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The Forcefield of Surrender September 10, 2024 Suzi Armstrong

James 4.7 TPT

⁷ So then, **surrender to God. Stand up to the devil and resist him and he will flee in agony.**

- Traditional Bible translations say resist the devil and he will flee from you.
- Resistance is a force – to resist something you must exert energy or that “thing” you are resisting will overtake you. Resistance is not giving in – it is refusing to be influenced or overtaken by something.
- Technically it means to withstand a force. It means to stand firm, to be unmovable. In Latin it means to remain standing or keep your position.
- To withstand a force there must be a counterforce of equal or greater measure released – we can call this pushback. If there is no pushback to create space, you can be overrun by what is trying to overtake you.
 - Surrendering to God creates a supernatural forcefield that contains the force of Heaven. This forcefield is filled with the Word of God – His promises, His power and authority, His mighty angels, and the authority of the Name and blood of Jesus.
 - Surrendering to God is letting go of control and trusting God and His Word, His goodness, His promises, His faithfulness.
 - The forcefield of surrender to God is the government of God at work on your behalf.
- The devil flees in agony because you are stranding united with Jesus and the blood of Jesus speaking for you. This is the forcefield of surrendering to God.
- Surrendering to God is an open door to the wisdom of God.

Ephesians 3.10-12 NIV

¹⁰ His intent was that now, through the church, **the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms,** ¹¹ **according to his eternal purpose that he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord.** ¹² In him and through faith in him we may approach God with freedom and confidence.

- How do we and how does the church participate in this? Through surrendering to God – yielding to His purposes, even when we are not certain what His purposes are.
- Stay positioned in surrender.

Colossians 1.21-23 NIV

²¹ **Once you were alienated from God** and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior.

²² But **now he has reconciled you** by Christ’s physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation— ²³ if you **continue in your faith, established and firm, and do not move from the hope held out in the gospel.** This is the gospel that you heard and that has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven, and of which I, Paul, have become a servant.

- We surrendered to the Gospel message; letting go of the world systems and narratives.
- We are no longer surrendered to the chaos of the world.

1 Thessalonians 5.15 TPT

¹⁵ **Resist revenge,** and make sure that no one pays back evil in place of evil but always **pursue doing what is beautiful to one another and to all the unbelievers.**

- Resist with the forcefield of surrender – you have decided to follow Jesus.
- No turning back.

Luke 9.23 TPT

²³ Jesus said to all of his followers, **"If you truly desire to be my disciple, you must disown your life completely, embrace my 'cross' as your own, and surrender to my ways."**

- Surrendering to God's ways are the ways of life.
- You are no longer subject to the death structures of the world.

Romans 12.1-2 TPT

¹ Beloved friends, what should be our proper response to God's marvelous mercies? To **surrender yourselves to God to be his sacred, living sacrifices. And live in holiness, experiencing all that delights his heart.** For this becomes your genuine expression of worship.

² Stop imitating the ideals and opinions of the culture around you, but **be inwardly transformed by the Holy Spirit through a total reformation of how you think.** This will empower you to discern God's will as you live a beautiful life, satisfying and perfect in his eyes.

Psalm 46.10 TPT

¹⁰ **Surrender your anxiety. Be still and realize that I am God.**

I am God above all the nations, and I am exalted throughout the whole earth.

- As we are experiencing the nations in uproar today, know that God is above all the nations.
- The forcefield of surrender puts you above – not under control and fear.

Psalm 96.7-10 NIV

⁷ **Surrender to the Lord Yahweh, all you nations and peoples.**

Surrender to him all your pride and strength.

⁸ Confess that Yahweh alone deserves all the glory and honor.

Bring an offering and come celebrate in his courts.

⁹ Come worship the Lord God wearing the splendor of holiness.

Let everyone wait in wonder as they tremble in awe before him.

¹⁰ **Tell the nations plainly that Yahweh rules over all!**

He is doing a great job, and nothing will disrupt him, for he treats everyone fair and square.

- God wants all the nations to surrender to Him and be blessed – this is the forcefield of surrender.

Psalm 22.27-28 NIV

²⁷ All the ends of the earth will remember and turn to the Lord,

and all the families of **the nations will bow down before him,**

²⁸ **for dominion belongs to the Lord and he rules over the nations.**

PRAYER AND DECLARATION:

To Detroit, to Michigan, and to our Nation we declare that the kingdom of the earth is NOW the Kingdom of God and His Christ. **We speak surrender over our communities, especially as we are entering a very divided election season.** Surrender to the Lord Yahweh all your pride and strength, surrender your fear and anxiety. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. Receive into your innermost core the testimony of Jesus. Be filled with the fragrance of life, hope, and truth. Surrender to the peace of God in our land and in our cities.

From GH15: Over tonight's presidential debate we declare that Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Life! In the Name of Jesus, we pray that the hidden things would be revealed. We ask You Lord to destroy the unholy unity of liars that band together to conceal things from the American public. We pray that the Lord would surround the truthful with favor as a shield. And that the Lord would set any liars against one another in confusion such that both their supporters and their strategies would self-destruct and flee. We ask You, God, to increase the truthful in strength, and to confound all those who side with lies. We pray that all candidates would speak as oracles of God. Lord, give every candidate the tongue of the learned and awaken their ears to Your voice. We declare that there would be no twisting of words; that nothing would be misconstrued or misreported. **We surrender all to Jesus!**