



## MAIN SCRIPTURES

- Job 41:11; Rom. 11:36, 4:4-5
- 2 Peter 1:3; Acts 9:3-6

## SURRENDER MY RIGHTS

- Surrender Requirements
- Practice Optional

## FOUNDATIONAL SCRIPTURES:

“Beloved, now we are children of God. **It is not yet revealed what we will be; but we know that when He is revealed, we will be like Him**, for we will see Him just as He is.” 1 John 3:2 WEBUS

**“Who has first given to me, that I should repay him?**

Everything under the heavens is mine.” Job 41:11 WEBUS

“**Or who has first given to him, and it will be repaid** to him again?” For **of him** and **through him** and **to him are all things**. To him be the glory for ever! Amen.” Romans 11:35-36 WEBUS

**“Now to him who works, the reward is not counted as grace, but as something owed.”** Romans 4:4 WEBUS

“seeing that **his divine power has granted to us all things** that pertain to **life** and **godliness**, through the knowledge of him...” 2 Peter 1:3 WEBUS

“As he traveled, he got close to Damascus, and suddenly a light from the sky shone around him. He fell on the earth, and heard **a voice saying to him, “Saul, Saul, why do you persecute**

**me?" He said, "Who are you, Lord?"** The Lord said, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But **rise up and enter into the city, then you will be told what you must do.**" Acts 9:3-6 WEBUS

## **INTRODUCTION:**

*Cease resistance; abandon control of your life entirely, and come into complete submission to God. That's what it means to surrender. When Y'shua returns, some of you will be like Him. And for that transformation to occur, it requires that you surrender making requirements of God and practice being good with His options.*

*Pray this without ceasing: "God, I know that You are not in debt to me. I make no demands nor place any necessary conditions on You that You are required to fulfill. I have no necessities in my life beyond what You give me. I require no prerequisites nor make any stipulations before I will obey You. I am ready to pivot at any moment to adjust my needs to Your provisions. I know You provide everything I need, so if You have not provided it, I don't need it!"*

*Whoever won't surrender their insistence that God meet various requirements and instead practice understanding that the Lord may have a different option in His mind simply won't become like Him.*

SURRENDER THAT I HAVE ANY RIGHTS AT ALL!

## 1. Surrender My Rights: Surrender Requirements & Practice

Optional (See [Surrender Expectations & Practice Inspiration](#))

### A. Overview

#### (1) **Surrender Requirements**

- (a) **Debt vs. Gratitude** (Who owes whom what?)
- (b) **Wants vs. Needs** (Is your every desire a necessity?)
- (c) **Entitled vs. Blessed** (Are you deserving or favored?)
- (d) **Conditional vs. Absolute** (Do you obey subjectively or objectively?)

#### (2) **Practice Optional**

- (a) Be ready to... **Pivot** (Are you willing to change course as directed by God?)
- (b) Have the right... **Perspective** (Are you ready to stay the course no matter how difficult?)
- (c) See all the... **Possibilities** (Will you concede that God's options extend far beyond your own?)
- (d) Visit... [www.TrueFreedom.opt](http://www.TrueFreedom.opt): The option with no other options! When you surrender to God's Way, Will, and Word as the only option, you are truly free.

### B. Surrender Requirements

- (3) **Introduction:** God owes you nothing; You need nothing beyond what God gives you. *"Surrender insisting that God*

*meet your requirements and instead practice accepting that He may have different options on His mind for you."*

(a) **Surrender Requirements:** God is not in debt to you.

Make no demands of God and have no necessary conditions that He must fulfill. Insist on no prerequisites and have no stipulations.

1. **"Who has first given to me, that I should repay him?"**

Everything under the heavens is mine." Job 41:11

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a) Contemplate how Paul explains Job's situation...

**"Or who has first given to him, and it will be repaid to him again?"** Romans 11:35 WEBUS

- 1) No one has ever given anything to God as if God then owes him something in return. Why?
- 2) Everything is under the heavens is already His.

b) Paul expands that idea for exquisite clarity... **"For of [from] him and through him and to [for] him are all things. To him be the glory for ever! Amen."**

Romans 11:36

- 1) **Of or From Him** is everything that exists!
- 2) **Through Him is** everything that was created!
- 3) **To him** should be all the honor and glory (and **for Him** is everything we do!)

#### (4) **Debt vs. Gratitude** (Who owes whom what?)

- (a) God has no debt to you; He owes you nothing...
  - 1. **Debt:** an obligation; something owed or due; owing gratitude to someone for a service or a favor.
  - 2. **Gratitude:** the quality of being thankful; readiness to show appreciation for and to return kindness.
- (b) Did we earn or deserve what we received?
  - 1. "What then will we say that Abraham, our forefather, has found according to the flesh? **For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about,** but not toward God. For what does the Scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness." **Now to him who works, the reward is not counted as grace, but as something owed. But to him who doesn't work,** but believes in him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is accounted for righteousness." Romans 4:1-5 WEBUS
    - a) We did not produce or provide anything that puts God in debt to us—if we were able to do such, then what we received from God would not have come by way of His grace, because grace is a gift from God, not a payment.

