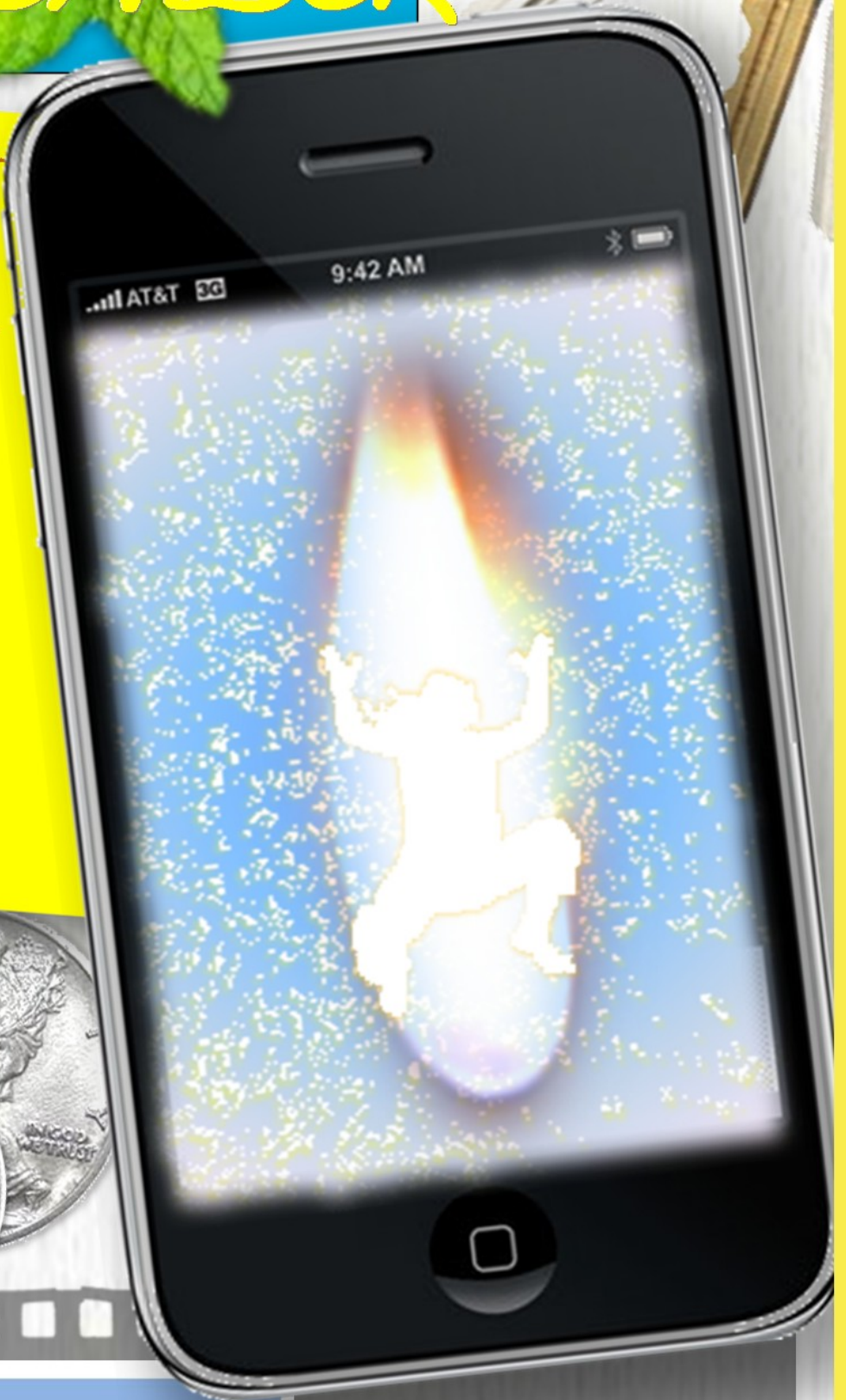


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(Romans 12:1)



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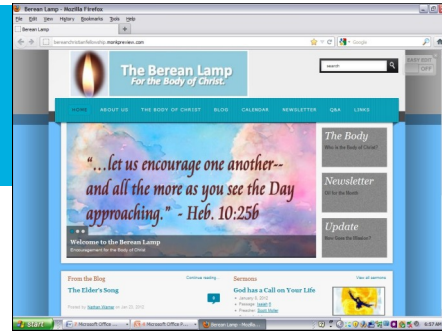
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- Pastor Scott Moller





Take Up Your Cross

By Scott Moller

“Then he said to them all: ‘If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.’”

