

Sweet Surrender 2 "Whipped" "A Lesson in Submission"



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***Part 1 Review-

*****World View-** *"Surrender is a consequence of failure"* The world's definition of surrender is something done after all other avenues have been exhausted- In the world's system surrender is a consequence of failure. You only surrender after failure has occurred.

*****Kingdom View-** *"Surrender is a consistent, life choice made every day by each believer."* As we work out our salvation with fear and trembling. In this thing we call the Kingdom of God, surrender is much more than just a one time event.

*****Biblical (true) surrender is sweet** and brings peace and bears fruit. It is not something only done after failure, but rather, before true success.

*****3 Key Ingredients to this Sweet Surrender** that apply to our walk with Christ. In the series, we're going to explore one of those ingredients each week.

***1. **"Humble Pie" (1 Peter 5:5-7) Part One**

1 Peter 5:5-7

5 You younger men, likewise, be subject (submissive to or surrendered to) to your elders; and all of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, for God is opposed to the proud, but gives grace to the humble.

6 Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you at the proper time,

7 casting all your anxiety on Him, because He cares for you.

Biblical humility is a choice to put my deal ahead of yours.

This week we are going to study submission which is the 2nd ingredient to Sweet Surrender. This week we will talk about not as much submission to one another, but to the authority of God and His will.

So Today's teaching is called...

***2. **"Whipped" (Matthew 16:24-27) Part 2 "A Lesson in Submission"**

***3. **"Turnovers" – "Repentance" Part 3**

*****Huh...** It was Palm Sunday but because of a sore throat, 5-year-old Johnny stayed home from church with a sitter. When the family returned home, they were carrying several palm fronds. Johnny asked them what they were for. "People held them over Jesus' head as he walked by," his father told him. "Wouldn't you know it," Johnny fumed, "the one Sunday I don't go and he shows up."

*****Hmm...** "True strength lies in submission which permits one to dedicate his life, through devotion, to something beyond himself."

Henry Miller

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*****Point: Sometimes we need to give up what we are for what we might become**

(The Bible tells us how to do this in...)

*****Matthew 16:24-27**

²⁴Then Jesus said to His disciples, "If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross and follow Me.

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²⁶"For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?

²⁷"For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of His Father with His angels, and WILL THEN REPAY EVERY MAN ACCORDING TO HIS DEEDS.

(Pray)

***** (Cue Video Clip)**

Julie and Julia clip/ scene #7/ "Whisked into Submission" (Hollandaise Sauce)



******* (Ex) Whip Cream Demo (whipping cream-not great; whip cream-good)

"Whisked" into submission has such a negative connotation doesn't it? Worked over, walloped, whirled, whomped, and Yes..."Whipped" **can** mean that a thing becomes different...and often better...than its original state!

This whipping cream, when subjected to the whisk, and after some love has been added to it, becomes something much more exalted and elevated- something much more useful. Biblical Submission to earthly and Godly authority can do just that.

But it depends on who's doing the whisking!

Today, we are not going to focus on Earthly authority (that's a whole different sermon), but more on submission to God's authority-His will for our lives.



*** (Ex) (**Who's driving your car?**) Driving Baby Maggie home from the hospital was really scary! The only thing scarier... (hand Maggie the car keys) is this. Whoever is in the driver's seat, is the one in control. Maggie took behind the wheel, came home to tell me that her instructor was so much more chill than we were. I told her because he had an extra brake pedal on his side. I admit, when she drives, it's scary. When she takes corners too wide, I don't like it. When she misses her exit, I don't like it. When she comes home from dance in Hampton by way of the Gloucester Bridge, I don't like it. I don't like it, because I'm not in control anymore. She is...

*****Palm Sunday Reading: Matthew 21: 1-10**

¹When they had approached Jerusalem and had come to Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples,

²saying to them, "Go into the village opposite you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied *there* and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to Me.

³"If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord has need of them,' and immediately he will send them."

⁴This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet:

⁵ "SAY TO THE DAUGHTER OF ZION,
'BEHOLD YOUR KING IS COMING TO YOU,
GENTLE, AND MOUNTED ON A DONKEY,
EVEN ON A COLT, THE FOAL OF A BEAST OF BURDEN.'"

*** ⁶The disciples went and did just as Jesus had instructed them,

⁷and brought the donkey and the colt, and laid their coats on them; and He sat on the coats.

⁸Most of the crowd spread their coats in the road, and others were cutting branches from the trees and spreading them in the road.

⁹The crowds going ahead of Him, and those who followed, were shouting,

“Hosanna to the Son of David;
 BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD;
 Hosanna in the highest!”

¹⁰When He had entered Jerusalem, all the city was stirred, saying, “Who is this?”

Question: Who was driving Jesus’ car here? Whose hand was at the wheel of His earthly life in this instance? To Whom was Jesus submitting?

