

**Introduction:**

- *“But why do you call Me ‘Lord, Lord,’ and not do the things which I say?”* (Luke 6:46, NKJV)
- Review:
  - Lord comes from the word, Kyrios, which basically means owner. The one who has the power and the authority. I simplified it by saying it means “boss!”
  - To call Him Lord means I will put His priorities before my own.
  - To call Him Lord should feel weighty to us. Jesus is Lord is more than just a brand. It should make us tremble to say it. If it doesn’t then we need to think about what it means to call Jesus Lord.
- We closed with Phil 2. Let this mind be in us: Jesus submitted to God. Tasted death and rose.
  - Every name - positional submission.
  - Every knee bow - physical submission.
  - Every tongue confess - verbal submission. I compared it to the Octagon in Ultimate Cage Fighting. “Takes on the undefeated champion. (Positional submission). The champion forces the ‘tap-out.’” - physical submission. Then I suggested that the loser kneel and say, “You are the champion. You have beaten me. You are the better man.”
- This morning I want to break down what it means to say, “Jesus Is Lord.” How does this apply to our lives as believers. How does this affect me? As a Christian, to declare that Jesus is Lord of my life and I live with Him as Lord of my life means three things happened. And these three things continue to happen—All the days of my life.
- Those three things are brokenness, surrender, and submission.

**I. The Beauty of Brokenness**

- A. Most things we acquire in life we would rather have new than used. And if a thing is broken its value goes down and it is acquired at a lesser value. This is not so in the Kingdom of God. To be broken makes you valuable to God. Listen to these scriptures that esteem brokenness:
1. *“The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit, A broken and a contrite heart— These, O God, You will not despise.”* (Psalm 51:17, NKJV)
    - a) Heb. – sabra - to break into pieces. Contrite, the verb appears only in laments and is consistently used of one who is physically and emotionally crushed because of sin or the slaughter of an enemy. In Ps 51:8 and probably 38:8, the psalmist speaks of his bones being broken because of involvement in sin. Psalm 51 refers to David’s adultery with Bathsheba and the subsequent conviction of sin that he experienced. In verse 17 he notes with some consolation that God does not despise a broken and contrite (“crushed”) heart. David was crushed because of his sin.
    - b) Contrite heart, Heb. *dakka* crushed. Humble.
    - c) Anything that is broken its value goes down except in the Kingdom of God.

2. *"The high and lofty one who lives in eternity, the Holy One, says this: "I live in the high and holy place with those whose spirits are contrite and humble. I restore the crushed spirit of the humble and revive the courage of those with repentant hearts."* (Isaiah 57:15, NLT)
    - a) Contrite = Heb. *Daka* - crushed. Is. 53:10 God crushed His Son. 53:5 He was crushed for our sins.
    - b) Humble, Heb.= *sapaal* - to bend low. Humility
    - c) Anything that is broken its value goes down except in the Kingdom of God.
  3. *"No, O people, the Lord has told you what is good, and this is what he requires of you: to do what is right, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God."* (Micah 6:8, NLT)
    - a) walk humble - Heb. *sana*,
- B. Broken, crushed, humbled all describe sad picture in the natural but in the Spirit, as painful as it may be, it is a story of beautiful victory. Anything that is broken its value goes down except in the Kingdom of God.
1. Phil 2:7-8 Jesus is a perfect picture of the beauty of brokenness:
    - a) Took the humble position of a slave.
    - b) Humbled himself in obedience to God.
    - c) Died a criminals death. You can't get anymore crushed than that! Crushed under sin! Sin that was not His.
  2. Before a man is born again he must be crushed under the weight of his own sin. For it is here and only here that he realizes his need for a savior. The One who has the power and authority to forgive and remove sin. IE. David...Ps 51. Peter when the rooster crows third time.
- C. For Jesus to become Lord we must be crushed under the weight of our sin, realize we have a need for a Savior and cry out to him for forgiveness and salvation!
1. The first step in making Jesus Lord of our life: We are crushed by the weight of our problem. This brokenness has the potential to show up multiple times in our lives. Usually when we are ready and desiring to go deeper with God. And it is beautiful every time it does. It means we are ready to have a Lord in our lives! Brokenness leads us/ makes us ready to surrender.

## II. The Sweetness of Surrender Surrender is equal to repentance.

- A. Most times in life when we are surrendering it is not necessarily a good thing. Surrender is seen as weakness, defeat, and loss. Again, this is not so in the Kingdom of God. In the Kingdom, to surrender actually empowers you. Maybe the reason you seem so weak in your walk with God or weak in the Spirit today is that you have not been empowered by your surrender.
- B. In the Bible, particularly the OT, surrender had to do with a king more powerful conquering another weaker king. In our case it is the Jesus conquering the sinners heart. Or it is Jesus overcoming the Saints resistant heart. Therefore, there are differing levels of surrender in all of us.

