

EVERY KNEE, EVERY NATION — WEEK 4

Authority in Every Sphere: Surrender

Philippians 2:9-11

I. The Rooms We Keep Locked

- Every house has a “junk drawer” we’d rather no one see.
- Spiritually, we often do the same: we let Jesus into the presentable rooms and keep certain areas locked.
- The locked rooms are usually where we’re most afraid, wounded, or ashamed.
- **Key Question:** *If Jesus is Lord of all, which part of your life still has a locked door?*

II. The Series So Far

1. **Week 1:** Authority over our past — *forgiveness*.
2. **Week 2:** Authority over our present — *mission*.
3. **Week 3:** Authority over our future — *hope*.
4. **Week 4:** Authority in every sphere — *surrender*.

The first three weeks revealed who Jesus is.
This final week asks who we are willing to become.

III. Philippians 2:9-11 The Exalted Lord

1. Jesus is Lord because God exalted Him not because we choose Him

- “Highly exalted” — hyperypsōsen = super-exalted, lifted beyond comparison.
- “The Name above every name” echo of Isaiah 45; the divine Name of YHWH.
- **Jesus doesn’t become Lord when we choose Him. He is Lord, and discipleship is learning to live like it.**
- Our faith doesn’t authorize Him, it responds to Him.

2. Every knee will bow and that includes mine (and yours)

- Heaven, earth, under the earth = universal scope.
- Before every knee bows globally, **my knee must bow in my world.**
- Lordship touches:
 - Habits
 - Speech
 - Private life
 - Finances
 - Emotions
 - Home life
 - Relationships
 - Ambitions
 - Online behavior
 - Decisions
- **Global lordship begins at the microscopic level of daily obedience.**

IV. A Mirror Moment- Where Lordship Gets Real

- We often trust Jesus with eternity but not with Tuesday.
- Lordship isn't resisted out of rebellion but out of fear:
 - Fear of losing control
 - Fear of exposure
 - Fear of change
 - Fear He'll take something we love
- **Every place Jesus is allowed to rule is a place Jesus is allowed to heal.**

V. The Collision- Where His Authority Meets Our Preferences

Our hearts quietly say things like...

- "You can have....but not...."

We sing 'Jesus is Lord' on Sunday... but sometimes live 'I am lord' on Monday. Selective surrender leads to selective healing.

VI. The Five Spheres of Surrender

1. Home- The First Laboratory of Discipleship

- How we speak at home reveals who rules our hearts.
- Practices: blessing, confession, forgiveness, praying the Lord's Prayer.

2. Work/School- Excellence as Worship

- Lordship becomes visible through integrity, service, honesty, encouragement.
- Practices: dedicating tasks to Jesus, encouraging others, choosing service over spotlight.

3. Neighbor/Civic- A Different Kind of Kingdom

- Lordship becomes public in how we speak and treat others.
- Practices: praying for leaders, practicing peacemaking speech, advocating for the vulnerable.

4. Habits/Body- Formed by Love, Not Hurry

- Habits disciple the heart.
- Formation principle: **we are formed into surrender; we don't drift into it.**
- Practices: tech-free hour, simple rule of life, bodily stewardship.

5. Money/Generosity-The Final Frontier of Surrender

- Money whispers "I can give you the life you want."
- A surrendered budget says "You are not my lord, Jesus is."
- Practices: budget as discipleship, give first/save second, generosity training.

VII. The Practice: A Lordship Audit

- Picture your life as a house with many rooms.
- Ask: *Which room is Jesus gently knocking on today?*
- Surrender doesn't begin with all doors, it begins with **one next right door.**

VIII. The Master Key

- Jesus stands at the door not demanding, forcing, or shaming — but inviting.
- The rooms we hide are the rooms He most wants to heal.
- We don't meet a Judge, we meet a **Gentle King**:
 - The King of our past (forgiven)
 - The King of our present (sent)

- The King of our future (hope)
- The One who holds galaxies together is not overwhelmed by what's in your closet.
- **Every knee, every nation... and every room of my heart.**
- Surrender is letting the One who loves you most lead you best.
- You will never regret a single door you open to Him.