

***20 Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me.  
(Revelation 3:20)***

**SURRENDER SERIES WEEK 2  
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EACH TIME WE SURRENDER MORE OF  
OURSELVES TO GOD, WE CAN BECOME MORE  
FILLED WITH AND GUIDED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT

2 TIMOTHY 1:7

*“FOR THE SPIRIT GOD GAVE US DOES NOT  
MAKE US TIMID, BUT GIVES US POWER, LOVE  
AND SELF-DISCIPLINE.”*

We must choose to surrender to God because Satan is the “god of this world.”

2 Corinthians 4:4 explains that:

*“The god of this age (Satan) has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.”*

All people are born under the power of sin  
because of Adam's sin.

Romans 5:12

*“Therefore, just as sin entered the world  
through one man, and death through sin,  
and in this way death came to all people,  
because all sinned—”*

## Romans 8:20-22

*“<sup>20</sup>For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope <sup>21</sup>that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God. <sup>22</sup>We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time.”*

## ROMANS 12:1-2 TELLS US:

*“<sup>1</sup>THEREFORE, I URGE YOU, BROTHERS AND SISTERS, IN VIEW OF GOD’S MERCY, TO OFFER YOUR BODIES AS A LIVING SACRIFICE, HOLY AND PLEASING TO GOD—THIS IS YOUR TRUE AND PROPER WORSHIP.*

*<sup>2</sup>DO NOT CONFORM TO THE PATTERN OF THIS WORLD, BUT BE TRANSFORMED BY THE RENEWING OF YOUR MIND. THEN YOU WILL BE ABLE TO TEST AND APPROVE WHAT GOD’S WILL IS—HIS GOOD, PLEASING AND PERFECT WILL.”*

THE HOLY SPIRIT DRAWS US TO CHRIST, AND WE  
MAKE THE CHOICE TO SURRENDER OURSELVES TO HIM  
AND RECEIVE HIS FREE GIFT OF SALVATION:

EPHESIANS 2:8

*“FOR IT IS BY GRACE YOU HAVE BEEN SAVED,  
THROUGH FAITH—AND THIS IS NOT FROM  
YOURSELVES, IT IS THE GIFT OF GOD—.”*

WHEN WE CHOOSE TO SUBMIT TO THE LORDSHIP OF  
JESUS CHRIST, WE BECOME GOD'S CHILDREN:

JOHN 1:12

*“YET TO ALL WHO DID RECEIVE HIM, TO THOSE  
WHO BELIEVED IN HIS NAME, HE GAVE THE RIGHT  
TO BECOME CHILDREN OF GOD—.”*

AND WE BECOME NEW CREATIONS IN CHRIST:

2 CORINTHIANS 5:17

*“THEREFORE, IF ANYONE IS IN CHRIST, THE NEW  
CREATION HAS COME: THE OLD HAS GONE, THE  
NEW IS HERE!”*

CONTINUATION OF OUR SURRENDER ENABLES US TO BE  
FILLED MORE AND MORE WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT,  
SHOWCASING HIS CHARACTER AND THE FRUIT OF THE  
SPIRIT.

## GALATIANS 5:22-23

*“<sup>22</sup>BUT THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT IS LOVE, JOY, PEACE,  
FORBEARANCE, KINDNESS, GOODNESS, FAITHFULNESS,  
<sup>23</sup>GENTLENESS AND SELF-CONTROL. AGAINST SUCH  
THINGS THERE IS NO LAW.”*

WHEN WE SEEK GOD, WE WILL FIND HIM.