Ex) I used to have a bit of a problem with this passage of scripture. I didn’t like Jesus bowing to the crowds. I didn’t like Him stepping into the accolades. To me, it didn’t fit with His character and purpose here on earth until I did some further study on the account.

Ex) (use palm frond) Some said “Hosanna, Prophet”, some said “Hosanna, Teacher”, some said “Hosanna, Healer,” some said “Hosanna, King”, some said “Hosanna, Who?” They all had an agenda for Jesus. So by riding into Jerusalem, He seemingly was submitting to the will of the people. But He wasn’t. He was submitting to the will and the word of God.

Vs 4 tells us that this all took place to fulfill what was spoken of in Old Testament Prophecy.

Ex) There was a time when God was doing a work in me and I didn’t want to sing or speak or teach on a mic again. I thought serving in some area behind the scenes would be much closer to the heart of God. A friend set me straight.

Are we willing to step into the applause in order to fulfill the word and will of God?

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*****Point-** *Sometimes we need to give up who we are for what we might become*

Opposite end of the spectrum...

*****John 13:1-5 Jesus Washes the Disciples’ Feet**

¹Now before the Feast of the Passover, Jesus knowing that His hour had come that He would depart out of this world to the Father, having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them to the end.

²During supper, the devil having already put into the heart of Judas Iscariot, *the son* of Simon, to betray Him,

³*Jesus*, knowing that the Father had given all things into His hands, and that He had come forth from God and was going back to God,

⁴got* up from supper, and laid* aside His garments; and taking a towel, He girded Himself.

⁵Then He poured* water into the basin, and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel with which He was girded.

Question: Who was driving Jesus' car here? Whose hand was at the whisk of His earthly life in this instance? To Whom was Jesus submitting?

Again, to God!

Sometimes, this act of submitting to God's authority moves us to unpleasant circumstances so that others will see Christ in us.

Sometimes, this choice to submit to God can take us from applause to servitude, from Kingship to crucifixion. All of which, Jesus willingly submitted to for the Glory of God and our gain.

*****What Does True Submission Look Like?**

*****1. Vs 24- Submission is not the same thing as being passive.**

Matthew 16:24-27

²⁴Then Jesus said to His disciples, "If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross and follow Me."

Part of God's will for your life is that you be active ("come after me"), make choices ("deny himself"), take initiative and be creative ("take up his cross"), and that you keep moving towards something while still following Jesus ("follow me")

*****2. Submssion does not mean being a doormat.** In fact, if you fully surrender your life, if you become a holy, devoted follower of Jesus, often it will require great courage.

Ex) When Jesus used the picture with His followers of taking up their crosses and following Him, the disciples knew exactly what He meant. Crucifixion was a common Roman method of execution, and condemned criminals had to carry their crosses

through the streets to the execution site. Following Jesus, therefore, meant a true commitment, the risk of death, and no turning back.

Submission to Christ's word, will, and authority is not easy, but the road on which you carry your cross will lead to freedom and new life.

***²⁵“For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it; but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it.

Vs 25 speaks of the possibility of losing our lives for gain in the Kingdom of God. The possibility of losing their lives was very real for the disciples as well as for Jesus. Real Discipleship implies real commitment—pledging our whole existence to his service. If we try to save our physical life from death, pain, or discomfort, we may risk losing our true eternal life. If we protect ourselves from pain, we begin to die spiritually and emotionally. Our lives turn inward, and we lose our intended purpose. When we give our lives in service to Christ, however, we discover the real purpose of living.

*****3. Submission, then, is a daily (momentary) decision....**

Jesus does not come to rearrange the outside of my life the way I want it to be; he comes to rearrange the inside of my life the way He wants it to be. We are the ones who have to make sure our daily decisions line up with the word of God.

***²⁶“For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?

Vs. 26 Speaks of a man gaining the world, but losing His soul. Attempting to control His own circumstances to gain or to alleviate pain or sacrifice.

*****4. Submission, therefore, is the glad and voluntary acknowledgement that there is a God and that God...is not me!**—that his purposes are wiser than my purposes, and his desires are better than my desires.

If we try to overcome our own problems through human effort, the problem will beat you; Submit your will to God, and then another kind of life becomes possible!

Conclusion:

*****We have three options:**

live with a rebellious heart toward God;
live with a divided heart;
live with a surrendered and submitted heart.

We can then become something better than ourselves. Just remember that **His will is never selfish, but always benevolent. Christian submission to authority will never include something beyond obedience to God. The cheerful doing of it always leads to an increase of benevolence in us. Therefore, when God demands us to submit our wills to him, he's doing that which is best for us.**

***²⁷“For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of His Father with His angels, and WILL THEN REPAY EVERY MAN ACCORDING TO HIS DEEDS.