

(Clip) No More Bargaining, Unconditional Surrender

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Scripture: Acts 26:19, Romans 12:1, Luke 9:23, Psalm 51:17, James 4:7, Philippians 2:8

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Transcript

When the Apostle Paul recounts his testimony to King Agrippa, he says this, he says, I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision. You know what has happened to him? He wasn't disobedient. He wasn't setting forth his own will.

You know what happens to him? He's so lost at this point. He's so desperate. His only concern is to do what the Lord wants him to do.

I was not disobedient. And if in conversion, that's what happens. We suddenly take a submissive posture.

Lord, what do you want me to do? And what does He want us to do? Isn't it amazing? I mean, that voice comes to us. And He could just knock us into oblivion because of our sins. And He says to us, this is what I want you to do.

I want you to trust Me. Paul, trust Me. That's what He says to us.

And He says, I was not disobedient. I mean, suddenly we come face to face with the enormity of our sin. We see the hopeless state, the helpless state.

Lord, tell me what You want. Lord, Your will. What do You want me to do? You recognize He spared me thus far.

And you come face to face. I remember, brethren, when it first hit home. I deserve hell.

I was not thinking about the rest of my family or my co-workers. I deserved hell. And it wasn't until that point where God came and all the fight was gone.

And I saw myself so lost. Just help me, Lord. Help me.

There's surrender. No more terms. No more bargaining with Him.

Your negotiating days are over. You recognize You deserve to be blasted. You deserve the deepest, darkest, fiery parts of hell.

You recognize that. You recognize Your lostness. Your hopelessness.

Your helplessness. Lord, whatever You want, just have mercy on me. And oh, there's hope, is there not? His name gets called and God just doesn't strike Him down dead.

There's that hope. He spared me. He spared me.

No more bargaining. Unconditional surrender. He's not disobedient to this heavenly vision.

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