- 1) *"Or who has first given to him, and it will be repaid to him again?"* Romans 11:35 WEBUS
- 2) *"But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— {8} For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast."* Ephesians 2:4-5, 8-9 ESV

(c) An attitude of gratitude...

1. *"Whatever you do, in word or in deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him."* Colossians 3:17 WEBUS

a) In all things give thanks to God!

- 1) *"Always rejoice. Pray without ceasing. In everything give thanks, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus toward you."* 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 WEBUS

(d) Let's be clear about who owes whom what?

1. *"For we were also once foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving various lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful, and hating one another."*

But when the kindness of God our Savior and his love toward mankind appeared, **not by works of righteousness which we did ourselves, but according to his mercy, he saved us** through the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior; **that being justified by his grace**, we might be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life. This saying is faithful, and concerning these things I desire that you insist confidently, **so that those who have believed God may be careful to maintain good works.** These things are good and profitable to men;"

Titus 3:3-8 WEBUS

- a) When God got a hold of you, you were a foolish, disobedient, deceived, lustful, angry, envious, and hateful person.
- b) But God's kindness and love took over and He saved you, and it had nothing to do with anything good you did or deserved.
- c) You were simply justified by His free grace.
- d) So, the ongoing message to those who believe God is to be careful to maintain good works because of what He did for you.

- e) In other words, you owe Him everything and He owes you nothing.
  - 1) *"For we are his workmanship, **created in Christ Jesus for good works**, which God prepared before that we would walk in them."* Ephesians 2:10 WEBUS

- (e) Well, you are owed something...
  - 1. "I speak in human terms **because of the weakness of your flesh**; for as you presented your members as servants to uncleanness and to wickedness upon wickedness, even so now present your members as servants to righteousness for sanctification. For when you were servants of sin, you were free from righteousness. **What fruit then did you have at that time in the things of which you are now ashamed?** **For the end of those things is death.** But now, being made free from sin and having become servants of God, you have your fruit of sanctification and the result of eternal life. **For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.**" Romans 6:19-23 WEBUS
  - a) In your weak flesh, you were a slave to sin: impure thoughts, wickedness, and unrighteousness.

- b) The fruit of that life was shame and the wages of your sin is death.
- c) But, this is what you got instead: you were freed with a free gift of God.
  - 1) ***"For while we were yet weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will hardly die for a righteous man. Yet perhaps for a good person someone would even dare to die. But God commends his own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."***

Romans 5:6-8 WEBUS

#### **(5) Wants vs. Needs** (Is your every desire a necessity?)

- (a) You need nothing in life beyond what God has provided...

1. **Wants:** desires to possess or do something; lack or deficiency of something desirable.
2. **Needs:** of necessity; necessary or unavoidable; to require something because it is essential.
  - a) You shall not want; what you need, God will provide!
    - 1) ***"The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want."***

Psalms 23:1 NKJV

2) “*For the Gentiles seek after all these things; for your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But seek first God’s Kingdom and his righteousness; and all these things will be given to you as well.*” Matthew 6:32-33 WEBUS

(b) The Provision Formula

1. “My son, don’t forget my teaching, but **let your heart keep my commandments**, for they will add to you length of days, years of life, and peace. **Don’t let kindness and truth forsake you.** Bind them around your neck. Write them on the tablet of your heart. So you will find favor, and good understanding in the sight of God and man. **Trust in Yahweh** with all your heart, and **don’t lean on your own understanding.** In all your ways **acknowledge him**, and he will make your paths straight. **Don’t be wise in your own eyes.** **Fear Yahweh, and depart from evil.** It will be health to your body, and nourishment to your bones. **Honor Yahweh with your substance, with the first fruits** of all your increase; so your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will overflow with new wine.”

Proverbs 3:1-10 WEBUS

a) Keep His commandments...

- 1) They will add years to your life and peace.
- b) Be kind and truthful...
  - 1) You will find favor in the sight of God and man.
- c) Trust in Yahweh; don't depend on yourself; acknowledge Him in everything...
  - 1) He will direct your every step.
- d) Don't think you are wiser than God; fear Yahweh and depart from evil.
  - 1) It will nourish you and promote health.
- e) Honor Yahweh with your first fruits...
  - 1) You will be prosperous beyond measure.

(c) The Contentment Formula

1. "Be free from the love of money, **content with such things as you have**, for he has said, **"I will in no way leave you, neither will I in any way forsake you."**

[Deut. 31:6] So that with good courage we say, "The Lord is my helper. I will not fear. What can man do to me?'" Hebrews 13:5-6 WEBUS

- a) Be free from the love of money...
  - 1) Be content with what you have!
- b) God will not leave you or forsake you...
  - 1) He is your helper; you need not fear.

