



**John 12:12-26** (NIV)

**12** The next day the great crowd that had come for the festival heard that Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem. **13** They took palm branches and went out to meet him, shouting, "Hosanna!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Blessed is the king of Israel!" **14** Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, as it is written: **15** "Do not be afraid, Daughter Zion; see, your king is coming, seated on a donkey's colt." **16** At first his disciples did not understand all this. Only after Jesus was glorified did they realize that these things had been written about him and that these things had been done to him.



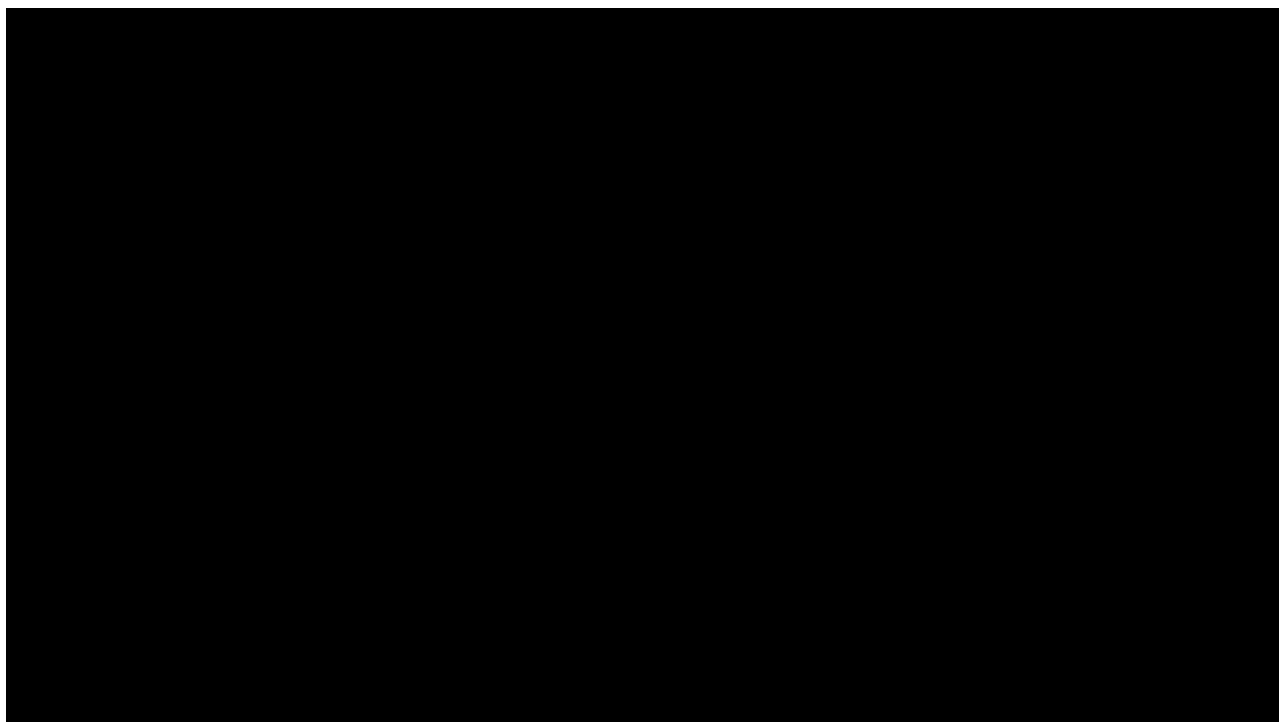
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**17** Now the crowd that was with him when he called Lazarus from the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to spread the word. **18** Many people, because they had heard that he had performed this sign, went out to meet him. **19** So the Pharisees said to one another, "See, this is getting us nowhere. Look how the whole world has gone after him!" **20** Now there were some Greeks among those who went up to worship at the festival. **21** They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, with a request. "Sir," they said, "we would like to see Jesus." **22** Philip went to tell Andrew; Andrew and Philip in turn told Jesus.

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**23** Jesus replied, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. **24** Very truly I tell you, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds. **25** Anyone who loves their life will lose it, while anyone who hates their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. **26** Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me.





HIS dying for  
our salvation is  
HIS design for  
our imitation.

John Piper



The way to advance the Kingdom of God  
is to follow her King



### 3 Challenging Truths

Jesus called us :

#### 1. To Die to ourselves

Verse 24: "Very truly I tell you, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds. "

- The grain of wheat must die.
- This is hard.





### 3 Challenging Truths

Jesus called us :

## 2. To Hate our lives in this world

Verse 25: Anyone who loves their life will lose it, while anyone who hates their life in this world will keep it for eternal life.

- Jesus calls us to hate our lives in this world.
- This is hard.



### 3 Challenging Truths

Jesus called us :

## 3. To follow him and to serve him

Verse 26: Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me.

- To take the role of a servant
- at Someone's order
- This is hard.



Let me reverse the order...

