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Voice of Triumph

“And so, dear brothers [and sisters], I plead with you to give your bodies to God. Let them be a living sacrifice, holy—the kind he can accept. When you think of what he has done for you, is this too much to ask?”

Romans 12:1, The Living Bible

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HUMILITY IS OWNING SURRENDER ENOUGH TO GIVE IT AWAY TO GOD

Moses was repositioned from being a dead slave to living in royalty; his mother saw him as God saw him. Her humility repositioned her to be his nurse. In the palace, Moses learned to be a leader, but his desire to do the will of God put him in a position to walk away from it all. It first looked like he was a slave again, but his meekness made him God's chosen deliverer; he was never a slave of Pharaoh, but a bond servant of the Almighty God. Unfortunately, his greatest strength became his greatest weakness when he was misled by his own prideful and rebellious passions. In a full state of surrender, we can't entertain others' plans for us nor adopt what we think may work for us. We must stand ready, i.e., remain willing and obedient to submit to doing something we may have never considered, desired, or even detested with a pure and perfect heart of worship to the One and Only True God.

THE HIGHEST LEVEL OF TRUST IS SURRENDER

I am delighted to tell you about a recent financial breakthrough for our ministry. It looked like there was no way of escape at all according to my predetermined calculation. Although I internalize prosperity Scriptures daily, tithe and give offerings, say my confessions aloud, this seemed to be the making of a shutdown. I understood that we must be a credible witness, not just a messenger of the truth: God supplies all my needs according to His riches in glory; He gives me the desires of my heart; and He will do the exceeding, abundantly above all you can ask or think, according to the power that works in me. The Lord prompted me to sow \$200—which was double the amount I had planned. My best plan was to try to draw upon other means that would eventually dry up in the natural. Holy Spirit empowered me to surrender the increase we would normally receive that came with it no possibility of return. Authoring *Pathway to Prosperity*, *The Power to Get Wealth*, and *Promises*, the musical theater production, I came before the Lord with my desire to be a proven credible witness. I went through the list of projects to see if any of them were self-motivated. At that time, I could not find any. When I inquired of the Lord, what was holding back the flow of harvest? I could sense His response was harboring unforgiveness. I believe working that offense out of the way repositioned us to receive the following breakthrough. One day I was pondering “receive checks in the mail.” On July 30th, I received the word of the Lord from Psalm 126:4, “restore the fortunes of Zion.” Then on July 31th, an anonymous, generous supporter mailed two \$1,000 money orders to our ministry. This unexpected increase from an unexpected source once again shows God's faithfulness. The giver's return on investment is God's provision arriving even before it's needed. God is Yahweh; He continually and increasingly reveals Himself as self-existent: a rootless, budding branch that can't be traced.

WHAT RHYTHM IS MY HEART BEATING? GOD'S SONG OR MINE?

One of my newest unreleased songs *Pearl of Great Price* lyrics declare “I am Your living sacrifice”, but am I really? The pride of my heart told God I wanted the desires of His heart more than my own. To God, that was really a vow. When the opportunity to give up my plans for God's was presented to me, I was first unwilling so I started making concessions of what I would actually do; then, I heard Benny Hinn say he first decided he wasn't going to obey God then later on submitted. Then the rebellion of my heart tried to ignore the Lord's promptings as well. Now finding myself fully vested in the good, acceptable, perfect will of God, I still have tried to abort the assignment, but Holy Spirit resuscitates me over and over again. Please know that God will always try the vow we make. Don't let the vow you make to God come back void. Allow God the right of way every step of the way. I am learning to fully lean on what Jesus Christ desires. Our obedience to sacrifice will never put us behind, but it will reposition us more perfectly under His lordship so He can accelerate the birth of more than one thing even before the time. Is our surrender really our sacrifice?

Thought for Transformation

In the Bible, many exhibited true worship to God alone. Abraham surrendered Isaac to God; what was sure to him was God saw Isaac not only surrendered but also sacrificed. Repositioning his faith, Abraham believed that Isaac would be raised back to life, although he was still breathing. God's response was to surrender and sacrifice Jesus as an heir to Abraham.

Don't Yield to the Enemy

The king of Assyria is behind every attempt to rob you of your full surrender to God. Don't allow his taunts against God seem more convincing than your abundant life in Christ. Isaiah 36:15-17 shows how Assyria's king desires God's place—the first place. “Don't let him talk you into trusting in the Lord by telling you the Lord won't let you be conquered by the king of Assyria. Don't listen to Hezekiah, for here is the king of Assyria's offer to you: Give me a present as a token of surrender; open the gates and come out, and I will let you each have your own farm and garden and water, until I can arrange to take you to a country very similar to this one—a country where there are bountiful harvests of grain and grapes, a land of plenty.” A way that seems right is wrong.

“...YIELD YOURSELVES TO GOD, AS THOSE THAT ARE ALIVE FROM THE DEAD...” ROMANS 6:13