Luke 9:23 (NIV)

Long before Jesus Christ was crucified on the cross, He was instructing His disciples about the cross. He kept telling them that in order to be His disciples they needed to take up their own cross and follow Him. This must have sounded so strange to the disciples. They must have questioned, “How can this be?” or “What does He mean?” They were all familiar with the cross, as it was a common form of public execution by the Romans. The cross was greatly despised and hated by the Jews. It was a symbol of their humiliating subjection to the Romans.

The disciples knew the meaning of the cross. It meant death. They had probably seen men sentenced to death carrying their own cross through the streets on their way to the execution site. To carry one’s cross was a one-way trip. These men would not be returning. As far as the disciples were concerned, the cross was to be feared. Yet Jesus claimed it was a requirement to be His follower. How confusing this must have been for the disciples.

Of course, Jesus knew what lay ahead. He knew that He was on a direct path to His own cross. He knew the disciples would later better understand His meaning in hindsight. He would be their example. One representation of the cross would be Surrender to God, as we see in Jesus’ prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane in Matthew 26:39b (NIV): “My Father, if it is

possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will.” Jesus desired with all His being to avoid the cross, but He surrendered His will to the will of the Father. He obediently went to the Cross of Calvary against His human will.

We too are symbolically called by Jesus to daily take up our crosses and surrender our will to the Father. Like Jesus, our own will cries out emphatically “NO” to the call. Our own will wants its way. It desires to be a god unto itself. But Jesus again sets the example by how He trusted the Father. The key to victory over our will is trust and faith in the Father. We need to come to an understanding and acceptance that He knows what is best for us.

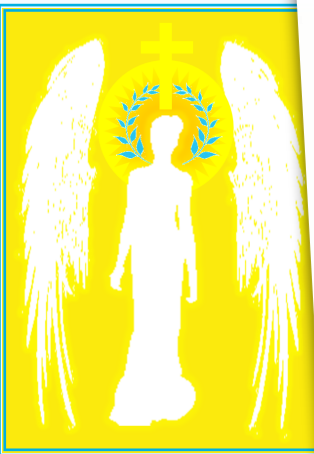
Jesus continues in Luke 9:24 (NIV), “*For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will save it.*” When Jesus calls us to take up our cross, He is calling us to give up our lives (our will) for Him. It is seemingly a call for the greatest sacrifice. Most consider this price too high, so they do not accept the call of Jesus. They think they are saving their lives for themselves. But in doing so Jesus warns that they will lose eternal life. In regards to our flesh, the cost of following Jesus is high. In regards to God’s rewards, the cost is nothing.

“He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose.” – Jim Elliot

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Prayer

How could we forget
The power of one shed tear
Falling from a mortal eye
Into another's prayer

And what of whispered sighs
Passed upon our breath
Hoping in a life
Where else was only death.

By Nathan Warner

Or often how we felt
Heartbeats break the night
Aching for some wonder
In another's plight



*"Walk as children of light (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord."
(Ephesians 5:8b-10)*

Blossoms of Fruit
By Natalie Madsen

Trusting Surrender

By Nathan Warner

Complete surrender for a believer is a sacrifice to God of our mind, our body, and our spirit. It means surrendering everything. That sounds simple enough. We may all nod our heads and agree, but living surrender out can be much more of a challenge than we thought.

Surrender requires trust. We trust people and things in different ways and with different measures. A surrendering soldier trusts that he will live and not be killed by his captors. A healthy Biblical marriage requires complete surrender to one another in Christ. Trusting someone's love completely requires complete surrender. Complete surrender requires complete trust - surrender of apprehensions, fears, worries, anger, hopes, and dreams to their care. God loves us. Do we love Him? Do we trust God?

Scripture is full of calls for us to trust God. *"Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths"* (Proverbs 3:5-6 ESV).

