

204 – Brokenness and Surrender

I. Introduction

Most often, salvation occurs well after our flesh (self life) has developed. Our coping mechanisms are fully functional and have become involuntary responses. The salvation experience has a definite influence upon our lives, but few of us realize just how significant and life changing our conversion is meant to be. We know that we now belong to God, and that He has made us “new creations”, but our conversion does not always seem to work for us. This is because we are still trying to live out of our own resources.

The full impact of the cross on my life is usually revealed progressively as I mature as a Christian. Most often, God reveals the bankruptcy of our flesh and the sufficiency of His grace as we come to brokenness and total surrender. Experiencing suffering, coming to brokenness, and surrendering completely to the Lordship of Jesus Christ, is something referred to as the believer’s *journey to the cross*.

II. Suffering

A. Suffering Defined

1. Suffering –
2. Suffering has been referred to as _____

B. Types of Suffering

Spiritual Mental Emotional Physical Material

C. Origin of Suffering

1. _____
2. Introduced to man – _____
 - a. **Spiritual** –
 - b. **Mental** -

- c. **Emotional** -
- d. **Physical** -
- e. **Material** -

3. We can conclude...

- a. Suffering _____
- b. Suffering _____
- c. Suffering _____
- d. Suffering _____

III. **Brokenness**

A. **Definition of Brokenness** –

B. **Biblical Examples of Brokenness**

- 1. Jacob –
- 2. Joseph –
- 3. Moses –
- 4. Peter -
- 5. Paul –

C. **Brokenness in the Old Testament**

- 1. God uses evil for _____
- 2. God holds Himself _____ for physical handicaps.
- 3. God hardens _____ as a sign of judgment
- 4. Isaiah 19:

5. God sends _____ as a sign of judgment.

6. No evil dwells _____ God (Psalms 5:4), but the Bible implies that He _____ evil to accomplish His purposes and that He _____ evil for a purpose.

7. God causes both _____ for His own purposes.

D. Purpose of Brokenness in New Testament

1. To _____ His Power

2. Expose _____

3. Provide an opportunity to reveal _____

4. To conform us to the image of _____

E. He Is With Us

1. Evil can not touch me without first going through _____ and when it finally hits me it is really hitting _____

2. Christians will suffer, but God is _____.

3. God wants us to be victorious _____ the suffering.

F. Choosing To _____ Suffering

1. I can choose to welcome sufferings.
 - a. Because without them, I cannot reach _____.
 - b. Just as light shows up best in _____.

2. Results of enduring suffering

IV. God's Role in Brokenness

When Paul was given a thorn in the flesh to keep him humble and dependent on God, Paul called this "*messenger of Satan*" a gift from God. (II Cor. 12:7-10)

A. God does more than permit suffering.

1. Christians will suffer, but God is in the midst of it _____
2. God's plan is for us to experience victory _____ suffering, rather than us escape or avoid it.
3. Sometimes we suffer because we have _____, not because we have disobeyed.

B. God does not have to send suffering, it is already _____.

1. It was _____ when we arrived on earth and it will be here after we're gone. God does not send suffering upon us, He sends us _____ suffering equipped with His life.
2. To align myself with the world means to suffer with it. To separate myself means to suffer _____.

C. God is revealing

1. Our _____
2. Christ's _____
3. His _____ to us

V. Response to Brokenness

A. Total Surrender Involves three things:

B. Scriptural Basis of Total Surrender

C. Total surrender must _____ death

D. Christ's Process of Surrender (Phil. 2:5-8)

1. Jesus was _____ unto death
2. He gave up His _____ with God voluntarily.
3. He gave up His _____ to exercise His divine power
4. He _____ Himself becoming a slave in a human body, and
_____ Himself in obedience to the point of death on the cross.

5. The Mind of Christ

- a. Philippians 2:5:
- b. We need to have the same _____ and the same _____
of all rights and privileges.
- c. We need to have the same _____ to suffer humiliation.

VI. Total Surrender

A. Correct Understanding of Total Surrender

1. Not just committing my _____
2. It is a surrendering of _____

3. It gives God permission to _____
4. For many people, it is _____

B. The Purpose of Total Surrender

1. Total surrender and _____ part:
 - a. Total surrender may have to be _____ many times.
 - b. God may have other things to _____.
 - c. There may be a _____ process necessary to bring the person to the end of himself.

