

³⁶ “Abba, Father,” he said, “everything is possible for you. Take this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will.”

John Calvin defined surrender in these words: "To have no other will...and to follow the Lord wherever He leads." Surrender is so closely connected to our wills, often a price is attached. You can feel devoted to God, yet when it comes time to act you discover that your surrender is only skin-deep. To a rich businessman who wanted to follow Jesus, Christ said, "Go and sell all you have and give the money to the poor" (Mark 10:21 TLB). The man was unwilling to do it. Jesus doesn't come to rearrange the outside of your life the way you want; He comes to rearrange the inside of your life the way God wants.

In surrender, you let go of your life. You recognize that you are no longer the captain of your own soul, and you put God there. You yield to Him. You do what He says. Will you surrender, when surrender means doing something uncomfortable? If it were comfortable, it wouldn't be surrender. The supreme example of surrender is Christ in Gethsemane, praying, "Not my will, but yours be done" (Luke 22:42). It was the hardest prayer He ever prayed, and the one that brought Him the greatest glory.

Amazingly, the prayer that brings God's power - is the prayer of surrender!
Lord, take me, mold me, and make me what you want me to be.

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