totally into the power of God, holding nothing back. Giving up to Him everything we are, ever hope to be, and **especially everything we are not.**
- D. We do not mind giving God what we think we are:
 - 1. Talented
 - 2. Intelligent
 - 3. Educated
 - 4. Experienced
 - 5. Attractive
 - 6. Reputable
 - 7. Popular
- E. We struggle with what we are not:
 - 1. Weak
 - 2. Unable
 - 3. Slow
 - 4. Inexperienced

5. Uneducated
 6. Unpopular
 7. Unattractive
 8. Not well thought of
- F. When God calls, He says: **“Come as you are, and I will make you what you ought to be.”**
- G. He says: **“My strength is made perfect in your weakness.”**
- H. **People are frustrated and completely worn out from trying to be something they are not and trying to give God something they don’t have.**

II. **Biblical Examples Of People Who Had Concern Over What They Were Not!**

- A. **Moses (Exodus 3:10-14)** – Moses was concerned about what he was not and should have been thinking of what God was.
1. **Exodus 4:1-13** – Moses begged God to send someone else.
- B. **Gideon (Judges 6:11-17)** – God wanted to use Gideon to defeat Midian, but Gideon could not get beyond what he was not.
- C. **Jeremiah (Jeremiah 1:4-10, 17-19)** – God would overcome all of Jeremiah’s natural deficits if he would trust Him.
- D. Having nothing and being nothing is not the problem – it is not realizing that **God does the most with nothing!**
- E. **Hebrews 11:3** – . . . *what we see was not made out of things which are visible.*
1. God created the world and everything in it out of nothing!
 2. **Genesis 1:1-3** – God began with nothing. He spoke over nothing and called those things that be not as if they are.

3. **Romans 4:17** – God calls those things that be not as if they are.
- F. **I Corinthians 1:25-29** – God chose the things that are nothing, that He might bring to nothing the things that are.
1. **Galatians 6:3** – When we think we are something and actually we are nothing, it causes us to be impatient with the failings of others.
- G. **NOTHING is weightless. It is not a burden. It is not heavy. It does not wear us out nor leave us frustrated. Being nothing is actually quite freeing once we accept it.**

III. Jesus Is Our Example.

- A. **John 5:19** – Jesus said, “The Son can do nothing without the Father.”
- B. **John 5:30** – Jesus said, “I can do nothing of Myself.”
- C. **John 15:5** – I am the Vine, ye are the branches; apart from Me, ye can do nothing.
1. This was the first Scripture that God quickened to me after I was filled with the Holy Spirit.
 2. I was very independent, and He intended to render me totally dependent on Him.
 3. **He was calling for a “complete surrender.”**
- D. Jacob is a great example.
1. Jacob was a trickster and a swindler – he had to be changed. He had to surrender his ways to God’s ways.
 2. Jacob tricked Esau out of his birthright.
 3. Jacob lied and stole the blessing of the firstborn.

4. He ran from Esau (his problems), hid from the truth about himself for years, and finally had to surrender.

He got tired of running and hiding.

5. **Genesis 32:22-31** – Jacob wrestled with God all night. God left him with a limp to remind him of his weakness.
6. God gave him favor with Esau.

IV. Jesus Made Himself Of No Reputation.

- A. **Philippians 2:5-7** – Let this **mind** be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: Who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God; but **made Himself of no reputation**, taking the form of a bond servant and coming in the likeness of men.
- B. Jesus continually told people who received miracles to tell no one.
 1. He was not trying to have a reputation. He was not seeking His own glory. He said, “There is One Who takes care of that.”
 2. If we build our reputation, then we have to maintain it. What God builds, He maintains.
- C. It is easy to take care of “nothing.” The struggle comes in when we are trying to keep our reputation, keep up with everybody else, look good, be popular, stay informed about everything, or be involved in everything, etc.

V. He Takes Our “Nothing” And Gives Us His “Everything.”

- A. **Luke 11:5-8** – A friend has come to me for help, and I have nothing. Friend, can you give me what I need to help him?
 1. This man knew exactly where to go to get what he needed.

- B. **II Corinthians 6:10** – Having nothing, yet possessing all things.
1. **John 16:15** – Everything the Father has is Mine.
The Holy Spirit will transmit it unto you.
- C. What God has is greater than anything I don't have!
1. Where sin does abound, grace does much more abound.
 2. Forgiveness is greater than sin.
 3. Mercy is greater than error.
 4. Good is greater than evil.
- Romans 12:21** – Overcome evil with good!
- D. I had no automobile when I married Dave. He had a new one.
Suddenly, I had a new car.
1. My debts became his; his money became mine.
 2. My problems became his.
- E. **I Corinthians 2:2** – I am determined to know nothing.
1. Paul had spent his life trying to know everything. He was highly educated, and most of his worth and value was in what he knew. He had now come full circle; he only wanted to know Christ and Him crucified.
 2. **Philippians 3:10** – My determined purpose is that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection.
- F. **II Chronicles 20:12** – Helpless people who admit they are helpless always get help from God.

VI. You Brought Nothing Into The World, And You Will Take Nothing Out.

- A. It is obvious that if we start with nothing and end with nothing, God is trying to make a point.
 - 1. He is everything, and we are nothing without Him.
- B. Don't allow things in the world to have a hold on you.
 - 1. Look at them for what they really are – temporary things already in the process of decay.
 - 2. Every junkyard is filled with what was once someone's dream.
- C. Use what God gives you to be a blessing. You can't take it with you anyway.
- D. **I Timothy 6:17** – God richly and ceaselessly gives us all things to enjoy.
 - 1. **I Corinthians 7:31** – Don't overuse the enjoyments of this world, live as though you're not absorbed by them, as if you had no dealings with them. The outward form of this world is passing away.
 - 2. **Don't get attached to things.**
 - 3. Always remember you are a steward, not an owner.
 - 4. Look at all of them and say to them, "You are nothing, I am nothing, I know nothing, I can do nothing, I own nothing, I have no reputation, and I take the care of nothing. All that I am, I am by the grace of God. I AM FREE!"

**I AM FREE TO BE EXACTLY WHAT I AM
NOTHING WITHOUT CHRIST!**