Complete trust is true surrender. We must open all of our heart to God and leave nothing hidden away for ourselves. *"I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you"* (Psalm 119:11). David tells us that we should not be divided in our trust of God, seeking Him without holding anything back: *"With my whole heart I seek you; let me not wander from your commandments!"* (Psalm 119:10)

Oftentimes, though, we may partition ourselves into "rooms" where we store what we think are spiritual things separate from worldly things. We allow God access into the rooms of our heart and mind where there are "spiritual" things on Sunday or at times throughout the week when we seek Him, but we refuse to show Him the other rooms. After all, what do they have to do with Him? In our spiritual rooms, we might have church, hymns, our prayers, missions, etc. - all neatly packed and

on display. Aren't these the things of God? But in other rooms we might have worldly entertainment, cars and motors, fabrics and finery, and other things that are passions of ours.

There is absolutely nothing wrong with having interests and passions outside of what we think is "spiritual," but we ought to always present them before the Lord as a sacrifice for testing by the Holy Spirit. If we have strong interests or passions in things not seen by ourselves or others as "spiritual," it will require our complete trust in the Lord to surrender them to Him completely. This is no special act above and beyond our faith. Surrendering our complete heart (our complete self) is our spiritual worship and reasonable service to God: *"I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship"* (Romans 12:1). This is baptism by fire, testing our hearts and works in His Holy Gaze. We cannot worship God while keeping things hidden from Him, for He sees all and knows what we are holding back. This division will pull us apart.

Oftentimes in my life, I was afraid to give God things I enjoyed or held dear. Sometimes they've been incredibly silly things such as movies. I can remember once when I was younger, I actually caught myself hoping that Jesus wouldn't return before a sequel came out so I could see the conclusion before the world ended! Sometimes it was time with friends. I knew that being around them hampered my relationship with God, but I enjoyed the rush of feeling important, clever, funny, or needed. I was afraid the Lord would take these things from me and not give them back or that what He would give me in exchange would be less valuable to me. I wasn't willing to risk that, so I ignored the fact that I wasn't letting Him into my whole heart. I just thought, "It's not that big of a deal."

Sometimes I was even afraid to acknowledge His control over my health or sanity for fear He might test me by taking them away. This fear interrupted my trust in Him, and I'd grow distant from Him for a time. We are warned about trusting in things outside of God:

*"See the man who would not make God his refuge, but **trusted** in the abundance of his riches and sought refuge in his own destruction!" (Psalm 52:7)*

But we are not supposed to be afraid of trusting God: *"...in God I **trust**; I shall not be afraid. What can man do to me?" (Psalm 56:11)* When we trust God with everything inside of us, when we surrender all to Him, He will fill us up with Himself and enlarge our understanding, our responsibilities, and our lives: *"I will run in the way of your command-*

ments when you enlarge my heart!" (Psalm 119:32) Let us trust God's love. Let us surrender ourselves and everything in us completely, melting into His embrace, holding nothing back. *"...My righteous one shall live by faith, and if he shrinks back, my soul has no pleasure in him.' But we are not of those who shrink back and are destroyed, but of those who have faith and preserve their souls" (Hebrews 10:38-39).*



Lilies of the Field
By Natalie Madsen

*"Consider the **lilies**, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these." (Luke 12:27)*

Lives of the Christians



Charles Spurgeon was a British preacher popularly known as the "Prince of Preachers." He defended the Church against the liberal and pragmatic theologies that were prevalent around the turn of the 19th Century.

Born in Essex, England, in 1834, Spurgeon became a believer at the age of 16 when a snowstorm forced him into a church. He moved to Cambridge to become a Sunday School teacher, and in 1853, he was installed as the preacher of a small Baptist Church in Cambridgeshire. At the age of twenty, Spurgeon was asked to pastor the famed New Park Street Chapel, just four years after his conversion. Park Street Chapel was the largest congregation of Baptists at the time in London, and within a few months of arriving there, Spurgeon's preaching became famous. His sermons began to be published weekly, and his congregation outgrew the church. Often Spurgeon would preach to more than 10,000 people at a time. At 22, he was the most popular preacher of his day. Because of his fame, Spurgeon became a target in the press, and critical attacks from the media persisted throughout his life.

In 1856, Spurgeon married Susanna Thompson of Falcon Square, and in the following year, he preached to 23,654 people at the Crystal Palace in London.

During his lifetime, Spurgeon preached to over 10,000,000 people, wrote over 3,600 sermons, published 24 volumes of commentaries, and wrote a number of hymns. He founded a pastor's college and the Stockwell Orphanage. Spurgeon remains highly influential to Christians of different denominations. He remained faithful to the Gospel of Christ and defended it while many abandoned it for liberal and pragmatic theologies that deny the Truth of the Gospel.

