



BROKEN: SURRENDER

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Last week we learned that when God confronted Jacob, the struggler, He asked Jacob his name. Of course God knew his name, but this caused Jacob to say his name and be reminded of its meaning – deceiver or manipulator. Mike said, “Until God changes the way you see yourself, nothing much is going to happen in your life. You’re going to struggle the rest of your life.” He also pointed out that many people never get past struggling with their brokenness. They get stuck—sometimes for life.

It doesn’t have to be that way. You and I can face the struggles and brokenness in our lives and push through them into restoration and healing. But first we have to stop fighting.

We have to surrender.

Watch the Video Summary of This Week’s Sermon at www.christchurchil.org/broken under the Study Guide tab

This week we discuss the sermon on Surrender and the reading on Big Ideas about God. (Book 3, Ch. 4-5)

Mike opened the reading with a story about his nightly routine in the neurological intensive care unit days after his stroke. He talked about the fear he felt when he didn’t know whom to trust. His experience is an illustration of the fact that we all need someone we can trust. Do you have someone in your life you fully trust, no matter what? What difference does that person make in your life?



QUESTIONS | BOOK 3 (CHAPTERS 4-5)

1. The big idea of chapter four is that while people will let us down, God never will. He can be trusted with everything in our lives. Do you truly trust God? What hinders your full trust in God? Are there people or things you place your trust in more than God?
2. Reflecting on the life of Hosea, how does it make you feel that God will always keep his commitment to you even when you’re unfaithful to him?
3. The final big idea from book three is that eternity changes everything. In a culture that lives for the moment and worships youth, has eternity changed your perspective and values? If you were to take an inventory of your life choices and priorities, what would your record say you’re living for?
4. Knowing that eternity is forever, what changes do you need to make today?



APPLYING THE SERMON: SURRENDER

1. In the sermon, we looked at the way David processed the grief of losing his infant son. From 2 Samuel 12:16-24, Mike pointed out four things David did on his path of surrendering to God in his pain: 1) Accept what cannot be changed; 2) Look to eternity; 3) Go through the healthy motions of life; and 4) Choose to worship God. Which of these is the greatest challenge when you face trials? Which of these is God calling you toward now? What would it look like for you to surrender in this area?
2. In defining surrender, Mike said, “God doesn’t call us to give up as much as he invites us to sign up for a bigger, better dream.” How do you imagine God may be working all things together for your good (Romans 8:28), even in your brokenness?