

Beautiful Surrender: The Blessing of a Psalm 23 Life

The Blessing of Surrender

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Notes

Questions for Personal Reflection and Group Discussion

1. Read Matthew 26:39.

How is Jesus feeling about what He knows lies ahead of Him? What does He say about surrender to the Father's will?

Has there been a time in your life when you wrestled with surrendering something in order to be obedient to God? What did you choose and what was the outcome?

2. Read Deuteronomy 6:5.

What does this verse say about how we are to love God?

According to this verse, is there any part of you that can be held back from Him... just in case things don't go the way you want? How do you feel about that?

Which part of yourself do you need to more fully surrender to God? What might one step of obedience in that area look like for you?

3. Read Mark 10:17-22.

What kept this man from following Jesus? What was he unwilling to surrender?

Is there anything that owns any part of you, more than God does? What is it? What is God asking you to do with it?

4. Read Luke 9:23-24, Galatians 2:20 & 2 Corinthians 11:23-28.

What does it mean to you to 'take up your cross' every day?

How might this be a blessing for those who choose to do it?

Describe what you think a 'blessed life' looks like.

Does Paul's description of his life align with your ideas of what a blessed life would be? Why or why not?

5. Read Psalm 23:1-6.

Do you see any principles about surrender in this psalm? Write them down and reflect on them this week.