

# Victory through my Surrender

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## I. Introduction.

- A. Be relaxed in the Lord.
- B. Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. (1 Corinthians 13)
- C. If you adopt something, adapt it to your own situation.
- D. The speaker does not have all the answers and wants to learn from others. (Romans, Colossians 3:16)
- E. Theme: finish the race and complete the track. (Acts 20:24)
  - 1. The Christian walk is a cross country marathon through a battle field.
  - 2. A person can finish the race well.
  - 3. The task is testifying to the gospel of God's grace, which means you let God do something for you before you try to do something for him. (Mark 5:19)
  - 4. People are interested to know what God has done for us because that way they might hope that God would do something for them.
  - 5. The Christian life is by faith through grace—this is the hookup of God.
  - 6. The hope is that everyone will receive a personal call from God for their task.

## II. Lessons learned from life with Dawson Trotman, the founder of the Navigators.

- A. The speaker learned in high school about the grace that Jesus Christ offers to sinners and he turned his life over to Jesus Christ. His life changed after this and he began to enjoy church and the Bible where he had not before.
- B. The speaker's ministry under Trotman afterward was difficult, but the Lord led him to surrender and continue ministry with him.
  - 1. You must surrender to God for whatever to truly find His will.
  - 2. Surrendering to God freed the speaker from men so that he could serve them. (2 Corinthians 4:5)
- C. The speaker had to surrender himself and his family again to God when he was with the Billy Graham Crusade in Europe because he could not be at home to raise and protect his children. We must commit our children to God—He will keep them. (Isaiah 49:25, 44:3)
- D. God is not our servant—we are His servants. Our life is in his hands. (Psalm 31:15)

E. Physical problems are reminders of our mortality. Surrender is the key to hope and glory.

F. The Lord does not overwhelm—Satan does. Cast your burden upon the Lord and you will not be shaken. (59:19, 55:22)

1. Make a list of your life's major concerns.

2. Go through each concern on the list and tell God that you believe He is capable of handling each one by one.

### **Application questions**

1. What about the speaker's testimony challenged you the most? Explain.

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2. What issues do you find yourself needing to surrender to the Lord?

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3. Explain why surrender is the key to hope and glory and why good may arise out of physical problems.

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