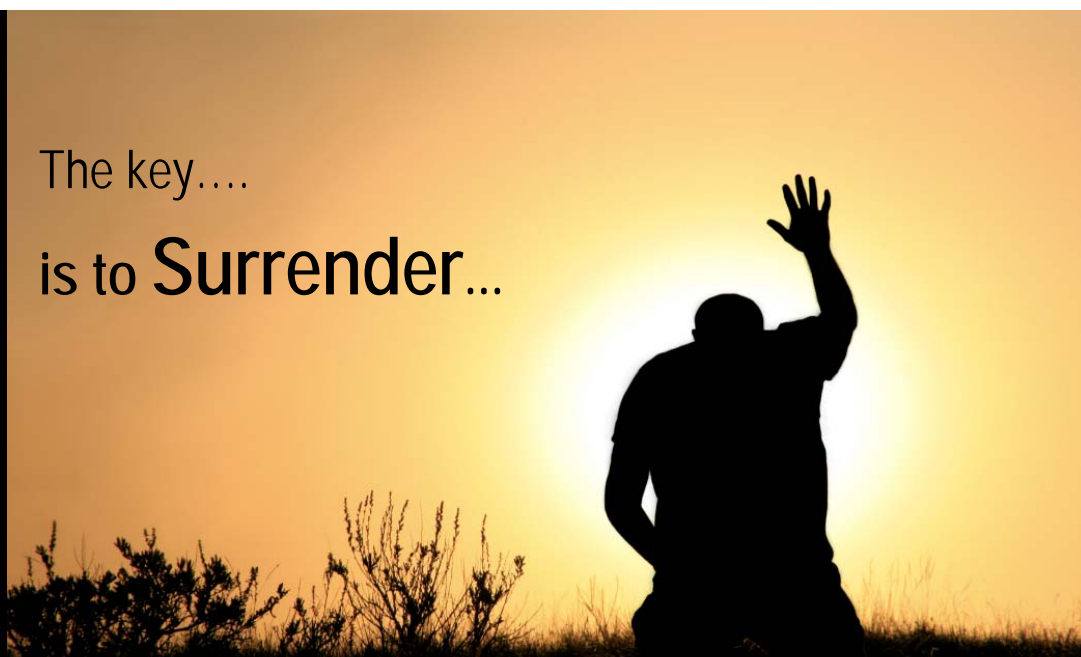
1. We must follow him and serve him.
2. We must hate our lives in this world.
3. We must die to ourselves.

The gate is narrow  
and the way is hard,  
that leads to life,  
and those who find it  
are few.

*Matthew 7:14*

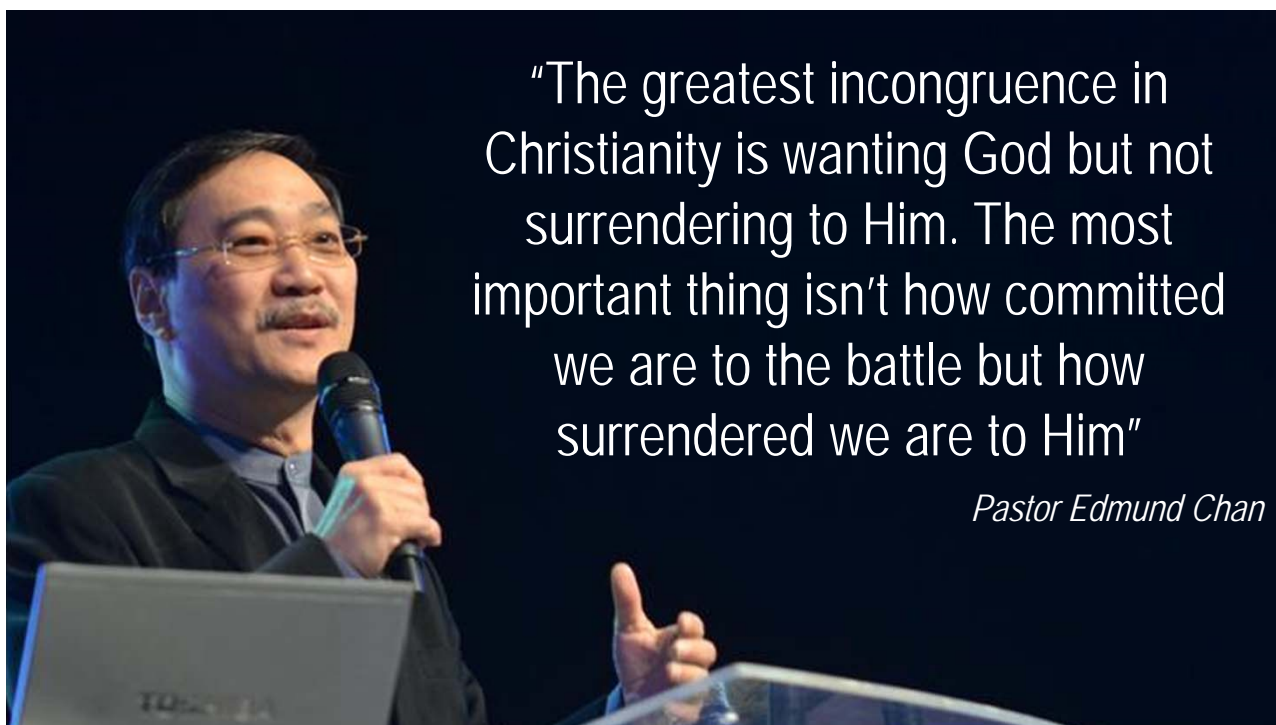


The key....  
is to **Surrender...**



"The greatest incongruence in Christianity is wanting God but not surrendering to Him. The most important thing isn't how committed we are to the battle but how surrendered we are to Him"

*Pastor Edmund Chan*





The object of our surrender ....