Who is Lord of Your Estate?

By Shelley Tvedt

To whom are you surrendered? Every human being lives in surrender to someone. There are no exceptions, and there are no half-surrenders: *"No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon"* (Matthew 6:24). Surrender is complete. Webster defines surrender as such: "In law, to yield an estate, as a tenant, into the hands of the lord for such purposes as are expressed in the act." It controls the whole course of our life because the one to whom we surrender becomes Lord of our estate and determines the quality of our lives.

Human life is an estate...a building made by God from the dust of the ground. He breathed

into us the breath of life, and man became a living soul (Gen 2:7). Job 33:4 states, *"The Spirit of God hath made us, and the breath of the Almighty hath given me life."* As LORD of the estate, He has the right to determine the purpose of our life. He gave man life. He gave man choice. And man chose to determine his own destiny apart from the design of his Maker. In that choosing, man surrendered his life to a new lord...Satan.

Romans 6:16 says, *"Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?"* Satan is a thieving lord who did not come to truly give us a better life. His false enticement was that *"ye shall not surely die: For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil"* (Gen 3:4, 5). This was the work of one whose desire

is to steal, kill, and destroy (John 10:10a). *"Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned"* (Rom 5:12).

Today, each person born is subject to this lord. They live lives still rejecting Jesus Christ, believing that they are in charge of their own destiny as gods, pursuing what is good for food, what is pleasant to the eyes, and whatever is desired to make them wise, just like Adam and Eve (Gen 3:6). They do not truly see their lives for what they are: tenants surrendered to a lord that brings them to death (Rom. 6:23). Thinking they have the "whole world," they are lost (Mk 8:36, 37). Romans 7:5 states, *"For when we were in the flesh, the motions of sins, which were by the law, did work in our members to bring forth fruit unto death."* Sin and death are the quality of life that is chosen when Satan is the one to whom a life is surrendered. There is no escape. The cry is *"O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?"* (Rom. 7:24)

Jesus Christ enters His estate with the hope that is so desperately needed: *"I am come that they might have life and that they might have it more abundantly"* (John 10:10b). He says in John 8:12 that *"I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life."* We have a new Master with a new surrender that yields life, righteousness, and peace. Our rightful LORD brings a new direction for our lives: *"Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God"* (Romans 6:13). And again, we are reminded in Romans 6:19, *"For as ye have yielded your members servants to uncleanness and to iniquity unto iniquity; even so now yield your members servants to righteousness unto holiness."* Psalm 37:37 reminds us to *"mark the perfect man, and behold the upright: for the end of that man is peace."*

God, knowing our helpless state, provided us an opportunity to surrender to the only One

who could defeat the lord of sin and death and change the quality of our life. Romans 6:23 explains that *"the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."* Our LORD commands us in James 4:7 to *"submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you."* Thus, our previous lord departs. We rejoice, for God *"hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son: In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins"* (Col. 1:13, 14).

We are not our own. We spend every day surrendered to someone. We are estates under the jurisdiction of a lord...Satan or Christ. The question presented to the people in Jeremiah's time is still relevant today: *"Thus saith the LORD; Behold, I set before you the way of life, and the way of death"* (Jer. 21:8). Let us hear Joshua when he says, *"Choose you this day whom ye will serve..."* (Josh. 24:15).



Motivation to Surrender

By Jesse Larsen

Back when I was still new to the Scriptures, I had a hard time understanding why God did not want us to be proud. Verses such as Proverbs 16:5 were difficult for me to fathom: *"The LORD detests all the proud of heart. Be sure of this: They will not go unpunished"* (NIV). Part of the reason I had a hard time understanding this is because I had been insecure throughout most of my life. I did not realize this at the time, but pride was my problem even while I was insecure. That may sound absurd to some, but I believe that pride was my problem since it led me to what the Bible calls *"the sorrow of the world [which] produces death"* (2 Corinthians 7:10), rather than godly sorrow which leads to repentance. Even during times when I was suicidal, I believe that pride was my problem. Suicide is not God's will and is the result of pride producing worldly sorrow in someone rather than godly sorrow. Pride is the main thing that separates us from God (see James 4:6).

