

NOVEMBER 22/23, 2025

# Surrender

PASTOR STACIE WOOD

 @stacie\_wood |  pastorstacie@saddleback.com

*Come near to God and he will come near to you...*

**JAMES 4:8 (NIV)**

*As Jesus started on his way, a man ran up to him and fell on his knees before him. "Good teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?"*

*"Why do you call me good?" Jesus answered. "No one is good—except God alone. You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder, you shall not commit adultery, you shall not steal, you shall not give false testimony, you shall not defraud, honor your father and mother.'" "Teacher," he declared, "all these I have kept since I was a boy."*

*Jesus looked at him and loved him. "One thing you lack," he said. "Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me."*

*At this the man's face fell. He went away sad, because he had great wealth...*

*Then Peter spoke up, "We have left everything to follow you!"*

*"Truly I tell you," Jesus replied, "no one who has left home or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields for me and the gospel will fail to receive a hundred times as much in this present age: homes, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and fields—along with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life."*

**MARK 10:17-22, 28-30 (NIV)**

*Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me."*

**MARK 8:34 (NIV)**

**My closeness with Jesus may be stalled by something I haven't even felt the need to address.**

*"A whole new generation of Christians has come up believing that it is possible to 'accept' Christ without forsaking the world."* — A. W. Tozer

**Surrendering to Jesus will \_\_\_\_\_ than you think.**

*"Many have refused to join the church, not because the church has demanded too much, but because it has demanded too little. Their criticism is not that the church is too different from the world, but that it is too much like the world. The humiliating truth is that no Christian fellowship has ever truly challenged them."*

— Elton Trueblood, *Alternative To Futility*

**Surrendering to Jesus will be \_\_\_\_\_ .**

### **Reflection Questions:**

1. Have I received any \_\_\_\_\_ from God that I know I'm not obeying?
2. Is there anything in my life that I would \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ if I genuinely believed Jesus was asking me to?
3. Does my \_\_\_\_\_ and my \_\_\_\_\_  
reflect Jesus as the center of my life?

*"One does not surrender a life in an instant; that which is lifelong can only be surrendered in a lifetime."*

— Jim Elliot

Access today's message notes, take next steps, and find out what's happening at your campus on the Saddleback App.

