

Surrender

Last Sunday the worship team (Lakeland IPC) sang the beautiful 'My heart is yours' song. When it came to the line 'All to Jesus I surrender, All to You I freely give, I will ever love and trust you' I was deeply touched and challenged. I was forced to make a self-appraisal on the spot. I surrender, I freely give, I will ever trust. Very strong words and solid commitment, I felt.

Like any husband and father I have responsibilities and concerns about my family. We all tend to think of the future and well being of our spouses and children. So I was challenged at that moment with the question, do I really surrender my wife and daughter in the hands of God? Do I really believe their future especially my daughter's is secure in his hands? Do I really trust the One who said, 'I know the plans I have for you?' Jer. 29:11. I had to confess to God right there that he is the one who controls everything and I will surrender and trust him always. He is sovereign and no one can overrule what he has decreed about each one of us.

Well, it feels good to say that I trust God and leave everything including my family to his care. After all, I have experienced the miracles of God.

However, my attention was drawn immediately to Genesis chapter 22. We see the perfect example of surrender there. Now we are not talking about daily sustenance, health, education, future etc. We are getting to really serious business. The command is: take your son, your only son, whom you love - Isaac - and go to a mountain which is three days journey away and sacrifice him. What is happening to the promise given years ago? Was the promise given just to take away like this? Was it all a dream? Three days journey - enough time to have plenty of second thoughts and succumb to the whisper of the devil. This could be a real test for you and me, just like it was for Abraham. And what would be my response? I could not say anything but humbly, consciously and trustingly repeat the words in my heart - all to Jesus I surrender, all to you I freely give, I will ever love and trust you - My heart is Yours My heart is Yours, Take it all, Take it all, My life in Your hands.

Yes, my life and everything related to my life is in Almighty's hands. Those hands never become weak. Everything about my life is planned by him. Those plans never fail. I am given great promises about this life and the eternity. None of those promises will be left unfulfilled. Let us repeat those words together with confidence: All to Jesus I surrender, All to You I freely give, I will ever love and trust you.

Bro. P. A Samuel

God is ready to assume full responsibility for the life wholly yielded to Him - Andrew Murray.

**Have you reached the goal of the Bible reading plan for the week?
Are you happy with the amount of time spent in talking to the Father this week?**

Bible Reading Plan for this Week

February 21, 2016	Romans 15-16
February 22, 2016	Genesis 28-31
February 23, 2016	Judges 12-16
February 24, 2016	Psalms 21-23
February 25, 2016	Job 15-16
February 26, 2016	Isaiah 40-44
February 27, 2016	Matthew 20-22

**PLEASE PRAY FOR
REV. JACOB OOMMEN & SIS. JOLLY JACOB**

"I am the LORD who heals you"

Please pray for:

**Mrs. Marykutty Thomas (Sist. Suja's Mom),
Bro. Babu Thannickal, Sist. Shiny Chacko, Sam Mathew,
Ammini George, Mariamma Johny (Kunjumol),
Usha Danielkutty, Kiran (Dr. Jolly Mathew's granddaughter),
Nirmala (Friend of Snehalatha Nair), Baby Anaya
& all who are sick among us.**