

THE MARKS OF MOUNT CALVARY



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CHRIST'S EXHAUSTIVE SURRENDER AT GETHSEMANE

A QUIET COMMITMENT:

- QUIET your mind and soul before the LORD — “*Be still, and know that I am God*” (Psalm 46:10)
- COMMIT to obedience: *Commit* to doing whatever God will say to you in this message — “*to obey is better than sacrifice*” (1 Samuel 15:22)

Each of us are in a kingdom pursuit. The question is *who's* kingdom?

I. The _____ of Surrender—Understanding the Foundation of a surrendered will

A surrendered will gives evidence to a pursuit of God's kingdom.

Premise: *A heart of surrender leads to service.*

A. See Christ's Command (Matthew 22:37-39)

a *doulos*—a bond slave who is *responsive to the will of his master.*

a *diakonos*—a servant who is *responsive to the needs of others.*

John 14:15 If ye love **Me**, keep **My** commandments.

John 13:35 By this shall all *men* know that ye are **My** disciples, if ye have love one to another.

B. See Christ's Example (Matthew 26:36-46)

1. See what Jesus _____

a. Fellowship (John 17:11)

b. Obedience (John 6:38)

John 6:38 "For I came down from heaven, not to do **Mine** own will, but the will of **Him** that sent **Me**.

2. See when Jesus _____ (Matthew 27:46)

II. The _____ of Surrender—Understanding the evidences of a hardened will (James 4:1-4)

A hardened will gives evidence to the **pursuit of one's own kingdom**.

Notice 4 evidences of a hardened will...

A. _____ in relationships (v. 1)

Proverbs 13:10 Only by pride cometh contention: but with the well advised *is* Wisdom.

Proverbs 1:5 A wise *man* will hear, and will increase learning; and a man of understanding shall attain unto wise counsels:

B. DENIAL of desires (v. 2)

C. _____ in prayer (v. 3)

**Prayer is not conforming God's will to my will!
Biblical prayer is conforming my will to God's will.**

D. DEVOTION to the world (v. 4)

Cf. 1 John 2:15-17

III. The _____ of Surrender—Understanding the Process of humility (James 4:5-10)

Philippians 4:11 "...for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, *therewith* to be content [*satisfied*]."

Cf. Isaiah 55:8-9

- Consider the *frustrated* way versus the *surrendered* way (James 4:6).
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A. Being Humble is seen in our _____ toward God—We are Submitted (v. 7)

CF. Joshua 24:15

Philippians 2:13 For it is **God** which worketh [*energizes*] in you both to will and to do of *His* good pleasure [*perfect will*].

B. Being Humble is seen in our Actions toward God—We are _____ (v. 8)

1. With our Head—“Draw nigh”—_____

Cf. Hebrews 4:16; 10:22

2. With our Hands—“Cleanse”—_____

3. With our Heart—“Purify”—_____

C. Being Humble is seen in our Affliction—We are _____ (v. 9)


D. Being Humble is seen in our Altitude—We are _____ (v. 10)

Jeremiah 9:24 But let him that glorieth glory in this, that he understandeth and knoweth **Me**, that I *am* the **LORD** which exercise lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness, in the earth: for in these *things* I delight, saith the **LORD**.

Cf. Psalm 40:1-3

Conclusion: This process of learning to faithfully surrender our will is exhausting. It is a process that is **continual**. It is a **painful process**, as we find areas that we need to deal with and remove from our life. Areas of pride rear their ugly head and we must confess these as sin. Although the process is painful, it is also **rewarding**. With surrender comes fellowship and service.

What is my next step?

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