
LORD, I SURRENDER
Matthew 26:36-46

INTRODUCTION

Surrender — *to yield to the power and control of another.*

There were **three defining places**:

- Gethsemane
- Gabbatha
- Golgotha

GETHSEMANE - SURRENDER TO GOD'S PLAN
Matthew 26:36-46

Before God uses you publicly, He will press you privately.

Surrendering to God's Plan REQUIRES PRAYER

Matthew 26:36 (ESV)

³⁶Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples, "Sit here, while I go **over there and pray.**"

"This kind of surrender is not going to be out your willpower...this kind of surrender requires prayer."
- Pastor Billy Johnson

Surrendering to God's Plan Requires That I COUNT THE COST.

Matthew 26:37-38 (ESV)

³⁷And taking with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, **he began to be sorrowful and troubled.**

³⁸Then he said to them, "**My soul is very sorrowful, even to death; remain here, and watch with me.**"

Surrendering to God's Plan Requires That I GO A LITTLE FARTHER – v. 39

Matthew 26:39 (ESV)

³⁹And **going a little farther** he fell on his face and prayed, saying, "My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will."

Surrendering to God's Plan Requires That I SURRENDER MY WILL

Matthew 26:39–44 (ESV)

³⁹And going a little farther he fell on his face and prayed, saying, "My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, **not as I will, but as you will.**"

⁴⁰And he came to the disciples and found them sleeping. And he said to Peter, "So, could you not watch with me one hour?"

⁴¹Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak."

⁴²Again, for the second time, he went away and prayed, **"My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done."**

⁴³And again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy.

⁴⁴So, leaving them again, **he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words again.**

"This is not about your will." – Pastor Billy Johnson

GABBATHA – SURRENDER TO GOD'S PROCESS

John 19:13 (ESV)

¹³So when Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus out and sat down on the judgment seat at a place **called The Stone Pavement, and in Aramaic Gabbatha.**

God's plans will sometime take you before flawed people and processes.

Jesus went through the process of being:

Physically Harmed – He Was Beaten

John 19:1–2 (ESV)

¹Then Pilate took Jesus and **flogged him.**

²And the soldiers twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on his head and arrayed him in a purple robe.

Publicly Humiliated – He Was Mocked and Rejected

John 19:3–7 (ESV)

³They came up to him, saying, **"Hail, King of the Jews!" and struck him with their hands.**

While Remaining Privately Humble – He Did Not Retaliate

John 19:8–11 (ESV)

⁸When Pilate heard this statement, he was even more afraid.

⁹He entered his headquarters again and said to Jesus, “Where are you from?” But Jesus gave him no answer.

¹⁰So Pilate said to him, “You will not speak to me? Do you not know that I have authority to release you and authority to crucify you?”

¹¹Jesus answered him, “You would have no authority over me at all unless it had been given you from above. Therefore he who delivered me over to you has the greater sin.”

Remain humble when going through the process no matter how unfair that process may be.

Chiseling a stone will not destroy it.

GOLGOTHA - SURRENDER TO GOD’S PURPOSE

John 19:17–18 (ESV)

¹⁷and he went out, bearing his own cross, to the place called **The Place of a Skull, which in Aramaic is called Golgotha.**

¹⁸There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, and Jesus between them.

Golgotha – Place of the Skull

- Matthew 20:28 – He came to give His life
- John 12:27 – “For this purpose I came”
- John 3:14 – He must be lifted up

We must surrender TO God’s purpose daily!

“Part of you is still wanting the reigns.” – Pastor Billy Johnson

WHAT DOES SURRENDERING TO GOD'S PURPOSE REQUIRE OF US?

- Denying Yourself
- Taking up your Cross
- Following Him

Matthew 16:24 (ESV)

²⁴Then Jesus told his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.

WHY SURRENDER?

Matthew 16:25 (ESV)

²⁵For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.

You surrender to find life!

Galatians 2:20 (ESV)

²⁰I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

"Surrender is the doorway to your own personal transformation." - Pastor Billy Johnson

CONCLUSION

LORD, I SURRENDER!

- Gethsemane - I surrender to your PLAN
- Gabbatha - I surrender to your PROCESS
- Golgotha - I surrender to your PURPOSE