

Surrendered

. . . every breath, every heartbeat, every word!

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(Three Senior adults stand between two flagpoles with flags that are white on one side and red on the other. The red side is displayed first. Adult 2 carries a large purse)

ADULT 1: If you're like me, you have spent years serving in the church. There never seems to be enough people who are willing to serve on the hospitality committee, the benevolence committee, wrap items to be sent to missionaries, bake cookies for Bible School, etc., etc., etc. And what about those church dinners where everyone seems to disappear when it's cleanup time. There's a lot of church members younger than I am. Why can't they step in to shoulder the load? I thought when I retired I was supposed to have more free time!

ADULT 2: *(clutching purse)* I can certainly agree with you. What about all the emphasis on giving—give your tithe, give an offering, give to Lottie Moon, give to the Mary Hill Davis Offering, give to the building fund. I'm worn out just thinking about it. I would like to be able to give more, but the cost of living is high, there is so much uncertainty in our world, and I never know when an emergency may arise. I live on a fixed income—surely God understands I must be cautious about my giving.

ADULT 3: All those things you are saying are true. After all these years in the church you would think others would take the lead. And they do in many cases. But I've begun to realize that God leaves us here on earth to discover all we can about Him and to let that knowledge be a witness to others. Paul said, "I want to know Christ in the power of his resurrection; I want to know Christ in his suffering; I want to know Christ so that when I see him face to face, then I can say, 'Now I know Christ!'"

So you see, God didn't intend for us to sit back and let others take our place/ We really have no choice when you put it that way. Our only answer can be, "I surrender all!"

ADULT 2: *(look of dawning)* You're right! I surrender all!

ADULT 1: I get it! I surrender all!

ADULT 3: every breath!

ADULT 2: every heartbeat!

ADULT 1: every word!

ALL: SURRENDERED!

(All three adults go to one flag and then another and reverse the flags to the white side.)