



Day One: #10 Now Live in the Surrendered Freedom of Yielding to the Holy Spirit (2)

If we are going to live as 'God in me, not me in me', it will come down to one thing: Our will. When I was seeking God about this message, Holy Spirit whispered to my heart:

Your will is the most powerful thing on the planet.

Of course, I immediately thought, *'That can't be true! Jesus is the most powerful thing on the planet.'* Yet Holy Spirit went on to show me that Jesus can actually be limited by us (Psalm 78:41, Matt 23:37), because God gave all authority in the earth to man (Gen 1:26), He gave us free choice, and we can choose – by an act of our will – whether or not we will receive and release the fullness of the life of Christ from within us. He will always accomplish His purposes, but if we won't co-operate with Him in them by fully releasing Him, He has to look until He finds someone else who will.

Just think about the power of the human will. The human will starts wars, brings peace, chooses life - accepts Jesus, or refuses Him! He actually said that we are His body on this earth – we represent Him and He's constrained by our will as to what we allow them to see of Him through our lives. As the saying goes, *'The only Jesus some people may see, is the Jesus in you and the Jesus in me'*. We are *'...living epistles, read of all men'* (2 Cor 3:2). So what are they reading? Are they reading the fullness of Jesus, or are they reading the fullness of our flesh? There is only one factor which determines which one the world sees – our will. It certainly is the most powerful thing on the planet!

But more than that, let's consider this truth:

It was the will of a man who saved us.

Jesus was a man filled with the Holy Spirit – the same as you and I. Note that while Jesus was the Son of God, He referred to Himself as the Son of man, to emphasise this point. He was a man! And ultimately, it was His will which was in submission to God's will, that saved the entire planet – billions of people from beginning until now, including us!



What does that say about the power that is inherent in the will of man? Just imagine what it was like for Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane...CHOOSING to yield! Miracles were easy – He spoke in absolute faith and they manifested. But yielding – that was hard! In the precipice of choice between the pain of the cross and the joy of the cross, Jesus yielded to the fullness of God within Him. Though His body was so distressed by the choice before Him and what it would cost Him that He actually sweated great drops of blood (Luke 22:44), He aligned His soul and His body with the Spirit of God within Him and He affirmed the decision that He had already made before the foundation of the world. He had already decided that He would allow the fullness of God to shine through Him and He would be the lamb who was slain (Rev 13:8). His will gave Him the power of choice... and He used it to save the world!

Soak Time

What does it mean to you that it was the will of a man which saved you?



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Here is the key to yielding. Yielding is actually alignment with a decision that we have already made. For Jesus, what was actually going on in the Garden of Gethsemane was that He was yielding to the decision that He had already made before the foundation of the world. In other words, before He even came to the earth, He made the decision that made all decisions. He said, *'Yes Father, I will release your fullness on the earth. I will align my will with yours... I will lay my life down for your children.'*

Revelation 13:8 ...the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world...

And that's exactly what He did. He DECIDED and then He YIELDED. The garden was yielding. The cross was yielding – Jesus had already decided it by making the decision that made all decisions.

And then He gave us the choice to do the same thing. He's asking us today if we will use the power inherent in our choice, to save our world? We have the power to choose and God says to us:

Let the Spirit be King.

Just as Jesus allowed the fullness of God which was within Him (Col 1:19) to reign in His life and aligned Himself with the will of God, He asks us to do the same. Will we let His Spirit within us be King in our lives? Will we align our will with His will and by His grace subdue our flesh and soul so that Jesus can freely be released through us? We are His gates!

Psalms 24:6 - 8 (NASB) *This is the generation of those who seek Him, Who seek Your face – even Jacob. Selah. Lift up your heads, O gates, and be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in! Who is the King of glory? The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle...*

Will we be the gates who will receive and release His glory? WE get to choose.

