

QUIT TRYING

- So tonight, I want to ask you all to lean in and truly try to process this idea that we are bringing. To enter into the actual meaning.
- Because what we are talking about tonight is how to surrender.
- Now we are taught from a very young age to “Never Surrender” never give up
- Tonight, I want to challenge the way that we think. For us to really think about how we go about our relationship with God. Because this should challenge us in the way that we go about our relationship with God.
- For many of us when we look at our relationship with God, we look at it in the context of commitment. I am committed to God. We look at it as I am on mission for Christ. And those are not bad ways to think but when that becomes our primary way of thinking we miss out on what God has for us.
- Let me read this to you. How God makes men passage Page 168.
 - o Commitment continues to give myself control it allows me to maintain some type of negotiating power
 - o Godly surrender says that you are way above me and know better and I believe the best outcome comes from my surrender to Him.
- We will continually fail on our commitments
 - o Genesis 15
 - o Cuts the animals in half and God goes through them but puts Abram to sleep (same word as when he put Adam to sleep)
 - o Abraham wanted to make the commitment but God new only he could keep it.
 - o Commitments will be broken but surrender is everlasting
- Surrendering your past
 - o Galatians 1:11-24
 - o Are we willing to surrender our sin and our story?
 - Our sin is the first thing that we must surrender
 - In 1 John “if we repent, he is faithful and just”
 - We must quit trying to live the way that we did
 - It's also very easy to try to hide our past and what we have done but when we look at the life of Paul, we see that fact that he started to come to grips with his past to where he realized people glorified God because of him.
- Surrendering your present
 - o Galatians 2:20-21
 - We must take on the mentality that we have died to ourselves. It is now Christ who lives through us. It's not just an I live for Christ but Christ who lives through me.
 - Romans tells us not to be conformed but to be transformed. There is a change that takes place in our life.
 - Are we willing to lay down our reputation for God?
 - o We must surrender our now we say God whatever you want to do in me and through me I am ok with it.
- Surrendering your future

- Galatians 1:6-9
 - People were quickly deserting what they had
 - They hear the Gospel, and it sounds great but then people start to desert or chase after something that seems better.
 - This is the one that is most dangerous to our society because we commit to God for a moment and then our commitment fails, and we start chasing after other things.
 - Jesus told the parable about the seed about this and how the seed grew and was choked out.
 - We must be willing to surrender our future aspirations and decisions and say God I want you to direct me

In order to fully live for Christ, I must fully surrender to him.