



From the Heart of Our Pastor

Living a Focused, Surrendered Life!

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One of life's greatest challenges is to live a focused life. We are constantly confronted with someone or something that clamors for our attention. Without focus we are easily distracted and drawn away from goal completion. Living the God-Focused life challenges you to push beyond boring, mediocre Christianity and experience a dynamic, vibrant relationship with God.

Some common enemies to focus are:

- Too many distractions.
- The tug of wanting to work on too many things at once and not knowing which to choose.
- Paralysis due to uncertainty and indecisiveness.
- Lack of motivation.
- Not enough time.

The plan of God is that we encounter the Living Word through the written word. Paul encourages mature Christians to stay in the Word of God because the Word releases supernatural abilities into the soul under the anointing of the Spirit. The Word of God has supernatural activity when the written Word of God touches the human heart under the anointing of the Spirit. It has a supernatural dynamic when it comes into contact with the human heart in right conditions.

A surrendered life is all about trust. It is trusting that God has your best interests at heart. It is trusting that His Word can be believed and taken at face value. It is trusting that all of your needs will be met. Surrender takes the focus off of self and places it upon Christ, and is demonstrated by obedience.

Pastor Rick Warren of Saddleback Church in Lake Forest, California, writes, "Surrender is not the best way to live; it is the only way to live. Nothing else works. All other approaches lead to frustration, disappointment and self-destruction." I personally can think of no better way to stay focused as a believer than to completely surrender my life to my Lord and Savior. How about you?

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