2. **"Not that I speak because of lack, for I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content in it. I know how to be humbled, and I also know how to abound. In any and all circumstances I have learned the secret both to be filled and to be hungry, both to abound and to be in need. I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."** Philippians 4:11-13 WEBUS

- a) Learn to be content in every circumstance...
  - 1) Learn how to live in need.
  - 2) Learn how to live in prosperity.
  - 3) Learn how to live with hunger.
  - 4) Learn how to live with provision.
  - 5) Learn that you can do anything through Christ who is your source!

3. **"But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into the world, and we certainly can't carry anything out. But having food and clothing, we will be content with that. But those who are determined to be rich fall into a temptation, a snare, and many foolish and harmful lusts, such as drown men in ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some have been led astray from the faith in their greed, and have**

pierced themselves through with many sorrows. **But you, man of God, flee these things**, and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, perseverance, and gentleness." 1 Timothy 6:6-11 WEBUS

- a) To seek God in everything is the only source of true contentment.
  - 1) Accumulating things will never satisfy your soul.
- b) You can be content with the basic needs of life just by persistently pursuing God.
  - 1) But, if you are dead-set on accumulating stuff, you will be trapped in world that only leads to ruin.
- c) Chasing money is often the first step toward someone becoming willing to do anything to satisfy their fleshly desires.
  - 1) Greed shipwrecks faith and invites many sorrows.
  - 2) Run from foolish lusts and chase God instead.

(d) The Trust Formula

1. "Also **delight yourself in Yahweh, and he will give you the desires of your heart.** Commit your way to Yahweh. **Trust also in him,** and he will do this:"  
Psalms 37:4-5 WEBUS

- a) Do what pleases God.
- b) Commit to His ways.
- c) Trust Him to meet your needs.

2. "Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time, **casting all your worries on him, because he cares for you.**" 1

Peter 5:6-7 WEBUS

- a) Be humble.
- b) Cast all your cares on God!

3. "Oh taste and see that Yahweh is good. **Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him. Oh fear Yahweh, you his saints, for there is no lack with those who fear him.** The young lions do lack, and suffer hunger, but **those who seek Yahweh shall not lack** any good thing." Psalms 34:8-10 WEBUS

- a) Seek protection from God.
- b) Those who fear the Lord will have no lack.
- c) Those who seek the Lord will have no lack.

#### **(6) Entitled vs. Blessed** (Are you deserving or favored?)

- (a) Make no demands or necessary conditions that God must fulfill.

1. **Entitled:** believing oneself to be inherently, deserving of privileges or special treatment; the right to claim, to receive, or to do something.
2. **Blessed:** endowed with divine favor and protection; pleasure or relief as a welcome contrast to what one has previously experienced.
  - a) You are entitled to nothing; everything you do have comes from God.
    - 1) *"He said, "Naked I came out of my mother's womb, and naked will I return there. Yahweh gave, and Yahweh has taken away. Blessed be Yahweh's name."*" Job 1:21 WEBUS
    - 2) *"John answered, "A man can receive nothing unless it has been given him from heaven."*
    - 3) *"For who makes you different? And what do you have that you didn't receive? But if you did receive it, why do you boast as if you had not received it?"* 1 Corinthians 4:7 WEBUS

(b) What you do have is a blessing...

1. "Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, **who has blessed us with**

**every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ, even as he chose us in him** before the foundation of the world, that we would be holy and without defect before him in love, **having predestined us for adoption as children** through Jesus Christ to himself, **according to the good pleasure of his desire**, to the praise of the glory of his grace, **by which he freely gave us favor** in the Beloved. In him we have our redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, **according to the riches of his grace which he made to abound toward us** in all wisdom and prudence, making known to us the mystery of his will, **according to his good pleasure which he purposed in him** to an administration of the fullness of the times, to sum up all things in Christ, the things in the heavens and the things on the earth, in him. **We were also assigned an inheritance in him, having been foreordained** according to the purpose of him who does all things after the counsel of his will, **to the end that we should be to the praise of his glory**, we who had before hoped in Christ." Ephesians 1:2-12 WEBUS

- a) God has blessed you with every spiritual blessing.

- 1) He chose you from the beginning.
- 2) He predestined you for adoption as His child.
- 3) He freely gave you favor.
- 4) By His grace you have forgiveness.
- 5) You were assigned an inheritance in Him.

(c) He made you alive when you were already dead.

1. **“You were made alive when you were dead in transgressions and sins,** in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the children of disobedience. **We also all once lived among them in the lusts of our flesh, doing the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath,** even as the rest. But God, being rich in mercy, for his great love with which he loved us, **even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ**—by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with him, and made us to sit with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,” Ephesians 2:1-6  
WEBUS

- a) You once lived in the lusts of your flesh.
  - 1) You were by nature a child of wrath.