Many people today would call the insecurity that I had "low self-esteem," yet the very fact that anyone would want to build security in themselves rather than God just shows that they are already esteeming themselves too much. What we need is not self-esteem but God-esteem. These two positions are in stark contrast to each other. Once we have given up trying to build our confidence in ourselves for a life that holds God in high esteem, we learn that *"the LORD will be your confidence, and will keep your foot from being caught"* (Proverbs 3:26).

If we do come to the point of surrender, it is because God Himself has accomplished the surrender in us. Therefore, we have far more reason to esteem Him than ourselves. Paul clearly understood this when he wrote, *"By the grace of God I am what I am"* (1 Corinthians 15:10). Rather than focusing on ourselves, getting an accurate view of God will motivate us to surrender more than anything else. Al-

though there was a time when I did not understand why the Bible took issue with pride, God had revealed enough to me about Himself during my early Christian life to let me know that He knew something about this issue that I did not. I trusted Him based on the fact that He is wiser than I am, which brings to mind the words of the following verse....

*"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean **not on your own understanding**; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths. **Do not be wise in your own eyes**; fear the Lord and depart from evil"* (Proverbs 3:5-7).

One of the problems with pride, or being wise in our own eyes, is that it is deceitful (see Obadiah 1:3 as an example). In fact, our pride can be so deceitful that it can blind us from seeing that it is our real motive rather than humility. David must have understood the deceitfulness of the human heart when he wrote, *"Search me, O God, and know my heart...see if there is any wicked way in me"* (Psalm 139:23-24). Paul wrote that *"now we see in a mirror dimly"* (1 Corinthians 13:12), which indicates that we will always need the Lord to search our hearts as long as we are on this earth.

My motivation to surrender (which I believe was accomplished by God Himself) came from the realization that God knows and wants what is best for me (see Jeremiah 29:11) even if it does not appeal to my deceitful human nature. Human pride is not only deceitful, but it is also vain (as revealed by Proverbs 25:27 and Proverbs 13:10). It is not as if God has given us rules that are hard to follow to ruin our joy. The point is that He wants to give us Himself and thereby give us an eternal joy far greater than the vain, temporary joy that we may have in our pride. Understanding that Christ could return at any moment is one more powerful motivation to surrender ourselves and our pride to Him, as revealed by this last passage: *"Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure"* (1 John 3:2-3).

I Will Take My Place

*Somewhere in the World,
I will take the place
That no one else can fill.*

*Somewhere is a task
that I Must face
Through good or ill.*

*Somewhere afar
over land or sea
Or close, here at home
- whatever it may be
There's a call for service full and free
I will take my place!*

*Somewhere the world weeps
Bitter tears that
My smile can dry;*

*Somewhere with heartrending
Doubts and fears
The helpless cry.*

*There are steps,
weary and weak, to help
I must help them, yea
and forget myself.*

*Wherever the Lord needs my help,
I will take my place!*

*Somewhere in the world is an
Aching heart that
My love may fill;*

*Somewhere to a life I may
Christ impart
If it be thy will;
If the place that waits
be far or near;
I will question not,
and know no fear;
For in every service
Thou will draw more dear.*

I will take my place.

By Agnes Jewel Collins

*And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom
shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then I said,
"Here I am! Send me.."*

(Isaiah 6:8)

Sing A New Song

Words by Judson W. Van DeVenter

Music by Winfield Scott Weeden

"At last the pivotal hour of my life came, and I surrendered all."



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I Surrender All

Unison

1. All to Je - sus I sur - ren - der; all to him I
 2. All to Je - sus I sur - ren - der; hum - bly at his
 3. All to Je - sus I sur - ren - der; make me Sav - ior,
 4. All to Je - sus I sur - ren - der; Lord, I give my -
 5. All to Je - sus I sur - ren - der; now I feel the

free - ly give; I will ev - er love and trust him,
 feet I bow; world - ly plea - sures all for - sak - en;
 whol - ly thine; let me feel the Ho - ly Spir - it,
 self to thee; fill me with thy love and pow - er;
 sa - cred flame. O the joy of full sal - va - tion!

