

October 6 | Sunday

Prayer is Air: I Surrender

Read [Mark 14:32-36](#)



07 | Mon – In charge | Read [Mark 5:25-28](#)

You are the master of your own fate...or so we are told. Most people feel they are relatively in control of their life and are responsible for making something of it. If you want something, make it happen. Conceive it, believe it and you can achieve it. When problems arrive, solve them. You can do anything or be anyone if you work hard enough. What about those times in life when you aren't in control? What then?

08 | Tue – If I perish, I perish... | Read [Esther 4:15-16](#)

One of the most well-known women in the Bible is Esther. This young woman demonstrated a willingness to risk her position as queen and even her life to save her people from destruction. Esther's famous words in verse 16 show her willingness to surrender everything with no guarantee she would be successful. Would you give up everything to save someone's life?

09 | Wed – It's a choice | Read [Philippians 3:4-9](#) / [Matthew 19:16-22](#)

Everyone has a choice. Paul could have said no to Jesus. He was wealthy, successful, highly regarded as a religious man. Yet his encounter with Jesus caused all those things to fade. His burning desire to know Jesus superseded everything else and caused Paul to leave everything behind. Contrast that with the rich young man in this story. What are you willing to give up to follow Jesus if he asks you?

10 | Thu – But if not... | Read [Daniel 3:13-18](#) and [28](#)

In this famous story, three young men had gone from being captives to high positions in the government in the foreign country where they were deported. Many in their situation would have kept their mouth shut and just followed the edict, not only to save their jobs but to save their skin. What gave these men the boldness to risk everything to hold onto their integrity? See verse 18. How committed are you to your God?

11 | Fri – Trusting yourself instead of God? | Read [Romans 8:26-28](#)

There are two things we find difficult to surrender to God: the way we want life to go and the people or situations we want to fix. To fully surrender requires trust in the character and goodness of God, in His love for you and those you care about, and in His ability to make good come out of difficult circumstances. Even when things are out of your control, do you find it difficult to surrender it all to the Lord. What can you do to build up your level of trust?

12 | Sat – It comes with a price tag | Read [Matthew 19:29](#)

Jesus is the ultimate example of surrender. His passion to see God's will accomplished made him willing to give up his own will to see that happen. He trusted in God's plan and knew what it would cost him personally. Most people will not be asked to give up their physical life but you are being asked to surrender what is most important to you, trusting that God will make it all right in the end. Have you counted the cost of surrender?