

The Kingdom Functions on Surrender

BACKGROUND: On the 23-25 November 2014, I attended an Ian Clayton¹ conference in Maleny (QLD, Australia). During session 8, he stated that whenever you're blocked in the realm of Heaven, you must yield/surrender by opening up your heart to enable you to go through – you do not push as the that increases Heaven's resistance to you.² This struck me as important, and as I meditation on it after the conference, the Spirit dropped into my spirit the knowledge that the Kingdom works that way on Earth as well. I understood that it was the basis for surrendering our lives and our will to the King so we can be useful for him. Over time, I received more understanding that daily life is a surrender (but not in a Christian sense) so that he can do the work inside us, to change our character and our heart, and to reprogram our thinking.

The Kingdom of Heaven on Earth (AKA The Kingdom) works via surrender, not by force of any kind. We need to take that in and have a good look at ourselves. Where are we forcing things to happen? Where are we applying some pressure? See where your thinking needs to be?

Force is what the world uses – the world system and people – to achieve anything. Just look at what politicians do, the women's movement, socialists (AKA Communists), environmentalists, to name a few. Think about how you try to make things happen in the family and at work. Think about how you apply pressure to get your own way using manipulation.

The list is endless.

Any time you apply pressure/force in the Kingdom, the Kingdom resists it. It's only when you give in (surrender) and allow the Kingdom's spiritual processes to take place that things start happening. That surrender is in little things, not just big things. It starts with surrendering to King Jesus and accepting his Lordship so you enter the Kingdom, but surrender must continue as a mindset for living, from that time onwards.

Here's a few exemplars to show you the imperative nature of surrender.

Do you want to:

- Grow in the things of the Kingdom? Then you need to surrender to Father to be your only trainer, not research for yourself how to do it.
- Gain Kingdom knowledge? Then you need to surrender to Father to be your only teacher, not study the Bible, go to conferences, or read theological and Christian books.
- Think like Father? Then you need to surrender your will to Father, not try to be like him using your own effort. That's because you need him to instil in you his heart and mind for that change to effectively occur.
- Grow quickly as a son? Then you need to give up (discard) all your theology, religion and legalism, and let Father reprogram you with his spiritual Kingdom knowledge.
- Operate righteously? Then you need to surrender your will to Father and let him show you what he wants done (viz. that's what righteousness is), not trying to do what you think is holy or righteous.
- Things around you to change spiritually? Then stop operating in aggressive spiritual warfare and operate out of your sonship using the powerful authority you have by just being a son.
- Things done for you? Then stop pressuring Father to do things for you by pestering him or trying to earn his favour. Simply rest by surrendering your situations and circumstances to him and allow him to meet all your needs as he's promised.

1 – www.sonofthunder.org

2 – My notes

~~Take-away~~ Nothing happens effectively in the Kingdom, unless the Kingdom does it. Everything we do for the Kingdom by our own endeavour is a waste of our time and effort.

Let all that sink in.

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