

ONE LIFE

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Message Summary.

Before Jesus, we were spiritually dead. God made us alive through Christ. We are alive and filled with purpose and power. God wants all of us in full surrender.

Key Scriptures.

Luke 9:23, Then [Jesus] said to them all: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me.

Ephesians 2:1-10, As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our flesh and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath. But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Colossians 2:13, When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive with Christ.

2 Corinthians 5:17, Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!

Genesis 50:20, You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives.

Start Talking.

When was a time you gave 100% effort to something? What motivated you?

Start Thinking.

- Why do you think people often settle for giving God *some* instead of *all*?

- How does understanding your spiritual condition before Jesus (dead) affect how you view His grace?

Start Sharing.

1. In Luke 9, what does Jesus mean when He says we must "*deny ourselves and take up our cross daily*"? How is this different from a one-time decision to follow Him?
2. Compare Ephesians 2:1-5 and Colossians 2:13. What does it mean to be spiritually dead, and how does God bring us to life?
3. What does Matthew 13 say about the value of the Kingdom of God? Why do you think Jesus emphasized *joy* in surrender?
4. What percentage of your life do you think you've surrendered to God? Are there any *rooms* in your heart where you've hung a "DO NOT ENTER" sign?
5. What area of your life, past, present, or future, do you find most difficult to surrender to God fully? Why?
6. Have you ever experienced a moment where God gave you purpose in pain, like Joseph in Genesis 50:20? If you're comfortable, share that story.
7. Considering Ephesians 2:10, what *good works* might God have prepared for you? How can you walk in them this week?
8. The sermon mentioned sins of commission and omission. Which type do you more often struggle with, and what steps can you take to grow in obedience?

Start Praying.

Lord, thank You for not leaving us dead in our sins. Thank You for grace, purpose, and power. Help us surrender every area of our lives to You. Show us where we're holding back, and give us the courage to go all in.

Start Doing.

Pick one area you sense God asking for surrender. Take a NEXT STEP this week: pray with someone, start a new habit, serve, give, or forgive. Ask God, "God, do You have all of me?" Listen and respond.