



All to Jesus I Surrender?

by Jeff Foster

“All to Jesus I surrender, all to Him I freely give.”

These, of course, are the opening words to Judson Van DeVenter and Winfield Weeden’s beloved hymn. It’s #10 in the old Songs Of The Church hymnal that has been such an ever-present part of my life, and probably yours, as well.

Judson Wheeler Van DeVenter was born in 1855 on a farm in Michigan. He grew to be an art teacher in Pennsylvania. Friends urged him to leave his career in education and become engaged in fulltime ministry. Van DeVenter resisted this call at first, but eventually made the change in what he described as a “surrendering of his life to Christian service.” He wrote the words of his beloved hymn to describe his new choice of vocation.

Winfield Weeden put Van DeVenter’s words to music, and the hymn, “I Surrender All,” was published in 1896. Billy Graham, who had studied under Van DeVenter at the Florida Bible Institute toward the end of the art-teacher-turned-preacher’s life, popularized the hymn, “I Surrender All,” in his crusade revivals beginning in the 1940s.

“All to Jesus I surrender, all to Him I freely give.” We have often sung these words. Have we lived them?

We speak of giving ourselves to God, and of making Jesus the Lord of our lives, but what does that mean? When it’s convenient?

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We’re a family seeking to share God’s love.

Word Search

Puzzles are created by Jeff Foster and based on the NIV Bible.

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F	A	T	H	E	R	K	F	E	S	F	F	P	N	V
B	O	D	U	O	L	C	J	G	D	E	F	O	O	D
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G	F	T	E	R	S	R	E	A	D	Y	T	O	H	D
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W	L	M	L	N	I	W	O	L	R	V	N	N	E	R
Q	S	O	P	I	G	K	C	P	E	I	I	A	N	B
A	E	V	W	L	N	F	R	L	A	N	R	F	B	Y
G	R	A	S	S	E	E	I	R	O	T	D	Z	G	A
A	V	D	T	V	T	T	T	R	H	T	H	O	F	D
I	A	L	G	N	H	S	E	V	E	O	H	R	R	B
N	N	E	I	M	N	H	S	D	H	X	A	E	E	J
S	T	I	D	O	Y	O	U	T	H	I	N	K	R	E
T	S	F	C	D	E	M	A	N	D	E	D	R	S	S

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When it makes sense? When it fits in nicely with all the other things that we pile into our lives?

Surrender is a challenging word. It’s an intimidating word. It’s not a word that allows for half-hearted measures, or for part-time faith . . . it means ALL, it demands all.

In Luke 14.33 Jesus says, “Every one of you who does not say good-bye to all

Can you find each word hidden in the puzzle?

AFRAID	INTERPRET
AGAINST	I WISH
BLOWS	JUDGE
BRING FIRE	KINGDOM
BURNING	LAMPS
CLOTHES	MASTER
CLOUD	MOTHER-IN-LAW
COMPLETED	MOTHER
CONSTRAINT	PEACE
DAYBREAK	PENNY
DEMANDED	PETER
DIVIDED	PURSES
DO YOU THINK	READY
DRESSED	RECLINE
EARTH	SERVANTS
EAT	SOLOMON
FAMILY	SON
FATHER	SPLendor
FIELD	TABLE
FIVE	THIEF
FLOCK	THREE
FOOD	TREASURE
GRASS	TWO
HAVE COME	WEST
HEART	WISE
HYPOCRITES	WORRY

his possessions cannot be My disciple” (HCSB).

Jesus is not speaking of a life without things—after all, we live in a material world. What Jesus is speaking of is a life without ATTACHMENT to things, a life where Jesus, and His concerns and values, is made to be the chief priority. The life of surrender is no longer about self. “All to Thee, I surrender all!”

News & Notes



On Sunday, September 20, let's have an **Ice Cream Supper**, after our 6:00 p.m. service. Bring finger foods and homemade ice cream.

The **Workday** has been re-scheduled for **Saturday, October 17**, at the church building. One project will include **striping the parking lot**. Everyone is welcome to come and help. The more participants who show up, the more that we can accomplish.

A **Chosen Viewing Party** is scheduled for **Friday, September 25**. Menu: taco bar.

Cortez Church of Christ is hosting a **Truth About Origins Seminar** on **September 25-27**. Info is posted in the hall.

The annual **Leadership Training for Christ** convention will be held on **March 26-27, 2027**, in **Scottsdale, Arizona**. LTC is a program for **youth in 3rd to 12th grades** and involves a number of events that youth learn to do. These events are related to service and leadership in the church and society. Information about these events can be found at **Itcsw.org**. We will begin preparations here later in the Fall. Let Jeff Foster know if you are interested in participating.



Family Matters

Please let Jeff Foster know of announcements and prayer updates.

Prayer List

Ron MacLellan is recovering from surgery.

Linda Latner is undergoing a 3-week radiation therapy. She is a friend of Cam Isbell.

Please pray as we search for a **Youth & Family Minister** to work with us.

Continue to remember . . .

- Louise Baker
- Phyllis Beaver
- Stan Benson
- Eloyda Bridgewater
- Emma Cooke
- Kim Cooke
- Sally Heard
- Jocelyn Higgins
- Sharlene Holt
- Marlee Hughes
- Carl & Melba Lamb
- Mark Lance
- Linda Latner
- Kaylee Lucero
- Beverly MacLellan
- Carrie NeSmith
- Mike NeSmith
- Bethany Ogle
- Nina Ortega
- Rodney Phillips
- Bob Redwine
- Bill Salazar
- Phil Sanders
- Rita Sanders
- Philip Velasquez
- Monica Yazzie

In consideration of others, especially those with allergies and breathing complications, and to avoid accidents that have happened, please **do not bring dogs and other animals into the building**.

Please remember to **silence your cell phones** and other electronic devices during

Weekly Update

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sermon videos can be found at
vimeo.com/aztecchurchofchrist

Our Meetings:

Sunday Classes
at 10:00am

Sunday Worship
at 11:00am and 6:00pm

Wednesdays at 7:00pm

services are livestreamed to **YouTube** and **Facebook** at
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Church Treasurer:
Ron MacLellan

Worship Today

These men are asked to assist in our worship. Russ Jones coordinates worship leaders for each week.

September 20

Welcome & Prayer
Jeff Foster

Leading Singing
Robert Isbell

Communion Thoughts
Leland Wilson

Communion Servers
Robert Gomez
Rory Eavenson
Ron MacLellan

Scripture Reading & Prayer for the Sick
Duncan Farrow
Luke 12.49-53

Preaching
Jeff Foster
At Random:
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Jesus Came To Bring Fire
Luke 12.49-53

Closing Prayer
Russ Jones

TONIGHT @ 6:00pm

Leading Prayers
Steve Baker
Lynn Trice

Song Leading & Preaching
Jeff Foster
A Study of Genesis

September 27

Welcome & Prayer
Jeff Foster

Leading Singing
Robert Isbell

Communion Thoughts
Russ Jones

Communion Servers
Cameron Jones
Carl Nokes
Felipe Velasquez

Scripture Reading & Prayer for the Sick
Steve Baker

Preaching
Jeff Foster
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Closing Prayer
Clay Cockerell

Sunday morning worship leaders are asked to meet in the north classroom between Bible class and worship.

Adult Bible Classes

Sundays @ 10:00am
Hebrews

Wednesdays @ 7:00pm
Gospel of John

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