- 2) But God, in His great love and grace, even when you were dead, made you alive with Christ.
- (d) You might say you are entitled to be blessed (whatever you do will prosper)...
  1. “Blessed is the man who doesn’t walk in the counsel of the wicked, nor stand on the path of sinners, nor sit in the seat of scoffers; **but his delight is in Yahweh’s law. On his law he meditates day and night. He will be like a tree planted by the streams of water**, that produces its fruit in its season, whose leaf also does not wither. **Whatever he does shall prosper.**” Psalms 1:1-3 WEBUS
    - a) If only...
      - 1) You don’t take ungodly advice.
      - 2) You love God’s law.
      - 3) You meditate on God’s word all day.

## **(7) Conditional vs. Absolute** (Do you obey subjectively or objectively?)

- (a) **Subjective obedience** is influenced by personal feelings and opinions; your choice is always dependent on your assessment of the circumstance.

(b) **Objective obedience** is not influenced by personal feelings and opinions; your choice has been eliminated in light of the source of the circumstance.

1. **Conditional:** subject to certain conditions; granted or performed on certain terms.
2. **Absolute:** not qualified or diminished in any way; viewed or existing independently, and not in relation to other things; not relative or comparative.
  - a) **Insist on no conditions...** *"Though He slay me, yet will I trust Him. Even so, I will defend my own ways before Him."* Job 13:15 NKJV
    - 1) **Demand no prerequisites...** a thing that is required as a prior condition for something else to happen or exist.
    - 2) **Require no stipulations...** a condition or requirement that is specified or demanded as part of an agreement.
  - b) Yahweh does, nevertheless, require something of you...
    - 1) *"He has shown you, O man, what is good. What does Yahweh require of you, but to act justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God?"* Micah 6:8 WEBUS

- c) Are you willing to obey, or will you refuse?
  - 1) *"He took the book of the covenant and read it in the hearing of the people, and they said, "We will do all that Yahweh has said, and be obedient.""* Exodus 24:7 WEBUS
  - 2) *"If you are willing and obedient, you will eat the good of the land; but if you refuse and rebel, you will be devoured with the sword; for Yahweh's mouth has spoken it."* Isaiah 1:19-20 WEBUS

- (c) Be careful to observe God's law...
  - 1. "Only be strong and very courageous. **Be careful to observe to do according to all the law** which Moses my servant commanded you. Don't turn from it to the right hand or to the left, **that you may have good success wherever you go. This book of the law shall not depart from your mouth**, but you shall **meditate on it day and night**, that you may **observe to do according to all that is written in it**; for then **you shall make your way prosperous, and then you shall have good success.**" Joshua 1:7-8 WEBUS
- a) Obey God if...
  - 1) ...you want success wherever you go.

- b) The law will be on your mind all day and if you obey it...
  - 1) ...you will be prosperous and have good success.

### **C. Practice Optional**

- (1) **Introduction:** Be ready to pivot at any moment to adjust your needs to God's provisions. *"Surrender insisting that God meet your requirements and instead practice accepting that He may have different options on His mind for you."*
- (a) **Practice Optional:** Be ready to pivot at any moment to adjust your needs (necessities) to God's provisions! He provides everything you need, so if He has not provided it, you don't need it!
  - 1. "seeing that **his divine power has granted to us all things** that pertain to **life** and **godliness**, through the knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and virtue," 2 Peter 1:3 WEBUS
    - a) Everything you need for every area of your life, spirit, soul, and body is already granted.
    - b) You will only embrace it if you cultivate an intimate relationship with your provider.

(b) If you adhere to the critical stipulation of the “**if-then**” relationship, it will help you understand your option.

1. God is the one with the options...

a) *“Behold, I set before you today a blessing and a curse: the blessing, if you listen to the commandments of Yahweh your God, which I command you today; and the curse, if you do not listen to the commandments of Yahweh your God, but turn away out of the way which I command you today, to go after other gods which you have not known.” Deuteronomy 11:26-28 WEBUS*

2. There is nothing good prepared for those who demand their own terms, yet expect God to bless them anyway...

a) *“and so it may not happen, when he hears the words of this curse, that he blesses himself in his heart, saying, ‘I shall have peace, even though I follow the dictates of my heart’—as though the drunkard could be included with the sober.”*

Deuteronomy 29:19 NKJV

**(2) Be ready to... Pivot** (Are you willing to change course as directed by God?)

(a) Be ready to pivot at any moment, to adjust your needs to God's provisions.

