

I Surrender All

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Then Eli said, “He is the Lord; let him do what is good in his eyes.” (1 Sam. 3:18)

ELI SURRENDERED TO THE LORD. The news was not good, but he accepted it as the God’s will.

Charlie Shedd liked his tobacco pipes, and smoking a pipe became one of his favorite diversions.

One day in a Christian bookstore, he saw a picture of the face of Jesus that he had never seen before. He liked it. Suddenly he sensed an inner voice saying, “Why not start a collection of ‘The Faces of Jesus,’ beginning with this one?”

He did, and hung several pictures in his study where he could see them every day. One day he heard that inner voice again: “In which of these faces would a pipe look good?”

He knew from that moment his pipes would have to go. On vacation, he took his pipe box and rowed to the middle of the lake. A half mile from his cabin, he dropped the box over the side. But the next morning, the pipes had washed up on the beach in front of his cabin.

Now he and the Lord had another conversation/ argument. But the following morning, he rowed back to the middle of the lake and dropped them in, one by one. As they all sank, he said, “There you are, Lord. This time they’re yours.”

Whatever your temptation is, if He puts His finger on it, it’s always best to release it.

Take inventory of your life. If God puts His finger on anything, drop it.

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Sermon Notes:

Luke 17:1-19

Leviticus 13:45-46

1. We should all see ourselves as these lepers did: _____ before God and men

2. We should all do as these lepers did: call out to Jesus the _____ for _____

3. We should all respond as these lepers did: with obedient _____

4. We should all respond as the one leper did: worship God at the feet of Jesus with _____ hearts

Hebrews 13:15-16

Matthew 8:1-4

Reflection: What is one new thing you believe God spoke to you today as a result of worshipping at FOCUS? Have you taken time to consider yourself as “unclean” before God outside of the work of Jesus? What act of obedience to Jesus are you being led to make as a result of studying this passage?

The Word of God directs us as we consider what the **next step** is for our lives. What is your next step?

Challenge: This week I will pray for the following person who needs healing from Jesus:

Communion at FOCUS

Every Sunday at FOCUS we celebrate the **Lord's Table, also known as Communion.** We have open communion which means all are invited to receive. We receive communion elements by intinction. Tearing off a small piece of the loaf of bread, dipping it in the communion glass of juice, and then consuming it immediately. Please note, upon your request, we also have gluten free elements for those with gluten and other major food allergies.

30 Days of Prayer for the Muslim World

Beginning May 15, and ending June 14 is Ramadan this year. During that same time frame, there is a world-wide call to prayer for Christians on behalf of Muslims around the globe. Our prayer is this, while Muslims are seeking to have encounters with Allah, that they would encounter Jesus. Will you join with us in prayer?

FOCUS Youth Group - tonight 6:30 - 8 PM

Wednesday Night Meal

We would like to invite you and your family to join us for supper this Wednesday. The meal will be served from 5:30-6:30 PM. All ages are invited and welcome!



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