

Surrender

Absolute surrender to God is a major key to getting a Fresh Start. Hold nothing back. Trust Him with past failures, present frustrations, and your fears of the future. Surrender all to God all day, every day.

Bobby Richardson got it right when he prayed, "God's will, nothing more, nothing less, nothing else." I also like the prayer, "God do in me whatever you must, to do through *me* whatever you will."

Surrendering to God simplifies life. We can sort through issues quickly and wisely when we set our sails toward God. "No good thing does he withhold from those whose walk is blameless" (Ps. 84:11).

Surrendering to God solidifies life. He works mightily on behalf of those who have yielded themselves to him. "Therefore, we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea" because "He is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in time of trouble" (Ps. 46:1-2).

Surrendering to God helps us survive suffering, "Though you have made me see troubles many and bitter, you will restore my life again; from the depths of the earth you will again bring me up" (PS. 71:20). We discover God is at work before, during, and after troubles.

"How calmly may we commit ourselves to the hands of him who bears up the world," writes Jean Paul Richter. Therefore, we can surrender to God willfully, voluntarily, repeatedly. God wants you to surrender to Him so He can give you a Fresh Start Now.