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# ***Transformational Change: The Surrendered Life***

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The Number One Reason I Am Stressed Out Is Because  
I Am in Conflict with God

I Need to Surrender My Whole Way of Looking at Things

The Big 3 for Experiencing God's Peace:

“For I know the plans I have for you,” says the Lord. “They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.” *Jeremiah 29:11, NLT*

## **What Does the Surrendered Life Look Like?**

### **1. I Let Go Let God**

“I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.” *Galatians 2:20, ESV*

A True, "Letting Go," Is TO God, and IN Faith

If I Believe, I Will Let Go to God.  
I Will Let Go Because I WANT TO

### **2. I Can't Hold on To God, If I Am Holding on To Other Things**

“Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be.”  
*Matthew 6:21, NLT*

God Wants Me to Surrender Myself, Not THINGS

God Wants Me to Become ATTACHED to Him

For this to happen:

I Must Become DETACHED from Things

“Those who come to me cannot be my disciples unless they love me more than they love father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and themselves as well.” **Luke 14:26, GNB**

### 3. Letting Go TO God Is Not a Deal We Make with Him

“Bring out the people who have eyes but are blind, who have ears but are deaf. Gather the nations together! Assemble the peoples of the world! Which of their idols has ever foretold such things? Which can predict what will happen tomorrow? Where are the witnesses of such predictions? Who can verify that they spoke the truth? “But you are my witnesses, O Israel!” says the Lord. “You are my servant. You have been chosen to know me, believe in me, and understand that I alone am God. There is no other God—there never has been, and there never will be. I, yes I, am the Lord, and there is no other Savior.” **Isaiah 43:8–11, NLT**

A True Letting Go to God Carries  
No Bargain with It

I Relinquish My Right to Have Any Say  
to The Outcome of My Surrender

### 4. To Let Go TO God Is NOT RESIGNATION

“But if you refuse to serve the Lord, then choose today whom you will serve. Would you prefer the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates? Or will it be the gods of the Amorites in whose land you now live? But as for me and my family, we will serve the Lord.” **Joshua 24:15, NLT**

Letting Go Is a Purposeful Decision I Make  
in Light of What I Believe About God

## I How Do I Start a Surrendered Life?

1. I Confess and Surrender My Need for Control
2. I Stop Striving & Start Abiding

“Cease striving and know that I am God” *Psalm 46:10, NASB*

“You keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on you, because he trusts in you.” *Isaiah 26:3, ESV*