Refrain (Harmony)

in his pres - ence dai - ly live.
 take me, Je - sus, take me now.
 tru - ly know that thou art mine. I sur - ren - der
 let thy bless - ing fall on me.
 Glo - ry, glo - ry to his name!

all, I sur - ren - der all, I sur - ren - der all, I sur - ren - der all,

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 MUSIC: W. S. Weeden, 1896

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I Surrender All

By Maggie Moller

The hymn "I Surrender All" has long been one of my favorites to play and sing. It contains a powerful message for Christians on surrendering our whole being to the work of the Lord. Paul urges believers, in view of God's mercy, "to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God - this is your spiritual act of worship. Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is - his good, pleasing and perfect will" (Romans 12:1-2). We are to surrender every aspect of our lives to the leading of the Lord.

The beautiful words to "I Surrender All" were written by Judson W. Van DeVenter. Mr. Van DeVenter was born on December 5, 1855, near Dundee, Michigan. He attended

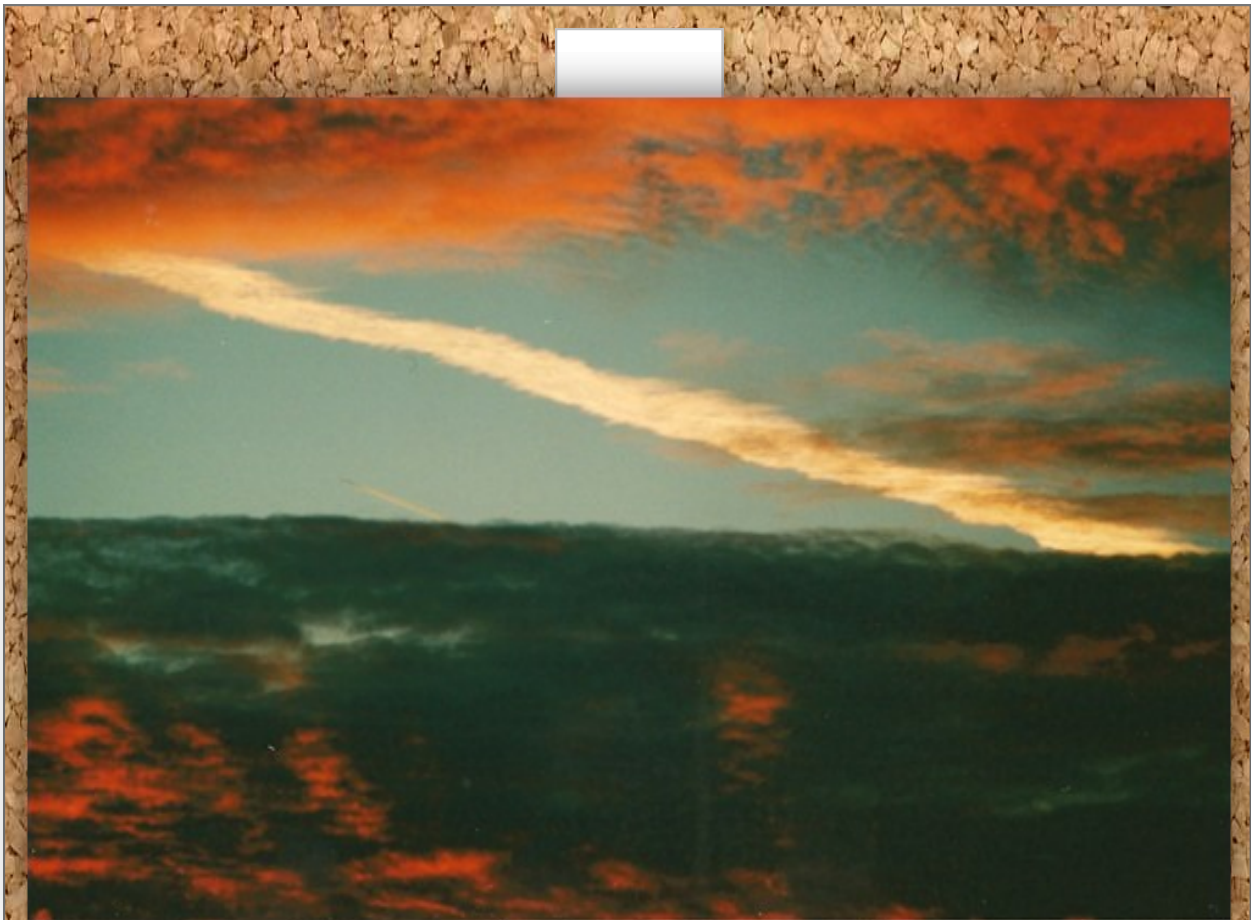
Hillsdale College in Michigan and then moved to Sharon, Pennsylvania, where he taught art. While developing his art career, Judson was waging war within himself. Desiring to improve his art talents, he struggled with the feeling that God desired him to go into ministry instead of art. He later said of this battle to allow God to direct his path, "At last the pivotal hour of my life came, and I surrendered all. A new day was ushered into my life. I became an evangelist and discovered down deep in my soul a talent hitherto unknown to me. God had hidden a song in my heart, and touching a tender chord, He caused me to sing." How often we are humbled when we put our will above God's. Though at the time our way seems better in our human eyes, God's ways are always better. Judson was struggling to fulfill his own human dreams of pursuing art, yet when he surrendered his life to God's leading, God showed him a hidden talent he possessed: hymn writing. Mr. Van

