

ARE YOU PURSUING MORE OF GOD?

“If you’re satisfied with your current spiritual situation, you’re setting the boundaries of what you’ll experience of Him.” -Richard Blackaby

To Experience more of God's Presence in our lives, we have to PURSUE HIM!

CULTIVATING AN AWARENESS OF GOD

Sacrifice/Investments

Centering Prayer-Breath Prayer

Ten Minute Retreats



GOING DEEPER

THE SURRENDERED LIFE

JESUS' CALL TO SURRENDER

Matthew 16:24–25 ²⁴ Then Jesus told his disciples, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. ²⁵ For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.

Deny himself

Take up his cross

Follow me

CHRIST IN ME

Galatians 2:20 I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

A New Spiritual Reality

Surrender the Old Life to Experience New Life in Christ

A Life Lived by Faith in Jesus

Surrendered to Love

SURRENDERED TO LOVE

“Christ does not simply want our compliance. He wants our heart. He wants our love and he offers us his. He invites us to surrender to his love.”

– David Benner, *Surrender to Love: Discovering the Heart of Christian Spirituality*.

THE TEST OF THE SURRENDERED LIFE

Philippians 2:3–8 ³ Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but **in humility count others more significant than yourselves.** ⁴ Let each of you look not only to his own interests, **but also to the interests of others.** ⁵ Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷ but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸ And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

LIVING A SURRENDERED LIFE

30-60 Minute Examination of Your Life

Start Each Day with a Prayer of Surrender: Jesus, I give my life today to you. Fill me with your Holy Spirit and lead me throughout this day.

The Relationship Test: Pick one relationship and practice putting that person's interests above your own this week.