If we rule well, we will live free. Let the Spirit of Christ within us reign and rule in our lives. We CAN choose. We CAN use our will to align with His will and do



anything and all that He asks us to do. And we CAN change the world! We are human flesh filled with the Holy Spirit – the same Holy Spirit that gave Jesus the strength to yield in the garden and on the cross – and that means all things are possible when we choose!

Soak Time

Jesus was a man filled with the Holy Spirit. We are also people filled with the Holy Spirit. How does that knowledge affect you? How does it affect how you see yourself and what you are capable of choosing and what you are capable of doing?



Day Three: #10 Now Live in the Surrendered Freedom of Yielding to the Holy Spirit (4)

Our will is a gift. It is a gift to our lives and it is a gift to the world.

He has presented you with the gift. But you have to untie the ribbon.

He gives this invitation to us today: To make the decision that makes all decisions.

Galatians 5:25 (TPT) *We have now chosen to live in the surrendered freedom of yielding to the Holy Spirit!*

Will you choose to release Jesus, no matter where it takes you, no matter what it costs you and no matter which circumstances face you? Will you choose now that regardless of criticism, regardless of weariness, regardless of the price tag, you will pay it? Will you live in oneness with Him? Will you choose – once and for all – to LIVE IN the surrendered freedom of yielding to the Holy Spirit? To not move in and out of that place, but to actually live from there? Will you choose to believe what He says regardless of how wild and unbelievable it sounds? Will you go with Him wherever He goes... on Divine adventures, even when you can't see what's in front of you? Will you be His pioneer and let Him take you to places and lead you to do things that no one else has ever done before? WILL YOU?

1 Kings 18:21 (AMP) *How long will you halt and limp between two opinions? If the Lord is God, follow Him!*

The moment you know you WILL, go to the Soak Time section and write it down: *I CHOOSE this day to live in the surrendered freedom of yielding to the Holy Spirit.*

However, the Lord doesn't want us to give flippant answers. He tells us to count the cost (Luke 14:28) and sometimes the cost is hard. Yet even when we aren't willing to pay it, we find that our choice still costs us something else. Once we've seen a truth but we resist walking in it, we find ourselves feeling like Jeremiah with a fire shut up in our bones, and weary of holding it back (Jer 20:9). Ultimately, we can't. We'll either yield our lives completely to Jesus or



we'll walk away and simply survive, hidden in a box of hopelessness that He never intended for us to live in.

Jesus knew that He wouldn't renege on the cross, because He didn't back out before the foundation of the world, when He saw the whole thing from start to finish. He didn't back out in the Garden. He was never going to walk away from the cross. And right now, He's finishing what He started in our lives (Phil 1:6) and He won't give up on that either.

A few days prior to the last retreat, one of our team members had experienced the weight of satan's accusations of being 'unqualified', and had felt she could not preach... unless Jesus specifically spoke to her that she should be. In love, I knew I had to honour what she had decided, and in the natural it could have caused many challenges to the weekend for this beautiful woman to suddenly not be sharing. However, Holy Spirit assured me that it would all be OK. Why? Because I knew she had made the decision that makes all decisions. I knew she had chosen to live in the surrendered freedom of yielding to the Holy Spirit and that she was anointed to share and that Holy Spirit would speak to her.

And a day before we were leaving for the retreat He did – He woke her up at 3am and downloaded His heart to her for what she was to share. And she received it and shared it with us and we were all blessed as a consequence. No one who was there could have known the challenges she had faced in her own 'Garden of Gethsemane' before the event. Yet she yielded to Him because she had already decided beforehand. His life flowed through her and she opened the gate for His amazing glory to shine through.

What He will do for one He will do for another. He simply asks us to choose.

Soak Time

Do you CHOOSE?