DeVenter retired to Florida where he taught hymnology at Florida Bible Institute (now Trinity Bible College) for four years. He passed away on July 17, 1939.

Winfield Scott Weeden composed the music for "I Surrender All." Mr. Weeden was born on March 29, 1847, in Middleport, Ohio. He lived most of his life in New York City where he owned and operated a small hotel, while also teaching in singing schools and working in evangelism. He passed away on

July 31, 1908, and he was buried in Woodlawn Cemetery, New York, where his tombstone bears the title of his song, "I Surrender All."

In Luke 14:33, Jesus says, "Any of you who does not give up everything he has cannot be my disciple." Once we give our lives to Christ, we are no longer to live our lives the way we desire; rather, we are to completely surrender ourselves to God's direction.



Tried By Fire
By Nathan Warner

"I came to cast fire on the earth, and would that it were already kindled! I have a baptism to be baptized with, and how great is my distress until it is accomplished! "
(Luke 12:49-50)

"I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." (Matthew 3:11)

Trust and Yield to the Living Lord

By Betty Harstad

"Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship."
(Romans 12:1 NASB)

Thankfully, God does not want us to present or yield ourselves to Him blindly. The Bible was not read in my childhood home, nor did we attend church, and I knew of God only in a rudimentary way. However, it did seem to make sense that He created the world and that there was a heaven and even a hell, which I feared. When I was a teenager, a few girls read to me the standard gospel message and then kindly waited for me to submit, but I remained silent. I was leery of trusting this God of whom I knew so little. I did not and could not put these thoughts into words.

While attending a church in Missouri, I learned of the *"traditions of men according to the elementary principles of the world, rather than according to Christ"* (Colossians 2:8b NASB). My husband and I joined the church after I completed the necessary classes. We agreed to have our very young children baptized and were faithfully in attendance each Sunday for the year and a half that we lived there.

Although we did all that was required, my longing to know God was not satisfied, and my husband did not want to attend a similar church when we moved back to Minnesota. *How was it even possible to know this holy God?* I wondered. How was it possible for me to be accepted for this salvation that I had briefly heard about from those young girls? My cry was faint, but He heard me! *"A battered reed He will not break off and a smoldering wick He will not put out, until He leads justice to victory. And in His name the Gentiles will hope"* (Matthew 12:20, 21 NASB).

After several years of attending a friendly family-oriented, yet slightly unbiblical,

neighborhood church, I went to a Bible study for women, taught verse-by-verse by the Pastor's wife. My heart and mind were slowly but surely opened to the glorious gospel of salvation through the Word in the book of Romans. Learning that I was a helpless and hopeless sinner astounded and dismayed me at first, but it soon brought me to joyful submission to this Savior, God's only Son. It was He who prepared the way for the eternal, holy life for all who will believe in His finished work on the Cross.

We did not have another verse-by-verse study of the Word at this little church because they came to be at the forefront of an "experienced-based," extra-biblical movement just beginning in Elk River. Despite this, after I became a "new creation," the Bible became more understandable to me. Access to books by way of a small Christian bookstore in which I worked also helped direct me to examine many of the treasures in the Bible that had previously been hidden from me.