1. “**My God will supply every need of yours** according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.” Philippians 4:19  
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  - a) God is your supply chain; if He has not provided it, you don't need it, so your job is to pivot...
  - b) **Pivot:** to completely change the way in which one does something or thinks about something.
- (b) The greatest pivot of all time...
  1. “**But Saul, still breathing threats and slaughter against the disciples of the Lord**, went to the high priest and **asked for letters** from him to the synagogues of Damascus, **that if he found any who were of the Way**, whether men or women, he might **bring them bound to Jerusalem**. As he traveled, he got close to Damascus, and **suddenly a light** from the sky shone around him. He fell on the earth, and heard a voice saying to him, “Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?” He said, “**Who are you, Lord?**” The Lord said, “I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But **rise up** and enter into the city, then **you will be told what you must do.**”” Acts 9:1-6 WEBUS

- a) Saul (soon to be Paul) was the greatest enemy of the Church.
  - 1) He had just overseen the illegal apprehension, trial, torture, and murder of Stephen in Acts 6, 7.
  - 2) Now in Acts 9 he is requesting and is officially commissioned to brutally persecute the disciples of Christ.
  - 3) But on his travels, he is suddenly intercepted by Y'shua, "**Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?**"
  - 4) Saul Pivots: "*Who are you, Lord?*" "*I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. Rise up go, then you will be told what you must do.*" **And he GOES IMMEDIATELY!**
  - 5) The rest is history! (See Acts 9-28)
- (c) Sample of... won't pivot no matter what!
  - 1. "He took food and was strengthened. **Saul stayed several days with the disciples who were at Damascus.** Immediately in the synagogues he proclaimed the Christ, that he is the Son of God. All who heard him were amazed, and said, "**Isn't this he who in Jerusalem made havoc of those who called on this name?** And he had come here intending to bring them bound before the chief priests!" But **Saul**

**increased more in strength, and confounded the Jews who lived at Damascus, proving that this is the Christ. When many days were fulfilled, the Jews conspired together to kill him,"** Acts 9:19-23 WEBUS

- a) After Saul's conversion...
  - 1) He went into Damascus and instead of rounding up and persecuting Christians, he began to preach Christ to the Jews.
  - 2) But unlike Saul, who immediately pivoted when he met Christ, these Jews were not so quick to shift; in fact, they conspired to kill Saul instead.

(d) Another monumental pivot!

- 1. "Now **Moses was keeping the flock of Jethro**, his father-in-law, the priest of Midian, and he led the flock to the back of the wilderness, and came to God's mountain, to Horeb. **Yahweh's angel appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the middle of a bush.** He looked, and behold, the bush burned with fire, and the bush was not consumed. Moses said, "**I will go now, and see this great sight, why the bush is not burned.**" When **Yahweh saw that he came over to see, God called to him** out of the middle of the bush, and said, "**Moses! Moses!**" He said, "**Here I am.**" He

said, “Don’t come close. Take off your sandals, for the place you are standing on is holy ground.”

Moreover he said, “I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.” Moses hid his face because he was afraid to look at God. Yahweh said, “I have surely seen the affliction of my people who are in Egypt, and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters, for I know their sorrows. I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and large land, to a land flowing with milk and honey; to the place of the Canaanite, the Hittite, the Amorite, the Perizzite, the Hivite, and the Jebusite. Now, behold, the cry of the children of Israel has come to me. Moreover I have seen the oppression with which the Egyptians oppress them. **Come now therefore, and I will send you to Pharaoh, that you may bring my people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt.**” Moses said to God, “**Who am I, that I should go to Pharaoh,** and that I should bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?” He said, “**Certainly I will be with you.** This will be the token to you, that I have sent you: when you have

brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain." **Moses said to God, "Behold, when I come to the children of Israel, and tell them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what should I tell them?"** God said to Moses, "**I AM WHO I AM,**" and he said, "You shall tell the children of Israel this: 'I AM has sent me to you.'"" Exodus 3:1-14 WEBUS

- a) Moses fled Egypt 40 years earlier and he had become settled into his new life as a shepherd, with his wife and children.
  - 1) He was was tending his father-in-law Jethro's flock when he came to God's mountain.
  - 2) Yahweh appeared in a flame of fire out of the middle of a bush that was not consumed.
  - 3) Moses decided to investigate. This was an instrumental decision. "*I will go now, and see ...*"
  - 4) When Yahweh saw that he came over to see, God called to him... "**Moses! Moses!**" He said, "*Here I am.*" [Narrative: holy ground, introduction, slavery, affliction]
- b) A New Commission:

- 1) Yahweh: "*I will send you to Pharaoh, so you may bring my people out of Egypt.*"
- 2) Moses: "*Who am I, that I should go to Pharaoh.*"
- 3) Yahweh: "*Certainly I will be with you.*"
- 4) Moses: "*When I come to the children of Israel, and they ask, "What is God's name?" what should I tell them?*"
- 5) Yahweh: "*I AM WHO I AM; tell the children of Israel. 'I AM has sent me to you.'*"
- 6) The rest is history! (See the rest of the Bible!)

(e) Sample of... won't pivot no matter what!

1. "Afterward Moses and Aaron came, and said to Pharaoh, "**This is what Yahweh, the God of Israel, says**, 'Let my people go, that they may hold a feast to me in the wilderness.'" **Pharaoh said, "Who is Yahweh**, that I should listen to his voice to let Israel go? **I don't know Yahweh**, and moreover I will not let Israel go.'" Exodus 5:1-2 WEBUS
  - a) Mores and Aaron speak to Pharaoh...
    - 1) Moses and Aaron: "This is what Yahweh says..."
    - 2) Pharaoh: "Who is Yahweh, that I should listen to His voice? I don't know Yahweh!"

