

Unconverted Places
Resilient: Strength That Prevails
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Notes

I love You, God. I love You.

I love You, Father. I love You, Jesus. I love You, Holy Spirit.

(Allow yourself to settle into His presence. Focus on Him. Take your time.)

Here I am, Jesus. I invite You into my bitterness. I invite You into my pain. Into my lust. Into my anger. Into my fear...my anxiety.

Jesus, I don't want to bear this any longer. I want to be transformed, so I am opening these parts of me to You. Save me here. (Linger in this moment.)

Jesus, what are You showing me? What do You want me to see? What part of me are You asking for access to? (Pause and listen.)

I agree, Jesus. I give it to You.

Jesus, make me holy in this place. In these places. I want You to have all of me. I surrender every unconverted place in my life to You. I ask for Your presence in these places. Make me one with You here.

I give this part of my life to You, Father. Integrate all that I am with all that You are. You alone are my salvation, Father. You alone are my transformation, my rescue. My wholeheartedness.

Make me whole and true. Give me Your strength. Give me Your resilience.

In Your name I pray. Amen.

Questions for Personal Reflection and Group Discussion

1. Read Matthew 26:69-74.

Three years together, every day face-to-face, side by side. More than friends, they were family. And yet, when the pressure was on, even though Jesus had told him it was coming, Peter crumbled. Denying and disloyal, Peter betrayed his rabbi, his master, his friend...Jesus. What does this story reveal about Peter's inner struggle? Can you relate to him? In what way?

Who we are, what we really love, and how much we are willing to trust God are revealed when we are pressed hard. How have you seen this play out in your own life? What comes out of you when you are hard-pressed?

In difficult seasons, the unconverted places in our lives will prove to be our downfall, if we don't surrender them to Christ. Where do you resist surrendering to God? Where do you need to allow Jesus to strengthen and deepen your resilience?

2. Read Psalm 86:11 and Romans 7:15-25.

In these passages, King David and the Apostle Paul record for us their desire to be more surrendered or more converted into someone who lives a life that honors God. Where is God calling you to be 'more converted?'

What gets in the way of your pursuit of becoming more like Jesus?

3. Read 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24.

Who is it that does the work of making us holy?

What parts of you does God want to keep blameless (vs 23)?

In which part of your life do you struggle the most with being like Jesus? Are you hiding it from Him or will you give it to Him?