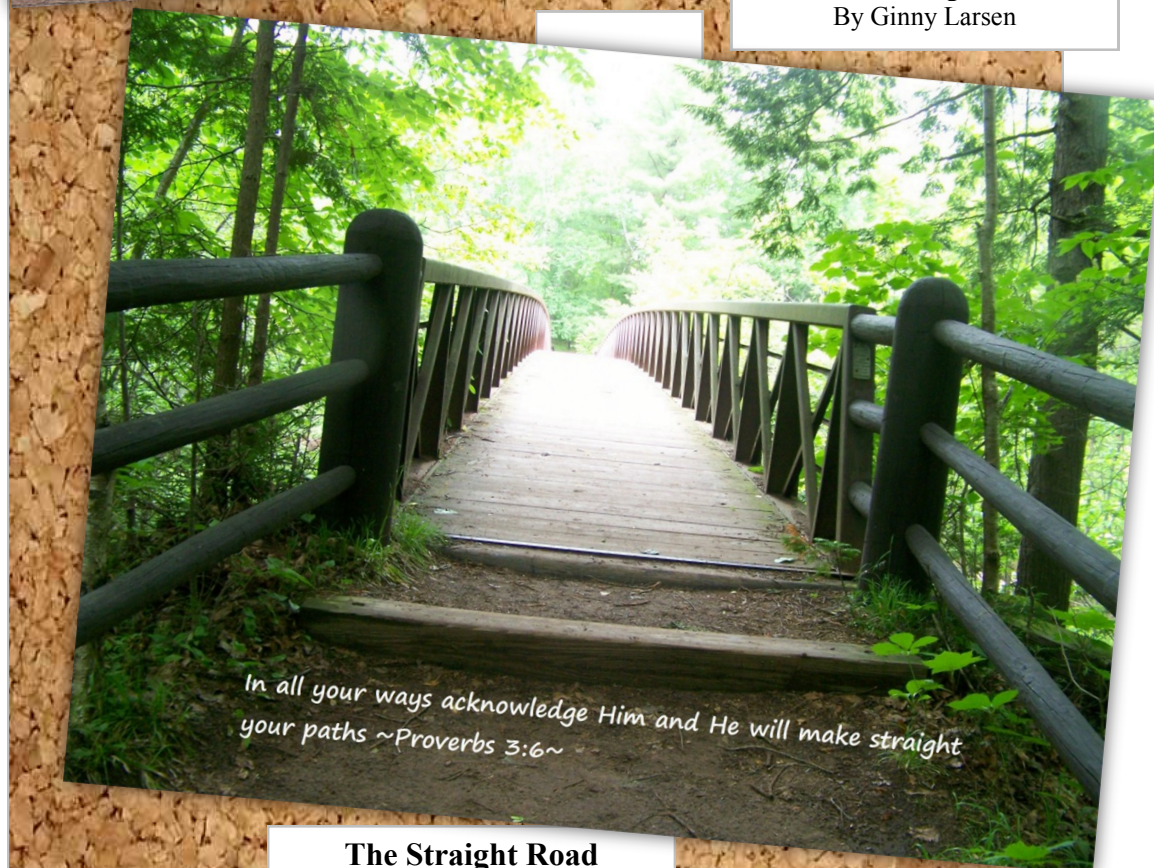
Even so, it didn't take me long to realize that often my flesh still liked to have its way, and I learned that dependence upon Jesus Christ through the Holy Spirit was imperative each and every day. *"Even so consider yourselves to be dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus. Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its lust. And do not go on presenting the members of your body to sin as instruments of unrighteousness; but present yourselves to God as those alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God"* (Romans 6:11-13 NASB).

When the Holy Spirit shows us how helpless we may be against sin in the flesh, we realize that it is a wondrous privilege to present (surrender, yield) ourselves to Him knowing we can trust Him to change us from the inside out so that we are willing to please Him. *"But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit"* (II Corinthians 3:18 NASB).



*Your Word is a lamp to my feet and
a light to my path
~Psalm 119:105~*

Lamp
By Ginny Larsen



*In all your ways acknowledge Him and He will make straight
your paths ~Proverbs 3:6~*

The Straight Road
By Ginny Larsen

"My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." (2 Corinthians 12:9a)



Grace

By Natalie Madsen

"For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich."

(2 Corinthians 8:9)

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Theme: Hope, Hope of Eternal Life, Hope of Salvation, Christ in you, the Hope of Glory, no Hope without God in the World, Hope of His calling, Hope laid up for you in Heaven, Re-joyce in Hope, Faith is the substance of things Hoped for, etc...