**Will You Surrender?**

**- Lessons from Luke Series #5 -**

**Luke 9: 18-27**

Luke is a careful recorder of Christ’s words and actions. In today’s passage, Christ voices the most important question anyone will ever be asked; “**Who do you say I am?**” Our answer to this question will not only alter our lives, but it will also determine our destiny!

1. **What Does True Surrender Mean?**
2. Belief… (Jam. 2:19) -
3. Declaration - “I believe”
4. Demonstration - “I surrender”
5. Surrender is not… -
6. Surrender is … -
7. **The Steps of a Surrendered Life:**
8. Denying Yourself -
9. Taking Up Your Cross -
10. Following Jesus -
11. **Truths About Remaining Surrendered:**
12. Character: God is…
13. Power: God is…
14. Perspective: God knows…

Christ is pleased when we come to Him in the midst of our challenges. He wants us to depend upon Him for our daily lives. But His deepest desire is that we would completely surrender our whole life to His Lordship and His will.

**Going Deeper:**

1. When you think of the concept of surrender, what comes to mind? Does the term have mostly positive connotations, or do you see it as a negative idea?
2. Through this series (Luke), Christ has been testing the mindsets and loyalties of individuals. Have you ever taken time to ponder what your central focus or driving purpose may be?
3. Why is it crucial to realize that Christ will never demand your allegiance or over-ride your will? Do you understand the power of voluntary submission?
4. Do you think that surrender is a once and done act or do you think it is an on-going activity? In I Cor. 15:31, Paul says that he “dies daily”. Does this add light to the process that surrender needs to be?
5. What place do choices have in continually acknowledging Christ’s Lordship of our lives? What are some of the challenging choices God calls us to make which would increase our faith in Him?
6. **Personal:** As you examine your life, can you say with certainty that there is nothing or no one that occupies the “throne “of your heart? Is Christ the Boss of you?

**Questions for Our Kids:**

1. What is your favorite game? Have you ever played “Simon Says”? In this game you only do what Simon says. Can you see that we should only do what “Jesus says” if we want to serve Him?
2. Have you ever had to make a choice and you knew God was asking you to choose a certain way? Did you choose His way?
3. Can you talk with your Mom and Dad about what it means to surrender to Jesus? Perhaps they can share with you how important obedience to Jesus is.