

Idolatry,
comfort and
surrender.



Exodus 20

- ³ “You shall have no other gods before me.”

Hoping for a comfortable life? Like this?





Maybe
this?

Or this?





Possibly this?

Maybe it was
always meant to
be this.



Matthew 6

³³ But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

John 14 (RGT)

- **15** “If you love Me, keep My Commandments.
- **16** “And I will ask the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter, that He may be with you forever;

I Surrender All





How to surrender

Surrendering to God is not about aligning our feelings to God's feeling. It's about aligning our actions to his will.

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If we love him, we will obey his commandments

Even when

- we don't like it
- we don't understand it
- we don't agree with it
- we don't benefit from it

Life by the spirit (part 1)

- ¹³ You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh^[a]; rather, serve one another humbly in love. ¹⁴ For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.'^[b] ¹⁵ If you bite and devour each other, watch out or you will be destroyed by each other.
- ¹⁶ So I say, live by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷ For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever^[c] you want. ¹⁸ But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

Life by the spirit (part 2)

- ¹⁹ The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; ²⁰ idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions ²¹ and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.
- ²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. **²⁴ Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.** ²⁵ Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. ²⁶ Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other.

Acts of the flesh

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- And the like.....

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