

HIS STORY
 “A Story of Surrender”
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Luke 22:39-44 (ESV)

WHAT IT MEANS TO LIVE SURRENDERED TO GOD

Relinquishing my entire being into God’s hands so that He might do whatever he wants to glorify Christ in and through me.

BIBLICAL PRINCIPLE:

Life is not about me; it’s about bringing glory to God.
 (Isaiah 43:7; 1 Corinthians 10:31; Romans 11:36; Psalm 86:12)

- It’s not about me; it’s about God.
- Key Question: What does God get out of it?

	ME-CENTRIC “Me-ology”	GOD-CENTRIC “Theology”
WORSHIP	Worship God for what he’s done for me	Worship God for who he is
SALVATION	Motive: I want to avoid hell	Motive: I want to spend eternity worshipping God
BIBLE	Focus on what makes me feel good	Focus on God

BLESSINGS	“God has blessed me so that I can have more for myself.”	“God has blessed me so that I can be a blessing on behalf of God.”
PRAYER	Focuses on getting blessings – i.e., getting lots of things, eliminating trouble, and having a safe, secure, and comfortable life. “Lord, help me...give me...bless me...”	Focuses on blessing God. “Lord, your kingdom come...your will be done...whatever brings you the most glory...”
CHURCH	A place to get from God. A place that exists to meet my needs. A place to consume.	A place to give to God. A place that exists for God’s glory. A place to contribute.
LORDSHIP	“I will do what God wants as long as I’m being blessed...as long as God doesn’t interfere with my life...as long as I’m comfortable doing it.”	“I will do what God wants.”
HARDSHIPS	“God, why did you allow this to happen to me?” Seeks the elimination of hardships.	“God, how can you be glorified through what has happened?” Seeks whatever most glorifies God, even the retention of hardships.

CENTRAL TRUTH
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