Is **the King**..



Then the key is ....

to Surrender to **the King!**



## Surrendering your life means...

- Following God's lead without knowing where he's sending you;
- Waiting for God's timing without knowing when it will come;
- Expecting a miracle without knowing how God will provide;
- Trusting God's purpose without understanding the circumstances.



The essence of surrender is getting out of God's way so that He can do in us what He also wants to do through us.

— Aiden Wilson Tozer —



What might be an area the Lord has placed  
on our hearts to surrender to Him – our  
time, habit, attitude, relationships,  
possessions .....  
Out of our devotion for Him.



It may be hard for an egg to turn into a bird: it would be a jolly sight harder for it to learn to fly while remaining an egg. We are like eggs at present. And you cannot go on indefinitely being just an ordinary, decent egg. We must be hatched or go bad.

*C. S. Lewis*



### 3 Glorious Truths

Jesus promises us :

#### 1. We will bear fruit

Verse 24: "Very truly I tell you, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds. "

- The death is not in vain
- It is significant
- It bears fruit





### 3 Glorious Truths

Jesus promises us :

2. We will find our life and keep it.

Verse 25: Anyone who loves their life will lose it, while anyone who hates their life in this world will keep it for eternal life.

- What is the final outcome?
- We may keep it to eternal life.



### 3 Glorious Truths

And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life. I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life.

(1 John 5:11-13, NIV)




A close-up photograph of several golden wheat stalks with long, thin awns, set against a clear blue sky. The wheat is in sharp focus in the foreground, while the background is slightly blurred.

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A photograph of three wooden crosses silhouetted against a dramatic, fiery sunset sky. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a bright glow and long, dark shadows. The crosses are positioned on a hill, with some bare trees visible in the background.

We can never  
out-sacrifice  
HIS resurrection generosity



### Our KING challenges us to:

1. follow him and serve him
2. hate our lives in this world
3. Die to ourselves

### His promises to us:

1. Be with Him and the Father will honor us.
2. Keep our lives.
3. Bear fruit.



## Your Brand New Ending...

- God has a dream for each of you.
- Pursue that dream by aligning to the King
- Surrendering to Him
  - ◆ follow him and serve him;
  - ◆ hate our lives in this world;
  - ◆ die to ourselves.



There are two kinds of people:  
those who say to God,  
'Thy will be done,'  
and those to whom God says,  
'All right, then, have it your way.'

*C. S. Lewis*





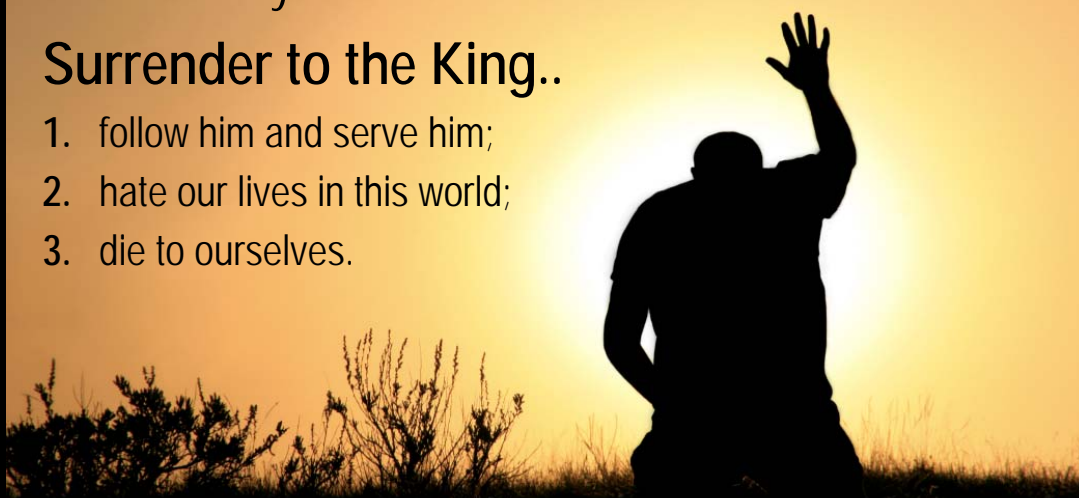
No Reserves!  
No Retreats!  
No Regrets!

*William Whiting Borden*

Our appropriate response as we move into  
the next 30 years....

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The End!