

GO DEEPER

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What is significant about Jesus' posture toward God in the passage?

In what areas of your life have you found it difficult to yield to God?

When you pray, are there areas of your life and heart that you keep from God?

If so, what are they?

Why do you keep these back?

In what ways is the idea of yielding counter-cultural?

Do you think yielding is necessary for our spiritual formation and maturity?

Why or why not?

Reflect on your typical habits during prayer:

What names/titles do you tend to use when addressing God?

What physical posture do you tend to take?

What do you tend to pray for the most?

How might each of these things reveal how you view God or teach you something about your current relationship with God?

Have your behaviors or views about something important ever changed because you chose to yield to God instead of holding to your own opinion or desire?

What was it?

How did you discern God's will? (Scripture? Prayer? Church teachings?)

What needed to happen for you to willingly yield?

Is God calling you to embrace a new understanding, belief, or practice about Him, your life, or the church? What is it?

If you are having a difficult time embracing it describe why.

What might help you yield to God's prompting?

Prayer Practice: Use this prayer of surrender each day this week.

Lord, I surrender my whole life to you, the past, the present, and the future. In sickness and in health, in life and in death, I belong to you. My heart is yours, my mind is yours, my body is yours. You are God, I am not. You are the Creator, I am the creature. You are the potter, I am the clay. You are the vine, I am a branch. Not my will but your will be done. Amen.

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