JEREMIAH 29:13

*“YOU WILL SEEK ME AND FIND ME WHEN YOU SEEK  
ME WITH ALL YOUR HEART.”*

## JOSHUA 24:14-15

*“<sup>14</sup>NOW FEAR THE LORD AND SERVE HIM WITH ALL FAITHFULNESS. THROW AWAY THE GODS YOUR ANCESTORS WORSHIPED BEYOND THE EUPHRATES RIVER AND IN EGYPT, AND SERVE THE LORD. <sup>15</sup>BUT IF SERVING THE LORD SEEMS UNDESIRABLE TO YOU, THEN CHOOSE FOR YOURSELVES THIS DAY WHOM YOU WILL SERVE, WHETHER THE GODS YOUR ANCESTORS SERVED BEYOND THE EUPHRATES, OR THE GODS OF THE AMORITES, IN WHOSE LAND YOU ARE LIVING. BUT AS FOR ME AND MY HOUSEHOLD, WE WILL SERVE THE LORD.”*

GOD CALLS US TO LIVE LIVES THAT ARE SURRENDERED TO HIM,  
DENYING OUR FLESHLY DESIRES FOR THE GREATER CAUSE OF  
CHRIST.

ROMANS 6:13

*“DO NOT OFFER ANY PART OF YOURSELF TO SIN AS AN  
INSTRUMENT OF WICKEDNESS, BUT RATHER OFFER YOURSELVES  
TO GOD AS THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN BROUGHT FROM DEATH TO  
LIFE; AND OFFER EVERY PART OF YOURSELF TO HIM AS AN  
INSTRUMENT OF RIGHTEOUSNESS.”*

WHEN WE SURRENDER OUR MINDS, WILLS, AND ACTIONS  
TO CHRIST, WE EXCHANGE OUR LIFE FOR HIS.

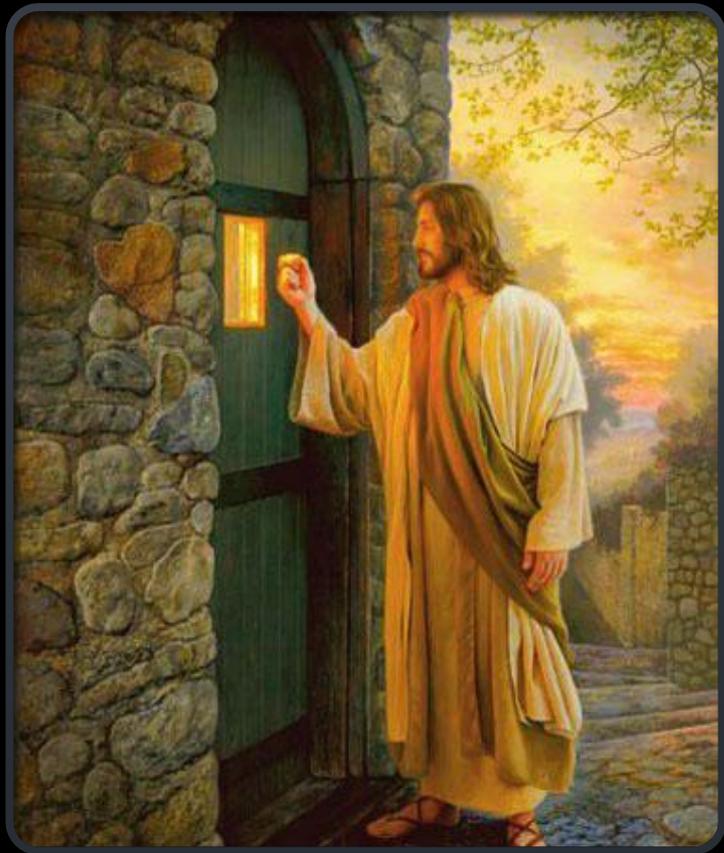
GALATIANS 2:20

*"I HAVE BEEN CRUCIFIED WITH CHRIST. IT IS NO LONGER  
I WHO LIVE, BUT CHRIST WHO LIVES IN ME. AND THE LIFE  
I NOW LIVE IN THE FLESH I LIVE BY FAITH IN THE SON OF  
GOD, WHO LOVED ME AND GAVE HIMSELF FOR ME."*

THOUGH WE MAY BE PERSECUTED, IN OUR SURRENDER, WE  
GROW CLOSER TO HIM, WE HELP DRAW OTHERS TO HIM, AND  
WE REAP A HEAVENLY REWARD.

