



SIMPLIFY

Surrender

Acts 9:1-22

I. INTRODUCTION: The Need To Simplify Our Lives!

- A. Simplify: To regain _____ and _____ in our everyday lives!
- B. The Roadblock - _____!
1. Source: When our lives are too _____, too _____.
 2. Bottom Line: Our spiritual, emotional, and physical well being is demanding that we simplify our lifestyle.

II. The First Step To Simplify Is – S _____!

- A. To yield, to give one's life into the _____ of _____.
- B. What could happen if we _____ surrendered to God in every area of our lives?
1. "...whose heart is _____ His..."
II Chronicles 16:9a
 2. This is surrender to the _____ of Jesus Christ!

III. A Lesson In Surrender – The Conversion Of Saul:

- A. Background of Saul: Acts 7:56-57; Acts 9:1-2; Acts 22:3
- B. Reality of Saul's life: Acts 22:3-4; I Timothy 1:13
- C. Turning point of Saul's life: Paul was surprised by _____!
1. Grace Point#1: Jesus _____ the call to "absolute surrender".

- a. Acts 9:3: Paul was not seeking the Lord, the Lord was seeking Paul!
 - b. God knows we will never seek "absolute surrender" on our own. He comes to us, when we are not seeking Him, with a *surprise of Grace*: Cf., John 4:7; Romans 5:8; Luke 2:8-18
2. Grace Point #2: Jesus has a _____ call for each of our lives!
- a. Acts 9:4-5: "...Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?..."
 - b. When God calls us to "absolute surrender" – it is a call of Grace that is directed at the point of our _____, and our key to _____. John 4:10
3. Grace Point #3: We must each _____ Jesus' call to "absolute surrender".
- a. Acts 9:6: "...Lord, what do you want me to do?..." Paul acknowledges Jesus as "**Kurios**" – Lord and Master (Cf., Acts 2:37).
 - b. Our answer must be more than mere lip service – it must be followed by _____!
Acts 9:8-9; Cf., Luke 9:57-62
 - c. The call to "absolute surrender" is not simply for the "Paul's" of life...it is for _____! It is also for the "Ananias's" of life: **Acts 9:10-19**
 - d. **When we answer Jesus' call - _____!
_____!
Acts 9:20-22; II Cor. 5:17**
 - e. "God does not ask you to give perfect surrender in your strength, or by the power of your will; God is willing to _____. Do we not read: "It is God that worketh in us both to will and to do His good pleasure?" Andrew Murray