

BREAKING FREE 3 – Freedom in Surrender

THE PARADOX

All the _____, everything the _____ teaches you, even _____ would suggest freedom couldn't possibly be found in _____ to another.

But actually, the _____ path to _____ freedom is in surrender to _____ (Luke 9:23).

WHY don't we surrender?

1. Surrender is _____.
2. _____ says _____.
3. Do we _____ God?

DEFINITION

Most dictionary definitions describe surrender as a yielding or submitting through force or conquest, probably to an adversary or enemy, because they've proved to be bigger & stronger ... and perhaps that's why our flesh doesn't like it.

Surrender is the _____ act of _____ your life, heart, will, desires & dreams to the Lord, giving Him the _____ to lead, control & demand as He purposes.

Full Surrendering entails

- i) Surrendering your _____: All your desires, affections & priorities.
- ii) Surrendering your _____: *"Not My will, but Yours be done."*
- iii) Surrendering your _____: Trusting God's direction over your ambitions & dreams.
- iv) Surrendering your _____: Not giving it all away, but holding it lightly with open hands.

Surrender IS NOT	Surrender IS
Being forced or manipulated into submission	Wilful yielding to God's authority
One-time emotional experience	Daily decision to trust & obey
Punishment or burden	Act of worship & love
Giving up control away carelessly	Handing control to someone infinitely greater & wiser
Blindly following religion or rules	Surrendering to a Person who loves you
Loss of identity or personality	Freedom from sin & self
Miserable existence of constant sacrifice	Gateway to true peace & joy
Settling for less	Stepping into abundantly more
Sign of weakness or failure	Act of courage & faith
Passive resignation	Active trust & obedience
Suppression of dreams & gifts	Alignment with God's purpose & design
Retreat from responsibility	Step into spiritual maturity

Why does RESISTANCE sentence you to SLAVERY?

As a Christian, there will never be _____ in resistance or rebellion.

It _____ itself as freedom, but _____ you in the end.

3 Quick Thoughts (Rom 6:16, Matt 6:24)

- i) We were _____ to worship & serve.
- ii) If we do not surrender to _____, we will, _____, surrender to _____.
- iii) You inevitably become _____ to, _____ of the thing you _____, the one you _____.

The Freedom found in Surrender

- * True freedom is not the absence of _____; it's the presence of the structure that leads to a correctly _____, divinely _____ life.

* True freedom is not simply doing _____ you _____, but _____ who were _____ to be.

* #1 Reason = True surrender _____.
(Job 22:21, James 4:7)

* _____ fighting, cease the _____, give _____ to God and you will _____ be _____.

TEST CASE: The Bondage of _____.

Why does it produce bondage?

- * Stems from lack of _____.
- * As we _____ our _____, they _____ & start to _____.
- * Before we know it, we're at its _____.

How do we get free?

ANS: _____ it _____ to _____

(Phil 4:6-7, Prov 3:5-6, John 14:1)

- i) You can surrender, because you can trust God's _____.
- ii) ... because you can trust God has the _____ to deliver on His promises.
- iii) ... because you can trust God's _____: Time & time again, God has proven His faithfulness.
- iv) ... because you can trust God's _____: His unfailing love for you has been proved, once & for all.
- v) ... because you can trust God _____ towards you (Jer 29:11).