LUKE 6:22-23

*“<sup>22</sup>BLESSED ARE YOU WHEN PEOPLE HATE YOU, WHEN THEY  
EXCLUDE YOU AND INSULT YOU AND REJECT YOUR NAME AS  
EVIL, BECAUSE OF THE SON OF MAN. <sup>23</sup>REJOICE IN THAT DAY  
AND LEAP FOR JOY, BECAUSE GREAT IS YOUR REWARD IN  
HEAVEN. FOR THAT IS HOW THEIR ANCESTORS TREATED THE  
PROPHETS.”*



THROUGHOUT OUR UNREDEEMED LIFE, JESUS STANDS AT YOUR FRONT DOOR, GENTLY KNOCKING, WAITING FOR YOU TO OPEN THE DOOR OF YOUR LIFE TO HIM. HIS KNOCKING REPRESENTS AN OPEN INVITATION INTO A PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD MADE POSSIBLE THROUGH HIS LIFE, DEATH, AND RESURRECTION.

## 1 PETER 1:3-5

*“<sup>3</sup>PRAISE BE TO THE GOD AND FATHER OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST! IN HIS GREAT MERCY HE HAS GIVEN US NEW BIRTH INTO A LIVING HOPE THROUGH THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST FROM THE DEAD, <sup>4</sup> AND INTO AN INHERITANCE THAT CAN NEVER PERISH, SPOIL OR FADE. THIS INHERITANCE IS KEPT IN HEAVEN FOR YOU, <sup>5</sup> WHO THROUGH FAITH ARE SHIELDED BY GOD’S POWER UNTIL THE COMING OF THE SALVATION THAT IS READY TO BE REVEALED IN THE LAST TIME.”*

*"WE MUST SEE THE SOUL AND THE PERSON IN ITS RUINED  
CONDITION, WITH ITS MALFORMED AND DYSFUNCTIONAL  
MIND, FEELINGS, BODY, AND SOCIAL RELATIONS BEFORE  
WE CAN UNDERSTAND THAT IT MUST BE DELIVERED AND  
REFORMED AND HOW THAT CAN BE DONE."*

DALLAS WILLARD

JEREMIAH PAINTS A PICTURE OF OUR "RUINED  
CONDITION" THIS WAY:

JEREMIAH 17:9

*"THE HEART IS DECEITFUL ABOVE ALL THINGS AND  
BEYOND CURE. WHO CAN UNDERSTAND IT?"*

AND THE APOSTLE PAUL, WRITING TO THE CHURCH IN  
ROME, SAID IN:

ROMANS 3:10-12

*“<sup>10</sup>AS IT IS WRITTEN: "THERE IS NO ONE RIGHTEOUS, NOT  
EVEN ONE; <sup>11</sup>THERE IS NO ONE WHO UNDERSTANDS;  
THERE IS NO ONE WHO SEEKS GOD. <sup>12</sup>ALL HAVE  
TURNED AWAY, THEY HAVE TOGETHER BECOME  
WORTHLESS; THERE IS NO ONE WHO DOES GOOD, NOT  
EVEN ONE.”*

AND IN VERSE 18:

*“THERE IS NO FEAR OF GOD BEFORE THEIR EYES.”*

ASK GOD TO REVEAL TO YOU ONE OR MORE OF THE  
ROOMS IN YOUR HOUSE THAT HAVE NOT YET BEEN  
FORMED INTO HIS IMAGE.

THEN TAKE HEART THAT JESUS IS STANDING ON  
THE OTHER SIDE OF THE DOOR, PATIENTLY AND  
GENTLY KNOCKING, WAITING FOR US TO LET  
HIM COME IN.

"FOR AS THE SUREST SOURCE OF DESTRUCTION TO MEN IS TO OBEY THEMSELVES SO THE ONLY HAVEN OF SAFETY IS TO HAVE NO OTHER WILL, NO OTHER WISDOM THAN TO FOLLOW THE LORD WHEREVER HE LEADS."

