

Notes & Quotes – February 28, 2010

Hand Over the Keys

Matthew 16

Series: Refuel...Hydrating the soul

Matthew 16:13-16, 21-28

13 When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?" 14 They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets." 15 "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?" 16 Simon Peter answered, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

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21 From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, chief priests and teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life. 22 Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. "Never, Lord!" he said. "This shall never happen to you!" 23 Jesus turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; you do not have in mind the things of God, but the things of men."

24 Then Jesus said to his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. 25 For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will find it. 26 What good will it be for a man if he gains the whole world, yet forfeits his soul? Or what can a man give in exchange for his soul? 27 For the Son of Man is going to come in his Father's glory with his angels, and then he will reward each person according to what he has done. 28 I tell you the truth, some who are standing here will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

"There is no way for a human being to come to God that does not involve surrender." – John Ortberg

If you really want to know what a person believes about God, don't just listen to them talk, watch them live their life for a month or two – that will reveal their true theology.

The fruit of surrender

Lose: *trying to control everything and everyone*

Gain: *a wise, loving, competent God guiding my life*

"Surrender is not a crutch for weak people who cannot handle life. Instead, surrender is the glad and voluntary acknowledgement that there is a God and it is not me. His purposes are often wiser and better than our desires. Jesus does not come to rearrange the outside of our life the way we want. He comes to rearrange the inside of our life the way God wants. In surrender, I let go of my life. It is a Copernican revolution of the soul in which I take myself out of the center of the universe and place God there. I yield to Him. I offer obedience. I do what He says. I am not driving anymore." – John Ortberg

-- my life is not my project, it's God's project

Lose: *tethering my self-worth to outcomes*

Gain: *an identity that is secure regardless of circumstances*

"I am not what I have. I am not what I do. I am not what others say about me."

– Henri Nouwen

In Christ, I am...

... **chosen** (Matthew 22:14; 1 Peter 2:4)
 ... **called** (1 Thessalonians 5:24)
 ... **reconciled to God** (Romans 5:10; 2 Corinthians 5:20)
 ... **redeemed by God** (Romans 3:24; Colossians 1:14; 1 Peter 1:18)
 ... **born again** (John 3:7; 1 Peter 1:23)
 ... **regenerated** (John 13:10; 1 Corinthians 6:11; Titus 3:5)
 ... **made righteous** (1 Corinthians 1:30; 2 Corinthians 5:21; Romans 3:22; Phil 3:9)
 ... **justified** (Acts 13:39; Romans 3:26; 5:1; 8:30; 1 Corinthians 6:11; Titus 3:7)
 ... **adopted** (Romans 8:15, 23)
 ... **sanctified** (1 Corinthians 1:30; 6:11)
 ... **forgiven** (Acts 10:43; Romans 4:25; Col 1:14; 2:13; Eph 1:7, 4:32, 1 Peter 2:24)
 ... **accepted** (Ephesians 1:6; 1 Peter 2:5)
 ... **crucified with Christ** (Romans 6:6-8; Galatians 2:20; 1 Peter 2:24)
 ... **buried with Christ** (Romans 6:4; Colossians 2:12)
 ... **raised with Christ** (Romans 6:4; Ephesians 2:6; Colossians 3:1)
 ... **born of the Spirit** (John 3:6)
 ... **baptized with the Spirit** (1 Corinthians 10:17; 12:13)
 ... **indwelt by the Spirit** (John 7:39; Romans 5:5; 8:9; 1 Corinthians 6:19; Galatians 4:6)
 ... **sealed by the Spirit** (John 7:39; 2 Corinthians 1:22; Ephesians. 1:13; 4:30)
 ... **in God** (1 Thessalonians 1:1)
 ... **in Christ** (John 14:20)
 ... **in the Spirit** (Romans 8:9)
 ... **dead to the law** (Romans 7:4)
 ... **delivered from the law** (Romans 6:14; 7:6; 2 Corinthians 3:11; Galatians 3:25)
 ... **rescued from the dominion of darkness** (Colossians 1:13; 2:13-15)
 ... **a new creation** (2 Corinthians 5:17; Galatians 6:15)
 ... **a member of His Body** (1 Corinthians 12:13)
 ... **a part of His Bride** (Ephesians 5:25-27)
 ... **a saint** (1 Peter 2:9)
 ... **His inheritance** (Ephesians 1:18)
 ... **a heavenly citizen** (Luke 10:20; Ephesians 2:19; Philippians 3:20; Hebrews 12:22)
 ... **an ambassador for Christ** (2 Corinthians 5:20)
 ... **light in the Lord** (Ephesians 5:8; 1 Thessalonians 5:4)

Lose: *the weariness of constantly defending yourself*

Gain: *the peace that flows from resting in God as your defender*

Lose: *the burden of trying to be somebody you're not*

Gain: *a freedom to be who God made you to be*

Lord, I surrender myself into your hands.

When I wake up...

When I'm at work...

When things are going well...

When things are not...

When I face this decision...

When I'm tempted...

Surrender is an act of our will that doesn't deplete our energy. It brings an energy and strength to us – there is a revitalizing aspect to this whole “losing our life to Jesus” proposition.

“Come and cast this self-life and flesh-life at the feet of Jesus. Then trust Him. Do not worry yourselves with trying to understand all about it, but come in the living faith that Christ will come into you with the power of His death and the power of His life; and then the Holy Spirit will bring the whole Christ – Christ crucified and risen and living in glory – into your heart.” – Andrew Murray

40/30 Challenge = 30 minutes of focused time with God a day for 40 consecutive days

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