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And now for Surrender.

Joseph Bronner: Hallelujah. Can you guys give God a hand clap of praise just one more time for being here the rest of the day. Hallelujah. Today, I want to talk to you guys about something that's personal to me right now because God is working on it in me. The title of my message is simply just Surrender. That is what I want to talk to you all today about.

Because as a young person, God has been taking me down the road to truly find peace and to fully surrender to him exactly where I am right now, not to look at anything super distant in the future, but look at everything that he's given me and you right now because he's given us every single thing that we need in order to find peace or at least find more of it than what we have right now. So, I want you to go to 1 Corinthians 6:19-20.

1 Corinthians 6:19-20. And it reads, this is the New Living Translations by the way. Don't you realize that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who lives in you and was given to you by God. You do not belong to yourself for God bought you with a high price. So, you must honor God with your body. Basically, what I pull from that was you were bought at a high price. So, you are expensive.

So, don't put your crap in expensive things because God bought you at a high price. So, you only need to put expensive things or things that are well taken care of inside of expensive things. For example, you would not leave a melted Snickers bar on the window of your house. The reason is because your house is expensive. It's where you live and people will talk about you and also, the longer you leave it there, the more difficult it is to scrape off later.

So, do not contaminate your temple. That's your body. That's your mind. That's your soul. Do not put things that are less than worthy inside. Because if you do, then God begins to take his hands off of your temple. He's always going to be there. He's always going to have his awareness on you. He's always going to know you. He's always going to. He's everywhere and he'll love you regardless.

However, you will have less protection. You will have less guidance and it's not because he speaks less, but because you're easier to drown him out. He'll speak to you the same. But whenever you allow other things to be above God than you hear all those 10 different things first before you hear God's voice, and it will also give you less true peace.

So, from what I found, this is the way to reaching more peace with God. Reaching deeper surrender with God. Everything you do that has real meaning, you approach it as if you're representing the Father. You approach it as if you're literally wearing God's name on your chest. And now I'm not just talking about anything though. There are some things that -- don't misconstrue my words.

For the ladies, don't go shopping and then just spend all your money getting your nails done did, your hair done did or just buying half the clothing store. That's not what I'm talking about. And for the men out there, don't go by yourself a Lexus when you only need to be buying a bike. Don't be doing that. That's not quite because that's not what you're supposed to be going above and beyond in representing the Father. Because he might lead you not to even get those things.

However, I will say he might lead you to get those things, but I don't know. But what I'm saying is simply to ask him and whenever you ask him, wherever he leads you to go, take those steps to do those things. That's all that I'm saying. Because I don't know exactly what the Lord is going to ask you to do. He might ask you to do some really bizarre things to me, but it may be personally significant for you. But when you ask God, you need to go and do those things as if you're wearing God's name on your chest every single time.

You must ask God and ask yourself, "Lord, what would you lead me to do right now?" Now, go to Romans 12:1-2. New Living

Translation Romans 12:1-2 and it reads, “And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice. The kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship. Don’t copy the behavior and customs of this world. But let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God’s will for you which is good and pleasing and perfect.”

From that verse and from other verses that I’ve seen in the Bible, this is the way that I see that you achieve everything in the world. God will give you the desires of your heart, okay?

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However, that’s only after you model your heart after God’s heart. It’s not just the desires of your heart right now. Whenever you put God first and you model your heart after his, then all of your desires will be given to you. But oftentimes, that means that everything that is meant for you to have, you already do have.

I mean, there are things that are you’re supposed to go forward and get. However, everything that’s meant for you to have right now, the Lord sees that and he’s given it to you. And so that means that you can appreciate what you have more, what you have currently. You can appreciate it more by more happiness and joy, and fulfillment, and all the things that you do have and as well as distance yourself from the things that you want. Just by putting God in between you and them, and using God as the medium to get there.

So, if you put God first, even if you have nothing, you have everything and that is where you find that true peace. That’s where you find that true fulfillment. No matter what goes on in the world, you will still have the Lord and you will find that all of your needs are satisfied whenever you’re inside of the Lord. These are some of the benefits of surrender and peace. These are some just general benefits and I want more of these, and I’m pretty sure you guys want more of these too.

You might be able to get better sleep. You might be able to be healthier. Less stress equals a stronger body. You might have better relationships because you’re not always upset at people

whenever they're trying to talk to you and you can have an all-around happier life. However, in actualizing your destiny, you sometimes will be called beyond your comfort zone. So, don't just listen to God and only listen to the things whenever God says something that's within your comfort zone.

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If he calls you outside of your comfort zone, that is where you need to go. But he did not call you to walk alone in this. He will be with you when you have to talk to a co-worker you don't like and you need to forgive them on the daily. God will be with you. You will not have to walk through that alone. Whenever you have to have patience with your children when they're cutting the fool or living their lives recklessly, he will be with you. He will walk with you. He will speak with you. He will be there in your sleep and your dreams. God will walk with you and see every single thing that you're doing, every single trial and tribulation that you're going through.