3) The rest is history! (See Exodus 5-12)

**(3) Have the right... Perspective** (Are you ready to stay the course no matter how difficult?)

- (a) He provides everything you need, so if He has not provided it, you obviously don't need it!
  - 1. "My **God will supply every need of yours** according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:19  
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  - a) **Perspective:** a particular attitude toward or way of regarding something; a point of view; true understanding of the relative importance of things; correctly regarded in terms of relative importance.
- (b) As opposed to pivoting when your course needs to change, stay the course when your course is correct (the will of God), no matter what the cost!
  - 1. "But **what I do, that I will continue to do, that I may cut off opportunity** from those who desire an opportunity, that in which they boast, they may be recognized just like us. For **such men are false apostles, deceitful workers, masquerading as Christ's apostles.** And no wonder, for **even Satan masquerades as an angel of light.** It is no great thing therefore if his servants also masquerade as servants

of righteousness, whose end will be according to their works. I say again, **let no one think me foolish.** **But if so, yet receive me as foolish,** that I also may boast a little. That which I speak, I don't speak according to the Lord, but as in foolishness, in this confidence of boasting. Seeing that many boast after the flesh, I will also boast. For you bear with the foolish gladly, being wise. **For you bear with a man if he brings you into bondage, if he devours you, if he takes you captive,** if he exalts himself, or if he strikes you on the face. To my shame, I speak as though we had been weak. **Yet in whatever way anyone is bold (I speak in foolishness), I am bold also."** <sup>2</sup>

Corinthians 11:12-21 WEBUS

- a) Paul is facing resistance and he is staying steadfast.
  - 1) Some men masquerade as followers of Christ and they are drawing others away with them.
  - 2) Paul exposes that those being deceived are even willing to be abused by those men who he calls "false apostles and deceitful workers."
  - 3) He is standing boldly against them.
- (c) **Paul's perspective:** he was willing to withstand any level of persecution and hardship to stay the course.

1. “**Are they Hebrews? So am I.** Are they Israelites? So am I. Are they the offspring of Abraham? So am I. Are they servants of Christ? (I speak as one beside himself.) **I am more so: in labors more abundantly, in prisons more abundantly, in stripes above measure, and in deaths often. Five times I received forty stripes minus one from the Jews. Three times I was beaten with rods. Once I was stoned. Three times I suffered shipwreck. I have been a night and a day in the deep. I have been in travels often, perils of rivers, perils of robbers, perils from my countrymen, perils from the Gentiles, perils in the city, perils in the wilderness, perils in the sea, perils among false brothers; in labor and travail, in watchings often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, and in cold and nakedness.** Besides those things that are outside, there is that which presses on me daily: **anxiety for all the assemblies.** Who is weak, **and I am not weak?** Who is caused to stumble, **and I don't burn with indignation?** **If I must boast, I will boast of the things that concern my weakness.**” 2 Corinthians 11:22-30

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- a) He compares himself to these false workers; his pedigree is greater.
- b) Then he lists all he has endured to stay the course!
  - 1) More hard labor...
  - 2) More prisons time...
  - 3) More scourging...
  - 4) More near deaths experiences...
  - 5) 5X he received 39 stripes from the Jews...
  - 6) 3X he was beaten with rods...
  - 7) 1X he was stoned...
  - 8) 3X he suffered shipwreck (1X he spent a night and a day in the sea.)
- c) He faced constant perils on his travels!
  - 1) ...from robbers, fellow countrymen, Gentiles, in the city, in the wilderness, in the sea, among false brothers.
  - 2) ...continual labor and travail while waiting.
  - 3) ...common hunger, thirst, fasting, and feeling cold and naked.
- d) And those are just the external hardships; there were also inner daily struggles...
  - 1) ...anxiety about all the churches for whom he was responsible.

- 2) ...feelings of weakness...
- 3) ...feelings of quitting...
- 4) ...feelings of indignation...
- 5) ...burning with anger and resentment often provoked by what is perceived as unfair treatment (talk about a perception!).

e) All this, and Paul says...

