

SURRENDERED

I Don't Want to Move

July 1, 2018

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I. Do Not Move...

A. From God's love.

"but I do as the Father has commanded me, so that the world may know that I love the Father" (John 14:31).

¹⁸ Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who fear him, on **those who hope in his steadfast love**, ¹⁹ that he may **deliver their soul from death** and keep them alive... (Psalm 33:18–19).

¹⁴ For **Christ's love compels us**, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. ¹⁵ And he died for all, that **those who live should no longer live for themselves** but for him who died for them and was raised again (2 Corinthians 5:14–15).

B. From God's hope.

*Through him we have also obtained access **by faith into this grace** in which we stand, and **we rejoice in hope of the glory of God*** (Romans 5:2).

C. From God's will.

*"I can do nothing on my own. ...I seek not my own will but **the will of him who sent me**"* (John 5:30).

*"For I have come down from heaven, **not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me**"* (John 6:38).

D. From God's truth.

So Jesus proclaimed, as he taught in the temple, “You know me, and you know where I come from. But I have not come of my own accord. **He who sent me is true**, and him you do not know” (John 7:28).

II. Total Surrender

¹ I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to **present your bodies as a living sacrifice**, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ² Do not be conformed to this world, but **be transformed by the renewal of your mind**, that by testing you may discern **what is the will of God**, what is **good** and **acceptable** and **perfect** (Romans 12:1–2).

A. Jesus surrendered.

“I can do nothing on my own. ...**I seek not my own will but the will of him who sent me**” (John 5:30).

Jesus said to them, “If God were your Father, you would love me, for I came from God and I am here. **I came not of my own accord, but he sent me**” (John 8:42).

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B. Our surrender.

You are not your own (1 Corinthians 6:19).

⁷ For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. ⁸ For if we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, **whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord’s** (Romans 14:7–8).

And he said to all, “If anyone would come after me, let **him deny himself** and take up his cross daily and follow me” (Luke 9:23).

³⁸ “And **whoever does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me**. ³⁹ Whoever finds his life will lose it, and **whoever loses his life for my sake will find it**” (Matthew 10:38–39).

Do not love the world or the things in the world (1 John 2:15).

¹ Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us **also lay aside every weight**, and **sin which clings so closely**, and let us **run with endurance** the race that is set before us, ² **looking to Jesus**, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him **endured the cross**, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God (Hebrews 12:1–2).

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