And for students, God will be with you whenever you're busting out five hours before a final and you have to study harder, and you got to get good grades to accomplish God's goals for your life. God will be with you. Even caring for your spouse whenever you have to have patience. For the ladies, when your man leaves his socks always on the floor or he leaves the toilet seat up, God will be with you whenever you have to keep your temper when he keeps doing that. And for the men, God will be with you whenever you have to give her more attention when she's asking for more attention from you. God will be with you whenever you're stepping up and doing that for her.

And also, God will be with you whenever you have to put in better work at your job. It can even get as simple as that. So, that you can do it in God's name and not just your own. And whenever you start acting in that, then God is able to unravel some things in your life that you could have never unravel by yourself. To unravel some peace that was previously lack(ph) to you. And I do admit, it does seem a little counterintuitive that surrendering to God equals more peace.

That it's greater than doing what you want to do. That seems a little bit counterintuitive. But that is the way that God set things up. And the reason I believe he set those things up that way is so that we can come back to him every single time that we need something. We can build a reliance on him and he can

fill us up way better than anything that we could come to on our own term. He's God. Think about that. He's God. He knows us, He loves us, He created us and He made us in His image. And He wants better for us than we want for ourselves often times.

I want to take you guys to Luke 9:23-24. Luke 9:23-24 and it reads, "Then he said to the crowd, if any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way. Take up your cross daily and follow me. If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake, you will save it."

It seems a little counterintuitive, but that is the way that God set it up. If you want to take things into your own hands, you lose everything that you have. You'll never be able to reach what you've truly been seeking, but whenever you surrender it to God, God will give you things that you couldn't even dream were possible.

Now, these are the steps to surrender. There are four steps to surrender. The first three are little bit easier than the last one. But the first three, a lot of people don't even get there. So, if you get to the first three, then it helps you a lot whenever you're getting to the last one.

Number one, acceptance and awareness. If you want to surrender more to God, you have to have acceptance and awareness. You must accept that you are not exactly where you want to be spiritually. Because if you don't see a problem, you are not going to fix the problem. It's as simple as that.

And then number two, the second step is commitment. You have to get it into your mind that you will continue to change. That you decide, "I want to change." If you do not commit, you say, "Hey, maybe I want to change, maybe I don't. Let me just you know." You have to commit. You're probably going to fail the next time you do it. You're not making a decision about what you're going to do. You have to commit and if you commit, then it will help you completely change your life. You must commit that you will go where you need to go, when you need to go there.

And the third step is to take the first steps in your actions towards whatever you're doing. Not anything pass the first steps, just do the first thing that you need to do in order to accomplish your goal. Just begin. Begin in your actions. Not even thinking about anything passive. The best way to do this is to just approach every single day as if everything hinges on that one day. Because oftentimes, it really does.

Every single day, approach it as if everything that you're trying to build hinges on that one day. When you win that one day, it feels like you won it all. And this gives greater significance to everything that you're doing on the daily because sometimes you have a big goal, but you have very small minute steps in order to get to that goal. But if you make it significant, then it means whenever you're doing these things, you find more reason to pour your all in God's name in whatever you're doing. So that you can find peace in it and operate at a level of excellence that you couldn't have before. And if you lose, you can understand that you will always have tomorrow to give your best. As long as you tried your best, as long as you try and decide that I'm going to give my best today, you'll understand that you will always have tomorrow, and the pain of that loss will not last forever. And so, you can completely give yourself again tomorrow.

And then the fourth step, this is the harder one which is continuation. Now, there's a lot of steps put into one for this one, but basically, what I'm just saying is you boost the likelihood of you continuing to succeed in this. Now, there is a list of things that you can do to boost the likelihood of your success, but oftentimes, the battles are already won before they're even fought. So, you have to prepare yourself in your lifestyle, prepare yourself in your mind, prepare yourself in your friends, prepare yourself in what you're telling yourself, what you even write on your wall. All of those things will help you to continue and it'll boost your likelihood of success.

For example, make a schedule. Simply make a schedule as for the things that you want to give to God and do better in. If you write it and make a plan and make a schedule, it will increase that. You prepare beforehand, like for example, if you want to lose weight or something like that, then if you take all the junk food out of your house, the next time that you get a craving, you'll have to be having a really bad craving to go drive down

the streets to the gas station to go get it. But if it's just in your pantry, then it'll be a lot easier to go do that.

So, simply just prepare beforehand. That same principle works here with whatever you're doing, prepare beforehand. And you can also get an accountability partner which will make you literally 65% more likely to succeed at whatever you're doing. And actually, the chances rise to 95% whenever you build in ongoing meetings with that person, with that accountability partner.

You just need to set up yourself properly for success because you have to approach every moment, every day as in, "I'm fighting this battle to win right now. I can lose right now. I can win right now." And that's true. So completely give your best and do it in God's name. And you can also write it down and that will increase your chances 42% in order for you to succeed. Hallelujah.

Is there anybody in the room that simply just wants to surrender more to God? Hallelujah. Because I'm definitely one of them. I want to surrender more to God and I thank you guys so much for listening to me on today.

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