Day Four: #10 Now Live in the Surrendered Freedom of Yielding to the Holy Spirit (5)

We had no idea whether God even wanted us to do a second women's retreat... until I heard this song and Holy Spirit spoke straight to my heart about How we were forever changed by His resurrection. I heard the phrase, *'You were the one that I was thinking of when I rose from the grave.'* I realised that I'd previously 'seen' Jesus thinking of us when He went to the cross. I could identify with being crucified with Him. After all, I'd spent years seeking what it meant to be 'crucify my flesh', and a lifetime hearing about the importance of 'crucifying my flesh'... though no one had ever told me that Jesus had ALREADY done it.

So of course the realisation that He was thinking of us in His resurrection was super exciting as I understood that when Christ was resurrected, we were also resurrected, and because of His resurrection and His life in us, we CAN choose. We CAN yield. And we can come out of hiding from the boxes we've found ourselves in. He's placed treasure chests of glory within us (Col 1:27), yet we've locked ourselves up inside of them.

Still the Lord says, *'You've been on lockdown, but I hold the key. Here it is – I've opened up the doors of your prison. Now come out, get rid of the shackles you've become used to, run with Me in the power of My victory, and watch what I will do in your life.'*

As you read the words to this song, understand that this is a picture of what it looks like to live in the surrendered freedom of yielding to the Holy Spirit.

Out of Hiding (Father's Song)

*Come out of hiding, you're safe here with Me
There's no need to cover what I already see
You've got your reasons, but I hold your peace
You've been on lockdown, and I hold the key*

*'Cause I loved you before you knew what was love,
I saw it all, still I chose the cross
You were the one that I was thinking of
When I rose from the grave*



*Now rid of the shackles, My victory's yours
I tore the veil for you to come close
There's no reason to stand at a distance anymore
You're not far from home*

*I'll be your lighthouse when you're lost at sea
I will illuminate everything
No need to be frightened by intimacy
Just throw off your fear and come running to me
Oh as you run, what hindered love will only become part of the story*

*You're almost home now, please don't quit now
You're almost home to me*

*Baby, you're almost home now, please don't quit now
You're almost home to me*

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Don't quit, my precious sister. Trust Him and run with Him. Your story will be glorious!

Soak Time

What is Holy Spirit saying to you through the words of this beautiful song?



Day Five: #10 Now Live in the Surrendered Freedom of Yielding to the Holy Spirit (6)

Jesus wrote you a letter. It's a beautiful letter and He wants you to know just what He did with, in and for you. As you read this letter, He wants to illuminate the eyes of your imagination. Use it – your imagination is a gift from God to you and He wants you to allow Him to paint on its canvas. And what He wants you to see is so good, you may struggle to believe it. So let's pray together first, that you will explore and experience all that is contained within it:

Ephesians 1:18 (TPT) *I pray that the light of God will illuminate the eyes of your imagination, flooding you with light, until you experience the full revelation of our great hope of glory...And I pray that you explore and experience for yourselves all the riches of this wealth that has been freely given to all his holy ones, for you are his true inheritance!*

Expect God to show you what you look like as you soar in Him.

Soar in Me

My treasured Bride, I love you with an everlasting love. It had no beginning, and it has no end, and you will never plumb the heights, depths and breadth of it because it is endless and the most beautiful and vast substance in this universe.

As I tenderly and lovingly formed you with My Father, our hearts were exchanged – your heart forever enmeshed into mine and my heart forever enmeshed into yours. I was filled with awe, delight and anticipation at the wondrous possibilities and sparkling treasure that were planted within you. Limitless potential in Us that I prayed would be released to fly and soar in this world, revealing and dispensing light and bringing others to glory.

I saw many people looking up at you soaring effortlessly and they were open mouthed with wonder and were reaching out their arms with delight and desire to soar with you, as you showed them that the very same glory was planted within them. Releasing life. Releasing light.

It broke My heart when I saw you instead wounded, grounded as you believed the enemy of your soul, when he said that you weren't a glorious vessel filled



with the treasures of awesome wonder but were, instead, destined to walk and even to crawl in the dust of this earth... left surviving and longing for the freedom to soar that you didn't realise you already had. The glorious light emanating from within you was reduced to a dim flicker as you couldn't see how you could possibly fly when all that your eyes could behold was your grey and lifeless form. You didn't know I'd given you wings.