1. Surrender: is an agreement to stop fighting, hiding, resisting. Most often it follows being broken. IE. You have to hit bottom before you surrender. And bottom is different for everyone.
2. Surrender when it pertains to a criminal on the run, presupposes that one has been a fugitive from justice and resisting arrest. When it pertains to warfare, it presupposes an enemy combatant has been engaging in a struggle. When surrender takes place one "comes out with their hands up."
3. When you surrender to God, you are not brought to justice you are brought to mercy. He considers you a friend not an enemy. But before that happens an execution takes place. You are crucified with Christ.
4. Surrender, therefore, is giving up control. 'Jesus is Lord' is about Him being in control and not us. Control of our tongue. Control of our attitudes. Control of our actions. In other words we are to act like Jesus, talk like Jesus, and be like Jesus. To surrender until a more opportune time is not an expression of Lordship...Christians. That is called making reservations to sin.
  - a) IF you say you are surrendered but you are 'making reservations' you are not surrendered. You will not fool Him.
  - b) So then, they that are in the flesh cannot please God." (Romans 8:7,8) Man, by his own efforts, his own best resolve, cannot deliver himself from such a stubborn enemy. Therefore, in frustration he cries out: "*O wretched man that I am! Who shall deliver me from the body of this death?*" (Romans 7:24) The joyful, relieved answer of the saint of God is: "*I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord.*" (Romans 7:25)
- C. That is a key point for surrender; His leadership is always FOR me, meaning, he acts in my best interest. For Jesus to be Lord in our lives we must surrender and stop resisting. Our 'hands must be raised' and our heads bowed, we must "TAP OUT." Surrender is God's call to those who are still fighting His rule.
  1. To be broken, 'tap out' leads to surrender. And surrender leads to submission.

### III. The Fragrance of Submission

- A. Hardly anyone in America likes the word submission (hardly anyone likes submission.) Submission means to no longer be in control. IE. Wives don't like the scripture, 'submit to your husbands. Teenagers don't like submit to your parents. Citizens do not like submitting to government rule. But in the Kingdom, submission leads to empowerment. To submit to Jesus is to voluntarily place yourself under the authority of Jesus. Thus making Jesus, Lord of your life.
- B. Lordship is measured by our submission.
  1. Submission/submit means fr. hypotássō. This word means 1. "to appoint," "to order," with such nuances as "to arrange," "to determine," "to set in place," "to establish," 2. The middle form means "to subject oneself," "to be subservient," "to submit voluntarily." 3. The active form of this verb means "to place under," "to affix," "to subordinate" (passive "to be

subject"). Kittel, G., Friedrich, G., & Bromiley, G. W. (1985). *Theological Dictionary of the New Testament* (p. 1156). Grand Rapids, MI: W.B. Eerdmans.

2. Submission is the action of accepting that someone has defeated you or has power over you. To submit means to voluntarily place oneself under the authority of another.
  3. The apostle Paul, by faith, made himself a prisoner and slave of the Lord Jesus Christ.
    - a) Prisoner - means that the fugitive has been apprehended. He is done resisting and fighting. Eph. 3:1 and 4:1. *"Paul a prisoner of Jesus Christ."*
    - b) Slave/bondsman Ro 1:1; Phil 1:1; Paul and Timothy slaves of Jesus Christ. Titus 1:1
    - c) Paul by faith in Christ, made himself a prisoner and slave to Jesus Christ. He placed himself under the authority of Jesus. He appointed Jesus to be first in his life. He set in place in his life the pre-eminence of Jesus.
  4. In submission, there is a ready recognition of a higher authority. There is no resistance. There is meekness and obedience [Merriam-Webster, Macmillan]. Therefore, Jesus Is Lord!
- C. Brokenness leads to surrender. Surrender keeps us in a place of defeat, and submission keeps us in a place of victory.
1. When we are submitted to God, He empowers us to do His will.
  2. So as we think about our relationship with God, does it make more sense to say:
    - a) "God I willfully submit to You, because You are the Creator of the heavens and the earth, because you sent your Son to die for me, because you are worthy of my trust,"
    - b) Or, does it make more sense to say, "God, I surrender to you because I am defeated and have no other choice?"

**Conclusion:**

- Surrender is God's call to the sinner; submission His call to the saint. And our submission is the measurement of Jesus' Lordship in our lives.
  - In brokenness, I am rendered powerless, "I'm crushed"
  - In surrender, I give up control. "I give!"
  - In submission, I readily accept the authority of another. "Jesus is Lord!"
- Where are you today? The verge of breaking? Surrendering? Submitting?