

The Prayer of Surrender

Series: Connecting with God: The Lord's Prayer

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SOURCES OF STRESS THAT ARE OUT OF OUR CONTROL:

- uncontrollable circumstances
- uncooperative people
- unexplainable pain

Matthew 6:10 (NIV) "...your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven."

God's kingdom is wherever Jesus is king.

The kingdom of God is wherever God's will is done.

SURRENDERING TO GOD MEANS...

1. LETTING GO OF CONTROL

Psalm 46:10 (GW) Let go, and know that I am God. I rule the nations. I rule the earth.

THE SERENITY PRAYER

God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, and the courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference. Living one day at a time; enjoying one moment at a time; accepting hardship as a pathway to peace; taking, as Jesus did, this sinful world as it is, not as I would have it; trusting that You will make all things right if I surrender to Your will so that I may be reasonably happy in this life, and supremely happy with You forever in the next. Amen.

2. LEARNING TO BE CONTENT

Philippians 4:11-13 (NCV) ...I have learned to be satisfied with the things I have and with everything that happens. I know how to live when I am poor, and I know how to live when I have plenty. I have learned the secret of being happy at any time in everything that happens...I can do all things through Christ, because he gives me strength.

Contentment is a learned experience.

Psalm 37:7 (NLT) Be still in the presence of the Lord, and wait patiently for him to act...

3. LEAVING THE FUTURE TO GOD

Proverbs 3:5,6 (NLT) Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek his will in all you do, and he will direct your paths.

Psalm 37:18,19 (TEV) The Lord takes care of those who obey him, and gives them eternal rewards that last forever. They will survive through hard times and will have more than enough even in a time of famine.

CONCLUSION:

Surrender is the ultimate expression of faith.