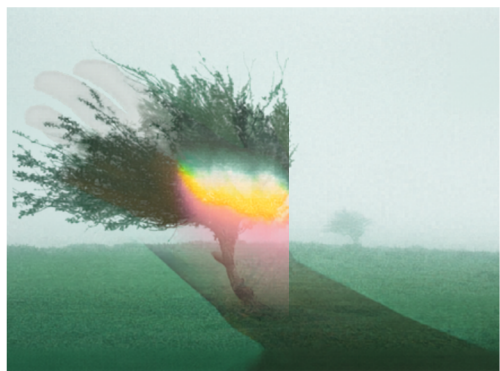
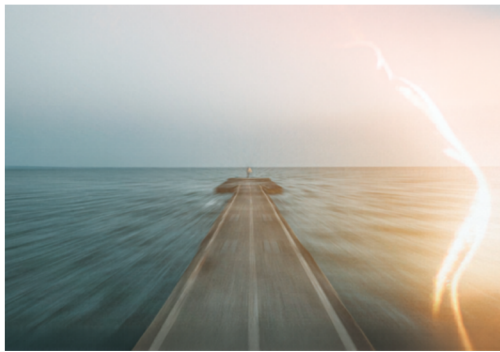


# ABSOLUTE SURRENDER

## A LIFE LAID DOWN

Surrender isn't something we master  
It's a life we grow into—one small "yes" at a time



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# A NOTE FROM BONNIE & ROB

Over the coming weeks, as we step into our *Absolute Surrender* series, we believe God is calling us deeper—not just to give Him parts of our lives, but to fully surrender all of who we are to Him. As we have been reflecting on our vision, *Pursuing Jesus and the Fullness of His Kingdom*, we have been reminded that this begins with letting go—releasing control, trusting God more deeply, and allowing Jesus to lead every part of our lives.

Jesus says:

*"Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me... whoever loses their life for me will find it."*

— *Matthew 16:24–25*

Absolute surrender is not a one-time moment, but a daily posture of yielding to Jesus through repentance, trust, and dependence on the Holy Spirit. And we do not do this alone—God Himself is at work within us.

This guide has been created to help you engage with this journey, whether personally or in small groups. Each week is an invitation to slow down, reflect, and respond to God's leading as He forms deeper surrender in us.

Our prayer is that, together, we would become a people marked by awe, intimacy, and wholehearted trust as we pursue Jesus and the fullness of His Kingdom.

If you would like to read alongside this series, we recommend:

- *Absolute Surrender* — Andrew Murray
- *The Awe of God* — John Bevere

Blessings

# WEEK 1 – WHERE SURRENDER BEGINS



Surrender doesn't begin with trying harder—it begins with seeing clearly. Jesus confronts the illusion of self-sufficiency and invites us into honesty about our true condition. Often we can feel spiritually “fine” while remaining disconnected from Him, but His invitation is not shame—it's relationship. As we recognise our need, we discover that surrender starts with simply coming to Jesus as we are. Even our willingness is grace.

## Key Scriptures:

Romans 7: 15-25

Revelation 3:14–22

Quote from *Absolute Surrender* by Andrew Murray:

*“It is the man who is conscious of his own weakness as a believe who will learn that by the Holy Spirit he can live a holy life.”*

## Reflect:

- What questions do these passages raise?
- What does it look like to be conscious of our own weaknesses?
- Is there an area where I've been holding back from God?

## Key Takeaway:

Surrender begins not with effort, but with honest openness to Jesus.

# WEEK 2 – REDISCOVERING THE SURRENDERED LIFE



Surrender only makes sense when we see God as He truly is. Without awe, surrender can feel extreme or unnecessary—but when we encounter His holiness, authority, and beauty, surrender becomes the only reasonable response. Awe reorders our hearts, restoring clarity about who God is and who we are. As we grow in a right vision of God, withholding parts of our lives no longer makes sense.

## **Key Scriptures:**

Hebrews 12:18–29

Proverbs 9:10

## **Reflect:**

- What has shaped my view of God?
- *Where* might I have made God smaller or more comfortable?
- *How* does my view of God affect the way I live?

## **Key Takeaway:**

When we truly see God, surrender becomes a natural response.

## WEEK 3 – INTIMACY IN SURRENDER



Surrender is not just about obedience—it's about relationship. God invites us into a life where reverence and intimacy meet, not compete. When we separate them, we either drift into fear or familiarity—but together, they lead us into trust. As we abide in Jesus, surrender becomes less about obligation and more about love. True surrender flows from knowing His heart.