*JOHN CALVIN*

THE VISION OF THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN THAT JESUS  
PRESENTED TO HIS FOLLOWERS:

MATTHEW 16:24-25

*“<sup>24</sup>THEN JESUS SAID TO HIS DISCIPLES, 'WHOEVER  
WANTS TO BE MY DISCIPLE MUST DENY THEMSELVES AND  
TAKE UP THEIR CROSS AND FOLLOW ME. <sup>25</sup>FOR  
WHOEVER WANTS TO SAVE THEIR LIFE WILL LOSE IT, BUT  
WHOEVER LOSES THEIR LIFE FOR ME WILL FIND IT.'”*

EACH KNOCK ON THOSE CLOSED-OFF ROOMS  
PRESENTS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR GOD TO COME IN  
AND BRING US INTO THE DOMAIN OF JESUS.

COLOSSIANS 1:13

*“FOR HE HAS RESCUED US FROM THE DOMINION OF  
DARKNESS AND BROUGHT US INTO THE KINGDOM OF  
THE SON HE LOVES.”*

"IF WE ARE TO BE SPIRITUALLY FORMED IN CHRIST, WE MUST HAVE AND MUST IMPLEMENT THE APPROPRIATE **VISION, INTENTION, AND MEANS**. NOT JUST ANY PATH WE TAKE WILL DO. IF THIS **VIM** PATTERN IS NOT PUT INTO PLACE PROPERLY AND HELD THERE, CHRIST SIMPLY WILL NOT BE FORMED IN US."

DALLAS WILLARD

**VISION** IS BEING ABLE TO READ THE WORDS OF JESUS  
FROM MATTHEW 5:44 WHEN HE SAID,

*“LOVE YOUR ENEMIES AND PRAY FOR THOSE WHO  
PERSECUTE YOU,”*

AND BELIEVING THAT HE IS CAPABLE OF TRANSFORMING  
YOU AND ME INTO THE KIND OF PEOPLE WHO ARE  
CAPABLE OF LOVING OUR ENEMIES.

**INTENTION** IS THE ACT OF SAYING TO JESUS, "I WILL OBEY YOUR TEACHING JUST AS YOU EXPLAINED TO THE DISCIPLES."

JOHN 14:23

*"ANYONE WHO LOVES ME WILL OBEY MY TEACHING. MY FATHER WILL LOVE THEM, AND WE WILL COME TO THEM AND MAKE OUR HOME WITH THEM."*

AND AS PAUL TEACHES, WE SAY, “I WILL SUBMIT TO  
YOUR WILL.”

ROMANS 12:2

*“DO NOT CONFORM TO THE PATTERN OF THIS WORLD,  
BUT BE TRANSFORMED BY THE RENEWING OF YOUR  
MIND. THEN YOU WILL BE ABLE TO TEST AND APPROVE  
WHAT GOD’S WILL IS—HIS GOOD, PLEASING AND  
PERFECT WILL.”*

AND I WILL SIT STILL LONG ENOUGH IN YOUR PRESENCE  
FOR YOU TO DO WHAT ONLY YOU CAN DO IN MY LIFE.

PHILIPPIANS 1:6

*“BEING CONFIDENT OF THIS, THAT HE WHO BEGAN A  
GOOD WORK IN YOU WILL CARRY IT ON TO  
COMPLETION UNTIL THE DAY OF CHRIST JESUS.”*

**MEANS**- IS THE MATERIALS AND TOOLS NECESSARY TO  
RENOVATE YOUR NEW HOME.

**MEANS** IS THE PATH TO CHANGE.

WITH THE RIGHT **VISION** AND AN **INTENTION** TO OBEY  
JESUS'S TEACHING, WE WILL NATURALLY BE LED TO A  
**MEANS** FOR REPLACING OUR RUINED INNER  
CHARACTER EXCHANGING IT FOR THE RENOVATED  
INNER CHARACTER OF JESUS.

