

# A Life Marked by Surrender: Series Summary

## Week 7

### Week 1: Transferred Ownership

- Salvation is not only forgiveness — it is a **transfer of ownership**. When Christ saves us, we are no longer our own; **our lives now belong to Him**.
- **Takeaway:** Where am I still acting like the owner instead of the steward of my life? Surrender begins when we resign as the authority of our own lives.

### Week 2: The End of Autonomy

- True discipleship begins when we **die to self**. Following Jesus means rejecting cultural autonomy and embracing **daily surrender**.
- **Takeaway:** Spiritual maturity grows when **daily cross-bearing becomes normal**, not just something we do in crisis.

### Week 3: Authority of the Mind

- Spiritual transformation requires **submitting our thinking to Christ**. The battle for discipleship is often fought in the mind.
- **Takeaway:** Don't automatically trust your thoughts. **Interrogate them with truth** and replace lies with Scripture.

### Week 4: Authority Over Time, Money, & Resources

- Everything we have belongs to God. Our role is **faithful stewardship**, not ownership.
- **Takeaway:** Your calendar and bank statement **reveal what actually has authority in your life**. Align them with God's priorities.

**Week 5:** *Authority in Relationships*

- Surrender to Christ becomes most visible in **how we treat people**. Relationships are where humility, forgiveness, and love are practiced.
- **Takeaway:** Biblical love is not just emotion — it is **obedience expressed through humility, forgiveness, and service.**

**Week 6:** *Authority in Obedience and Decisions*

- Jesus’ authority becomes real in our lives when we **obey promptly and faithfully**, even when obedience costs something.
- **Takeaway:** Delayed obedience is still disobedience. **Faith is proven in action, not intention.**

**The surrendered life** is not one decision — it is a life where **every area gradually comes under the authority of Jesus.**

**Notes**

# The Ladder of Surrender

## 1. Ownership

- Week 1: My Life Belongs to Christ
- “You are not your own.” (1 Cor. 6:19-20)
- Identify shifts from owner to **redeemed servant**.

## 2. Will

- Week 2: My Will Submits to Christ
- “Take up your cross daily.” (Luke 9:23)
- Autonomy dies and **discipleship** begins.

## 3. Mind

- Week 3: My Thinking Aligns with Christ
- “Be transformed by the renewal of your mind.” (Rom. 12:2)
- **Truth** replaces fear, pride, and control.

## 4. Resources

- Week 4: My Time and Treasure Serve Christ
- “The earth is the Lord’s.” (Ps. 24:1)
- **Stewardship** replaces ownership.

## 5. Relationships

- Week 5: My Love Reflects Christ
- “Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.” (Eph. 5:21)
- **Humility and forgiveness** shape community.

## 6. Decisions

- Week 6: My Actions Obey Christ
- “Be doers of the word.” (James 1:22)
- Faith becomes visible through **obedience**.