### **Key Scriptures:**

Hosea 11:1–11

John 15

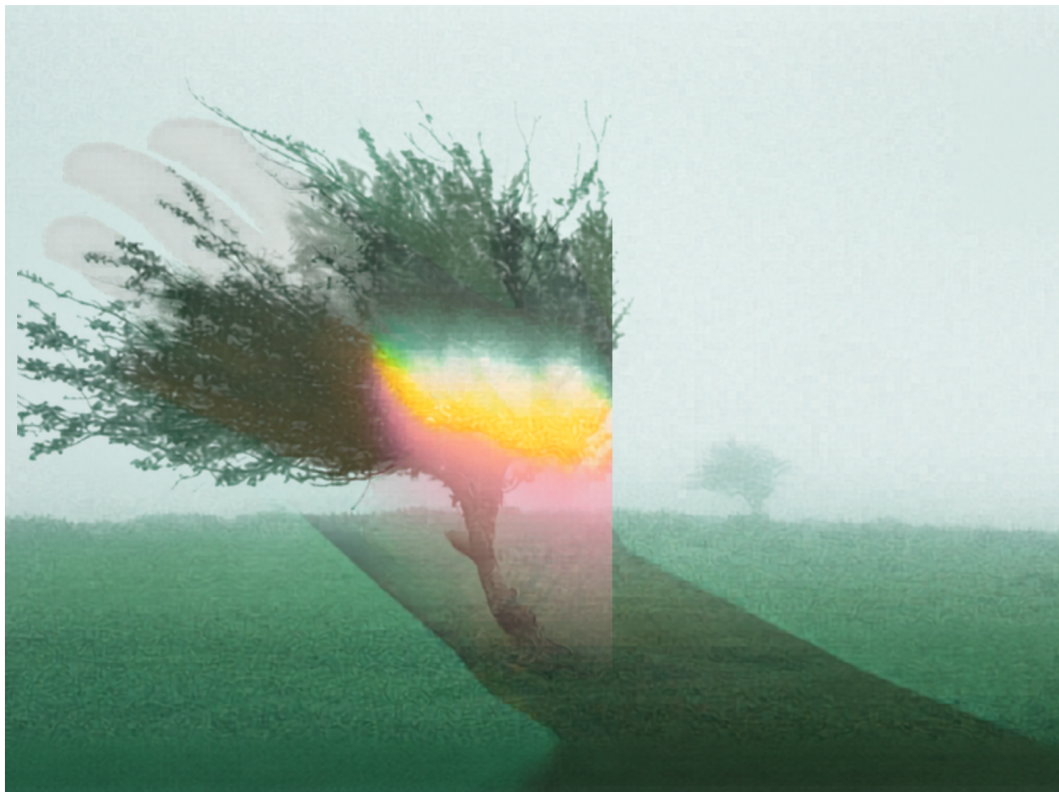
### **Reflect:**

- Do I relate to God more through intimacy or reverence?
- What does it look like for me to “abide” in Jesus daily?
- Where is God inviting me into deeper closeness?

### **Key Takeaway:**

Surrender grows in the place of relationship, not pressure.

# WEEK 4 – SURRENDERED IDENTITY



Surrender is sustained by identity. When we are secure in who we are as God’s children, surrender no longer feels like loss. Jesus models this—anchored in the Father’s love, He remains steady even in testing. When we don’t feel secure, we only surrender what feels safe—but God invites us to trust Him fully. Surrender is not something we achieve; it is something God forms in us as we trust Him.

## **Key Scriptures:**

Luke 4:1-13

## **Reflect:**

- What voices are shaping my identity right now?
- Where am I striving instead of resting in who God says I am?
- What lies might be holding me back from trusting Him?

## **Key Takeaway:**

Secure identity turns surrender from loss into trust.

# WEEK 5 – THE ONGOING PRACTICE OF SURRENDER (REPENTANCE)



Surrender is not a one-time decision—it’s a daily posture. Repentance is not about shame, but about realignment with God. It’s a gift that keeps our hearts soft, responsive, and close to Him. As we grow in awareness of both our sin and His grace, repentance becomes more natural and life-giving. It’s not about perfection, but about staying open to His leading.

## **Key Scriptures:**

Mark 1:15

2 Corinthians 7:8–13

## **Reflect:**

- What has shaped my understanding of repentance?
- What is the difference between guilt and godly sorrow?
- Is the Holy Spirit highlighting anything in my life right now?

## **Key Takeaway:**

Repentance keeps our hearts open and aligned with God.

# WEEK 6 – SURRENDER IN COMMUNITY



Surrender is deeply personal, but never meant to be lived alone. God uses community to reveal blind spots, bring healing, and form humility in us. As we choose vulnerability and honesty, surrender becomes something we embody together. When we allow others to walk with us, what was hidden comes into the light—and transformation begins to take place.

## **Key Scriptures:**

Galatians 5:22 – 6:3

## **Reflect:**

- Why can it feel difficult to be fully known?
- How does community help us grow in surrender?
- Where might I need to be more open or invite support?

## **Key Takeaway:**

Surrender is strengthened when we walk it out together.

# WEEK 7 – SURRENDERING OUR TREASURES



Surrender reaches into the areas we hold most tightly—our time, money, and priorities. These often reveal where our trust truly lies. God invites us to live open-handed, not to take from us, but to free us. As we learn to trust Him with what we value most, generosity becomes a reflection of a surrendered heart.

## **Key Scriptures:**

Luke 18:18–30

Acts 2:44–45

## **Reflect:**

- What do I tend to hold onto most tightly?
- What do my priorities reveal about my heart?
- Is there something God is inviting me to release?

## **Key Takeaway:**

What we release to God reveals where we trust Him.

# WEEK 8 – A LIFE LAID DOWN



Surrender is not a single moment but a way of life. As we walk with Jesus, we learn to daily lay down our lives and trust Him more deeply. This is not about losing life, but discovering true life in Him. Over time, surrender becomes less of a struggle and more of a response—an open-handed way of living shaped by His presence.

## **Key Scriptures:**

Romans 6:8–11

Romans 12:1

## **Reflect:**

- What does a surrendered life look like in my everyday world?
- Why is surrender something ongoing?
- What is one area God is inviting me to keep surrendering?

## **Key Takeaway:**

A life laid down is the pathway to true life in Christ.

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