2. Total surrender and man's part:

The person must give up on _____, realizing that in and of himself he is nothing and has accomplished nothing.

3. Assisting others in total surrender
 - a. To assist in identifying _____
 - b. To clarify God's _____.
 - c. To encourage the person to _____ with God's purposes

4. Hindrances to the Total Surrender

Total Surrender

Dear Lord, I Surrender to You:

My will, mind and emotions, my body, my future plans, hopes and dreams. I give You my home, my marriage, my mate, my children, my geographical location, my recreation and entertainment, and my career. I surrender to You my past successes and my past failures, my habits, my finances, my problems, my time, my integrity and character, my attitudes, my business conduct and relationships, my Christian walk and my response to authority.

Lord, I further surrender to You the following "rights":

- My right to possessions
- My right to a good reputation
- My right to have acceptance
- My right to be successful
- My right to have pleasant circumstances
- My right to presume on the will of God
- My right to life itself
- My right to beauty or strength
- My right to have friendships
- My right to be heard
- My right to take up offense
- My right to avoid reaping what I sow
- My right to be right
- My right to see results
- My right to _____
- My right to _____
- My right to _____
- My right to _____
- My right to _____
- My right to _____
- My right to _____

Dear Lord, I give You permission to do anything You wish to me, with me, in me or through me. I claimed the above items once as mine. Now they all belong to You and are under Your control. You can do anything You please with them. I willingly make this commitment in the name and authority of the Lord Jesus Christ, and I recognize that this is an agreement with You that can never be broken. Now that I have surrendered ownership of my life to You, You will never give it back to me.

In Your name, Amen

Date _____

Signature _____

EVIDENCE of BROKENNESS

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; A broken and contrite heart, O God, Thou wilt not despise.
Psalm 51:17

1. **All rights surrendered** *Rom. 12:1, I Cor. 6:7, Phil 2:7*
2. **Willing to be rejected** *Isa. 53:3, I Cor. 4:11-13*
3. **Transparent - willing to share weakness** *Rom. 32:5, James 5:16*
4. **Vulnerable - willing to share failures** *Ps. 32:5, James 5:16*
5. **A sense of total inadequacy in self strength** *II Cor. 3:5, John 15:5*
6. **A sense of adequacy in Christ** *II Cor 3:6, Phil 4:13*
7. **Trusting God - even with external turmoil** *Prov. 3:5-6, Isa. 30:15*
8. **Obedience out of a love motive** *II Cor 5:14a, 9:7*
9. **Recognizing the power in weakness** *I Cor. 1:27, II Cor. 12:10; 13:4*
10. **Willing to be weak** *II Cor. 12:10; 13:9 Phil 4:11*
11. **Willing to fail** *Luke 5:5*
12. **A readiness to let others receive credit** *Phil 2:5-8*
13. **Genuine humility** *Phil 2:5-8*
14. **Placing value upon those who have little or no value to yourself**
Rom 12:16, I Cor. 8:11-13, I Thes. 5:14
15. **A readiness to affirm (build up) others** *I Thes. 5:11*
16. **Teachable** *Judges 13:8, Job 6:24; 34:32, Ps. 25:4,5*
17. **Willing to be out of control** *Gal 2:20, I Peter 2:23; 5:6*
18. **Willing to be misunderstood** *Heb. 11:13-16; 36-38*

Surrender Prayer

Dear Father,

Thank You for delivering me from life in Adam and placing me into Christ Jesus. I confess that I have been a total failure in and of myself. I have been struggling to live the Christian life out of my own resources. I admit that I have been trying to get my needs met through people, achievements, and possessions. I now give up on my self-sufficiency and commit my life unconditionally into Your hands. I give up all my rights and expectations and give You permission to make me into the kind of person You want me to be. I believe Your Word that I have been crucified with Christ, buried with Him, and rose into newness of life. I claim resurrection life as my life. I have been raised into heavenly places and I believe that I am now seated at the right hand of the Father. I acknowledge that Christ is my life, my power, and my identity. I thank You that my identification with Christ makes me totally acceptable and that all my needs are met by Jesus. I choose to believe these truths regardless of my circumstances, and I trust You to make this real in my experience in Your timing. I surrender myself totally to Christ in obedience. Do with me whatever you choose. Glorify and manifest Your Son in my life!

In His identity,

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