

# sermonnotes

## I Choose: Part 4



By nature, we are \_\_\_\_\_. We like to call the shots in our lives, and we tend to want to go our own way, but the call to follow Jesus is a call to surrender.

Surrender or control is all about will and way:

- Are you going to pursue God's will or choose your will?
- Are you going to follow God's way or choose your way?

### Jonah 1:1–10

#### The Jonah Syndrome in Us

- What I want is more important than what God \_\_\_\_\_. (Jonah 1:2)
- My \_\_\_\_\_ is more important than God's directive. (Jonah 1:3)
- My agenda is primary, and God's agenda is \_\_\_\_\_. (Jonah 1:3,10)

#### God's way or your way?

- The call to follow Jesus is more than a call to salvation--it is a call to \_\_\_\_\_. (Mark 8:34)
- The call to follow Jesus is to find life through \_\_\_\_\_ to self. (Mark 8:35)
- The call to follow Jesus is death to self as we \_\_\_\_\_. (Philippians 2:3–4)

"Why do you call me 'Lord, Lord' and do not do what I say?"  
—Luke 6:46

To call Jesus Lord means we say yes to His will, His Word, and His ways. We cannot call Him Lord and then proceed to \_\_\_\_\_ our own \_\_\_\_\_.

The challenge with surrender is that it seems like we lose, but we really \_\_\_\_\_. As we choose surrender, we give up all that we are to open our lives to all that God has for us.

Answers: control freaks; directs; perspective; secondary; surrender; death; serve others; run, lives; win



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