I knew before I formed you that I would never be able to bear this and that not one thing means more to Me throughout time and this entire universe than you – not even My own life! It was for the joy of you that I laid down My life to redeem you. Yes, I saw your face when my hands and feet were bleeding and fastened to the cross... because you were there with Me, held securely in My heart. On that day, when I was crucified, your flesh was crucified along with Me. It was my delight to free you from sin once and for all. For I could bear your sin easier than I could bear your hopelessness.

To the world, this moment seemed so dark. Like hope could never exist again. But it was alive in Me because I saw the end from the beginning and I knew the joy of that moment in time, as I defeated sin forever and you were in Me. Hopelessness was destroyed on that cross once and for all – for we didn't stay there! As I awaited in darkness, trusting the power of God in Me to raise Me back to life again, darkness suddenly fled and pure light burst forth into life when the resurrection power of God came through us with might. It burst forth without limitation and life coursed through My body and yours and we rose again together, in a cloud of glorious light!

Every chain I broke, I shattered it for you!

Every lie I negated, I overturned it for you!

Every limitation I destroyed, I obliterated it for you!

Every sickness I overcame, I eradicated it for you!

Every lack I eliminated, I annihilated it for you!

I counted it all joy, because My heart had seen you soar.

You were there! You were there! You were resurrected with me, and as the chains of death that tried to shackle me melted away in the power of His life and glory in Me, every chain holding you was equally destroyed! My God had

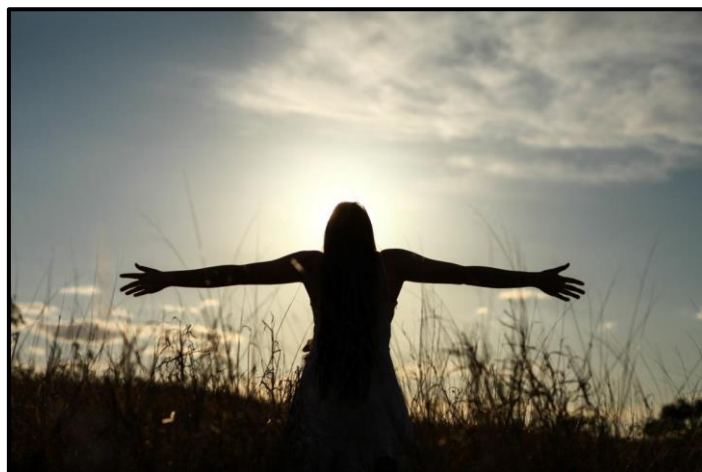


raised Me to life again, and I had raised You to life! Hopelessness, no longer your reality!

You never left me when I was transfigured. How could you? You're part of My heart and I'm part of yours. I took you with me as I was raised and restored to My Father and My throne in heaven. We're seated together in heavenly places. You're soaring on this earth, but you're here with Me at the same time, with everything under your feet. This is your true reality and identity – You are seated on My throne with Me, for how could you not be when I carry you within Me?

Who I am is part of you and who you are is part of Me, and I can never fully be on this earth who I really am without you, because you are My body. Nor can you be who you were made to be without Me, for I am your life. But you're never without Me, nor will you ever be. My life courses into you just as your life flows into Mine, and I rejoice over you with singing. Soar, my treasured one. You are free! You are filled with My splendour and you will dance, and you will sing, and you will prophesy and as you run with My light and My passion emanating from You, you will awaken the hearts of others. You will tell them they're beautiful, and you will say to them "you have wings", and together you will soar – shining! - across this nation and the nations and you will fill this world with My Glory!

Soar in Me... My life is in You.



Soak Time



What did Holy Spirit show you that you look like as you soar in Him?