CAN YOU **ENVISION** THE BEFORE, CURRENT, AND  
AFTER? ARE YOU **INTENTIONAL** ABOUT FULL  
SURRENDER? IF SO, THE **MEANS** IS THERE...JESUS IS  
KNOCKING ON THOSE LOCKED DOORS.

IN ACTS 16:30, THE PHILIPPIAN JAILER ASKED, “*WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?*” AND PAUL AND SILAS TOLD HIM, IN VERSE 31, “*BELIEVE IN THE LORD JESUS, AND YOU WILL BE SAVED.*”

BELIEVE THAT JESUS, BEING GOD, HUMBLLED HIMSELF TO  
BECOME A MAN, BORN OF A VIRGIN, WAS CRUCIFIED  
ON A CROSS, DIED, ROSE BACK TO LIFE ON THE THIRD  
DAY, AND IS SEATED AT THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD,  
PREPARING A HOME FOR US IN HEAVEN UNTIL HIS  
RETURN.

## JOHN 14:2-4

“<sup>1</sup>DO NOT LET YOUR HEARTS BE TROUBLED. YOU BELIEVE IN GOD; BELIEVE ALSO IN ME. <sup>2</sup>MY FATHER’S HOUSE HAS MANY ROOMS; IF THAT WERE NOT SO, WOULD I HAVE TOLD YOU THAT I AM GOING THERE TO PREPARE A PLACE FOR YOU? <sup>3</sup>AND IF I GO AND PREPARE A PLACE FOR YOU, I WILL COME BACK AND TAKE YOU TO BE WITH ME THAT YOU ALSO MAY BE WHERE I AM. <sup>4</sup>YOU KNOW THE WAY TO THE PLACE WHERE I AM GOING.”

ALL YOU MUST DO IS RECEIVE, IN FAITH, THE SALVATION  
GOD OFFERS.

EPHESIANS 2:8-9 EXPLAINS THIS

*“FOR IT IS BY GRACE YOU HAVE BEEN SAVED, THROUGH  
FAITH—AND THIS IS NOT FROM YOURSELVES, IT IS THE  
GIFT OF GOD—NOT BY WORKS, SO THAT NO ONE  
CAN BOAST.”*

BELIEVE IN HIM, AND YOU WILL NOT PERISH. WE ARE  
TOLD IN JOHN 3:16:

*“FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD THAT HE GAVE HIS  
ONE AND ONLY SON, THAT WHOEVER BELIEVES IN HIM  
SHALL NOT PERISH BUT HAVE ETERNAL LIFE.”*

JESUS IS THE WAY OF SALVATION, AS HE EXPLAINED TO  
THOMAS IN JOHN 14:6

*“I AM THE WAY AND THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE. NO ONE  
COMES TO THE FATHER EXCEPT THROUGH ME.”*

COMMUNION

“FULL CONSECRATION [*SURRENDER*] MAY BE IN ONE SENSE THE ACT OF A MOMENT AND IN ANOTHER, THE WORK OF A LIFETIME. IT MUST BE COMPLETE TO BE REAL, AND YET- IF REAL- IT IS ALWAYS INCOMPLETE. CONSECRATION [*SURRENDER*] IS A POINT OF REST AND YET A PERPETUAL PROGRESSION.”

FRANCIS RIDLEY HAVERGAL

## PHILIPPIANS 4:

“...I HAVE LEARNED TO BE CONTENT WHATEVER THE CIRCUMSTANCES. I KNOW WHAT IT IS TO BE IN NEED, AND I KNOW WHAT IT IS TO HAVE PLENTY. I HAVE LEARNED THE SECRET OF BEING CONTENT IN ANY AND EVERY SITUATION, WHETHER WELL FED OR HUNGRY, WHETHER LIVING IN PLENTY OR IN WANT. I CAN DO ALL THIS THROUGH HIM WHO GIVES ME STRENGTH.”