- 1) *"If I must boast, I will boast of the things that concern my weakness."*

(d) The chief perspective! *"When I am weak, then am I strong."*

1. "It is doubtless not profitable for me to boast, but **I will come to visions and revelations** of the Lord. **I know a man** in Christ who was caught up into the third heaven fourteen years ago—whether in the body, I don't know, or whether out of the body, I don't know; God knows. **I know such a man** (whether in the body, or outside of the body, I don't know; God knows), how he was caught up into Paradise and heard unspeakable words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter. **On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except in my weaknesses.** For if I would desire to

**boast, I will not be foolish; for I will speak the truth. But I refrain, so that no man may think more of me than that which he sees in me or hears from me. By reason of the exceeding greatness of the revelations, that I should not be exalted excessively, a thorn in the flesh was given to me:** a messenger of Satan to torment me, that I should not be exalted excessively. Concerning this thing, I begged the Lord three times that it might depart from me. He has said to me, “**My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Most gladly therefore I will rather glory in my weaknesses, that the power of Christ may rest on me.** Therefore **I take pleasure in weaknesses, in injuries, in necessities, in persecutions, and in distresses, for Christ’s sake. For when I am weak, then am I strong.”** 2 Corinthians 12:1-10 WEBUS

- a) **Extraordinary:** Paul’s perspective of his life and his calling, and the magnitude of how he has been used by God.
  - 1) He could brag, but instead, he speaks about all that God has done in him as if he’s talking about someone else.

- 2) He says that if he's going to boast in himself, he will boast in only one thing—his weakness.
- 3) He doesn't want anyone to think of him more highly than they ought to.
- 4) He has had such profound revelations, and he reasons that God left something in him too difficult to manage, so he would stay ever dependent on the Lord.

b) He has learned...

- 1) God's grace is sufficient.
- 2) God's power is made perfect in man's weakness.
- 3) If a man should boast about anything, it should be in his weaknesses, so that the power of Christ would be accentuated.

c) Paul's perspective:

- 1) *"I take pleasure in weaknesses, in injuries, in necessities, in persecutions, and in distresses, for Christ's sake. For when I am weak, then am I strong."*

**(4) See all the... Possibilities** (Will you concede that God's options extend far beyond your own?)

(a) With God all things are possible

1. "Looking at them, Jesus said, "**With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.**""

Matthew 19:26 WEBUS

- a) **Possibility:** a thing that may happen or be the case; the state or fact of being likely; a thing that may be chosen or done out of several possible alternatives; unspecified qualities of a promising nature; potential.
- b) **Optional:** available to be chosen, but not obligatory.

(b) An absurd possibility...

1. "Mary said to the angel, "**How can this be, seeing I am a virgin?**" The angel answered her, "**The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you.** Therefore also the holy one who is born from you will be called the Son of God. Behold, Elizabeth your relative also has conceived a son in her old age; and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. **For nothing spoken by God is impossible.**"" Luke 1:34-37

WEBUS

- a) Pregnant having never been with a man?
  - 1) Is that possible? That's impossible!

- 2) The impossible is possible when the Holy Spirit overshadows you!
  - b) “For nothing spoken by God is impossible.”
    - 1) *“Then Yahweh’s word came to Jeremiah, saying, “Behold, I am Yahweh, the God of all flesh. Is there anything too hard for me?”* Jeremiah 32:26-27 WEBUS
  - (c) The ultimate choice (option)...
    1. “He said, “Abba, Father, **all things are possible to you.** Please remove this cup from me. **However, not what I desire, but what you desire.**”” Mark 14:36 WEBUS
      - a) Anything is possible with God, but what we all must opt for is for God’s desires, over our own!

**(5)** Visit... [\*\*www.TrueFreedom.opt\*\*](http://www.TrueFreedom.opt): The option with no other options! When you surrender to God’s **Way**, **Will**, and **Word** as the only option, you are truly free.

  - (a) Freedom: the power or right to act, speak, or think as one wants without hindrance or restraint; absence of objection to foreign dominance; the state of being unrestricted; the state of not being subject to or affected by; the power of self-determination attributed to the

will; the quality of being independent of fate or necessity; unrestricted use of something.

1. **Reality Check:** as a non-believer, you never had a choice. You could only ***walk according to the flesh.*** However, to be truly free as a Christian, you must live as if you also **have no choice**; to ***live according to the Spirit*** should be your only **self-imposed** option.
2. **Positional vs. experiential Freedom:** every Christian became free at the moment they believed, but few Christians ever live as if they are truly free.
  - a) ***“For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, that you may not do the things that you desire.” Galatians 5:17 WEBUS***
  - b) ***“There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who don’t walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus made me free from the law of sin and of death.” Romans 8:1-2 WEBUS***

(b) **The only option:** God’s **Way**, God’s **Will**, and God’s **Word** are the path to freedom!

