



Surrender: Let Go to Level Up

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The breakthrough always starts with a hand that is open, not clenched.

YOU LEVEL UP THE MOMENT YOU LET GO.

- Surrender Unlocks Clarity
God will not bless the plan you will not release. The order is surrender, transformation, then clarity about God's will.

“So here’s what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life—your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life—and place it before God as an offering. Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for him. Don’t become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God. You’ll be changed from the inside out. Readily recognize what he wants from you, and quickly respond to it.” Romans 12:1-2

- 1. Do you seek God for clarity before or after you make plans?**
- 2. Do you readily recognize what God wants from you? If yes, do you quickly respond to it?**
- 3. Challenge: This week, pick one area where you have been asking God to bless and instead, pray that if it is not God’s plan, that He will shut it down.**

- Surrender Reveals Trust

Faith is proven by what you let go of. Surrender is not the absence of struggle. Surrender is obedience in the middle of the struggle.

"Father, if You are willing, take this cup from Me; yet not My will, but Yours be done." Luke 22:42 (NIV)

4. What do you have difficulty surrendering to God's plan?

5. Share a time you surrendered something you wanted (or did not want) to God's plan. What was the result?

6. Challenge: Name one thing you've been white-knuckling. Pray this out loud: God, "this is what I want... but I'm placing it on Your altar. If You change it, take it, or redirect it, I will still follow You."

- Surrender Releases Power

Surrender does not mean you stop caring. It means you stop carrying it like you are God; once it is in His hands 1) the pressure shifts, 2) the outcome is His responsibility, and 3) the glory is His when it comes together.

7. What current stress/pressure needs to be surrendered into God's hands?

8. How will surrendering this stress/pressure affect the way you are currently living?

9. Challenge: This week, do a simple 'consecration inventory'. Pray over each item you list; "Lord, I surrender (this) and show me any next step of obedience tied to this surrender."

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