**R12 Session # 2**

**Authentic Christ Follower/Leader**

**Pillar 1: Your Relationship with GOD…Surrender to God (12:1)**

Surrender: Romans 12:1 (*NIV) Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship.*

Four Calls of Christ *by Allen Coppedge*

*“Christianity without discipleship is like winning the lottery but never cashing in the ticket.”*

1. Salvation (John 3:16)
2. Lordship (Romans 10:9; I Peter 3:15)
3. Discipleship (John 17, Matthew 28)
4. Purpose (John 15:7-9)
* The Command: “offer your bodies” *This is not about salvation, this is about surrender--Lordship”*

“*God’s power doesn’t kick in until Lordship kicks in”*

* The Motivation: “The mercy of God” *Chapters 1-11*
* The Reason : “Spiritual act of Worship”
	+ **John Piper:** *Worship is what we were created for. This is the final end of all existence-the worship of God. God created the universe so that it would display the worth of His glory. And He created us so that we would see this glory and reflect it by knowing and loving it-with all our heart and soul and mind and strength.*

The Nature of Surrender is “All or Nothing”

Definition of surrender: *“Total commitment is the alignment of one’s motives, resources, priorities, and goals to fulfill a specific mission, accomplish a specific task, or follow a specific person.”*

Case Study

* The Case of Abraham… Genesis 22

*I must surrender “my Isaacs”*

Signing the Check…

The secret to surrender:

* Surrender is declaring that I trust Christ with my life and future.
* Psalm 84:11  *For the* ***Lord God*** *is a sun and shield; The Lord will give grace and glory; No good thing will He withhold from those who walk uprightly.”*

All in…Texas Hold ‘em

* II Chronicles 16:9 “For the eyes of the Lord range throughout the earth to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to him.
* When we surrender, our life of faith is ignited!

Next Week: Memorize Romans 12:2

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**THE FOUR CALLS OF CHRIST**

1. SALVATION

Many times Christians think when they accept Jesus into their life that’s it. Wrong! Salvation is just the beginning of the journey.

*“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.”* – John 3:16

*“Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”* – John 14:6

1. LORDSHIP

Who is in charge of your life? Following Jesus means submitting to his ways, his teachings, & and his example about how to live life.

*“Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.”* –John 6:68

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1. DISCIPLESHIP

Do you ever stop and ask, “Is this all there is in life?” No! Jesus is asking us to enter into an eternal journey where we endeavor to know him more, be restored into his image, & spread his message to a broken world.

Matthew 28 ***16****Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go.****17****When they saw him, they worshiped him;* ***but some doubted.******18****Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.****19****Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,****20****and* ***teaching them to obey*** *everything I have commanded you.* ***And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”*** *– Matthew 28:16-20*

II Timothy 2:*2****2****And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others.*

1. PURPOSE

Our primary purpose is: 1) to love the Lord with all your heart 2) love your neighbor as yourself. Each of us has been given passion, gifts, & talents by God. Purpose can only be understood through having Christ as the Savior of your life, submitting to him as Lord, & becoming his disciple.

John 15:7-9 ***7****If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.* ***8****This is to my Father’s glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.*