

After Surrender, What?

Oswald Chambers

I have brought you glory on earth by finishing the work you gave me to do. — John 17:4

Surrendering all to God doesn't mean giving up the external things of our lives; it means surrendering our will to him. When this is done, all is done. There are very few crises in life; the great crisis is the surrender of the will. God never crushes a will to the point of surrender; he never begs or pleads. He simply waits until we freely yield our will to him. This battle, once waged, never needs to be refought. Surrender for deliverance. "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28). Only after we have begun to experience what salvation means do we surrender our wills to Jesus and allow him to give us rest. Perplexity in heart or mind is a call to our will to come to Jesus. Our coming is voluntary, never forced.

Surrender for devotion. "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves" (Matthew 16:24). The surrender here is of my self to Jesus, my self resting with him. He's saying, "Give up your right to yourself to me." If I do, the rest of my life will be nothing but the manifestation of this surrender. I'll never need to wonder about my purpose again, nor will I care about my circumstances. I'll know that Jesus is sufficient for all.

Surrender for death. "When you are old . . . someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go" (John 21:18). Have you learned what it means to be bound for death? Beware of a surrender you make to God in a moment of ecstasy; you are likely to take it back again. Surrender is a question of being united with Jesus in his death, so that nothing appeals to you that didn't appeal to him. The entirety of life after surrender is a longing and a striving for unbroken communion with God.



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We exist to glorify God by serving as a conduit for the grace of God whereby faith the Love, Life, Lordship and Leadership of the Kingdom of Heaven is revealed and expanded to all nations.

Mission Statement:

We desire to be a multi-cultural, multi-generational conduit of the grace of God to be used to fulfil our purpose, for the glory of God.

Mailing address:

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Weekly Corporate Gatherings:

Sunday Worship Service- 10:00 AM
Discipleship Groups (times vary)

Staff:

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Order of Worship
Sunday, Oct 20, 2024

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

(**Congregation** responses spoken together appear in **bold** print.)

OPENING DECLARATION & PRAYER

Bless the Lord, oh my soul and all that is within me bless His holy name.

(Prayer) God of majesty and might, blow through this place like a mighty wind. Inspire us with your presence. Open our hearts and minds as we lift our voices in praise to you. We ask this in Jesus' name, and we all agree by saying, **Amen.**

WORSHIP IN SONG (click the song title for a YouTube track)

[Everyday](#) [Always Only Jesus](#) [When I think about the Lord](#)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in thy sight. Lord as the scriptures are being read help us to meditate on what is said and give us a clear understanding of what you are saying to us. In Jesus' name we pray (and we all agree by saying) **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING Ecclesiastes 5:10-20 (NASB95)

Leader: This is the Word of God.

Congregation: Thank you Lord for your Holy Word.

(Quiet Reflection)

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 119:9-16 (NASB95)

Leader: This is the Word of God.

Congregation: Thank you Lord for your Holy Word.

(Quiet Reflection)

WORSHIP IN SONG: HYMN OF THE MONTH

[To God Be The Glory](#) | View the lyrics [here](#)

SCRIPTURE READING Hebrews 4:1-13 (NASB95)

Leader: This is the Word of God.

Congregation: Thank you Lord for your Holy Word.

(Quiet Reflection)

GOSPEL READING: Mark 10:23-31 (NASB95)

SERMON: Never Alone

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND REPENTANCE

Loving and merciful God, You know our hearts and You know our lives. We confess to You that which causes separation, pain, and distress. We confess to You our part in those things. And in humility and hope, we ask for Your grace to reconcile, to heal and to build up. We love You and want to follow You. In Jesus name we pray, **Amen.**

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

PASSING OF THE PEACE

CORPORATE AFFIRMATION: NICENE CREED

BLESSING AND SENDING

Authorities we want to specifically pray for this week:
Secretary of Veterans Affairs – Denis McDonough
MO (State) Senate – Majority Leader Cindy O’Laughlin
Minority Leader Doug Beck
11th Judicial Court Assoc. Circuit Judge Div.10 – Dennis Chassaniol