1. His **Way**: “Jesus said to him, “**I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father, except through me.**” John 14:6 WEBUS
  - a) “*If therefore the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.*” John 8:36 WEBUS
    - 1) You are free!
  - b) “**Stand firm therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free, and don't be entangled again with a yoke of bondage.**” Galatians 5:1 WEBUS
    - 1) Stand in that freedom; if you don't, you are not!
2. His **Will**: “saying, “Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me. Nevertheless, **not my will, but yours, be done.**”” Luke 22:42 WEBUS
  - a) “*For this is the will of God: your sanctification, that you abstain from sexual immorality,*” 1 Thessalonians 4:3 WEBUS
    - 1) His will is your that you are holy and pure.
  - b) “*For this is the will of God, that by well-doing you should put to silence the ignorance of foolish men.*” 1 Peter 2:15 WEBUS
    - 1) His will is that your good witness silences evil.

c) *“Don’t be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what is the good, well-pleasing, and perfect will of God.”* Romans 12: 2 WEBUS

- 1) His will is that you do not look like the world.

d) *“In everything give thanks, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus toward you.”* 1 Thessalonians 5:18 WEBUS

- 1) His will is that you thank Him for everything.

e) *“For you need endurance so that, having done the will of God, you may receive the promise.”*  
Hebrews 10:36 WEBUS

- 1) His will is that you endure all trials with His promises in mind.

f) *“that you no longer should live the rest of your time in the flesh for the lusts of men, but for the will of God.”* 1 Peter 4:2 WEBUS

- 1) His will is that you reject the lusts of your flesh.

g) *“Servants, be obedient to those who according to the flesh are your masters, with fear and trembling, in singleness of your heart, as to Christ, not in the way of service only when eyes are on you, as men pleasers, but as servants of Christ,*

**doing the will of God from the heart, with good will doing service as to the Lord and not to men, knowing that whatever good thing each one does, he will receive the same good again from the Lord, whether he is bound or free.” Ephesians 6:5-8 WEBUS**

- 1) His will is that you are obedient to Him and that you are not a man-pleaser.
- 2) His will is that you serve God and not man.
- 3) His will is that you know that whatever good you do for others, you will receive in return, not from them, but from God.

h) *“Indeed you bear the name of a Jew, rest on the law, glory in God, **know his will**, and approve the things that are excellent, **being instructed out of the law**,” Romans 2:17-18 WEBUS*

- 1) His will is in His word and that you know His word!

3. His **Word**: *“Your word is a lamp to my feet, and a light for my path.” Psalms 119:105 WEBUS*

- a) *“For **the word of God** is living and active, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing of soul and spirit, of both joints and*

*marrow, and is able to discern the thoughts and intentions of the heart. There is no creature that is hidden from his sight, but all things are naked and laid open before the eyes of him to whom we must give an account.*" Hebrews 4:12-13 WEBUS

- 1) His word exposes and exterminates sin!
- b) "Jesus therefore said to those Jews who had believed him, "***If you remain in my word, then you are truly my disciples. You will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.***" John 8:31-32 WEBUS
- 1) Remain in the word and you will not only be **Positionally FREE but experientially FREE!**

**Prayer:** I SURRENDER MY REQUIREMENTS (*Father, I know that You are not in debt to me. I make no demands nor place any necessary conditions on You that You are required to fulfill. I have no necessities in my life beyond what You give me. I require no prerequisites nor make any stipulations before I will obey You.*) AND I WILL PRACTICE OPTIONAL (*I am ready to pivot at any moment to adjust my needs to Your provisions. I know You provide everything I need, so if You have not provided it, I don't need it!*)

## ASSIGNMENT #7

### 1. Pray about and meditate on these Scriptures:

- A. *"For the word of God is living and active, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and is able to discern the thoughts and intentions of the heart. There is no creature that is hidden from his sight, but all things are naked and laid open before the eyes of him to whom we must give an account."* Hebrews 4:12-13 WEBUS
- B. *"But there is nothing covered up that will not be revealed, nor hidden that will not be known."* Luke 12:2 WEBUS
- C. *"For God will bring every work into judgment, with every hidden thing, whether it is good, or whether it is evil."* Ecclesiastes 12:14 WEBUS
- D. *"For no one can lay any other foundation than that which has been laid, which is Jesus Christ. But if anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay, or straw, each man's work will be revealed. For the Day will declare it, because it is revealed in fire; and the fire itself will test what sort of work each man's work is."* 1 Corinthians 3:11-13 WEBUS
- E. *"For the time has come for judgment to begin with the household of God. If it begins first with us, what will happen*

*to those who don't obey the Good News of God?" 1 Peter 4:17 WEBUS*

**2. Surrender Requirements:** *"Who has first given to me, that I should repay him? Everything under the heavens is mine."* Job 41:11 WEBUS

A. Search your heart humbly and honestly.

- 1) Do you often feel like God owes you something, that He is in debt to you?
- 2) Do you make demands or place necessary conditions on God that He is required to fulfill?
- 3) Do you have necessities in your life beyond what God gives you?
- 4) Do you require prerequisites, make any stipulations, or place any demands before you will obey God?

**3. Practice Optional:** *"seeing that his divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and virtue," 2 Peter 1:3 WEBUS*

A. Will you pivot at any moment to adjust your needs to God's provisions?

- 1) Will you live as if God will provide everything you need, so if He has not provided it, you don't need it?

- 2) Who can you ask to hold you accountable when you are tempted to make demands of God, or to disobey Him until He meets your needs?
- 3) How would your life be different if you lived with this as your standard: *“I know God provides everything I need, so if He has not provided it, I don’t need it!”?*