

DAY 7: SUNDAY, JANUARY 12

LET ME HAVE ALL THINGS, LET ME HAVE NOTHING

Have you ever considered how Jesus can become more in your life? In John 3:30 (NIV), John the Baptist, speaking about Jesus, said, “He must become greater; I must become less.” John’s response, I believe, is essential for us as believers as we begin the new year.

When we fast, we acknowledge our need for Jesus above other things and make Him more.

In what areas of your life are you refusing to give control to Christ? Is it in your relationships? Is there unforgiveness or bitterness in your heart? Maybe it’s in your finances? I don’t know which area in your life remains unsundered, but what would it cost you to become less in that area so that Jesus can become more?

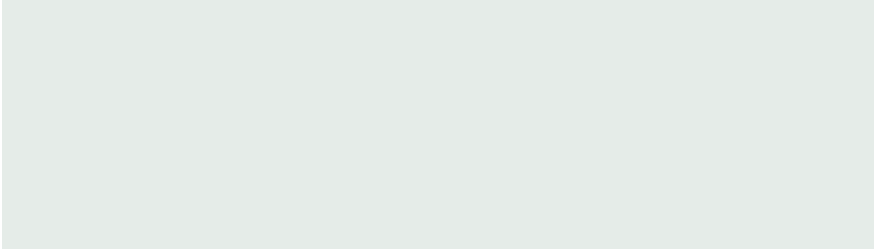
I also believe that if you become angry when these areas are brought up, it’s usually a red, blinking signal indicating that part of your life is unsundered. As faithful followers of Jesus, we follow a curious Savior. What I mean by that is one who surrendered all rights and was obedient to the point of death on a cross. We follow a Jesus who said He came not to be served but to serve others. The surrender I’m speaking of is a sweet surrender. In those areas where Jesus becomes more, we find that when we let go, we experience more life and more joy.

In essence, Jesus became less so that we could become more. He surrendered His rights to give us life. What is it that you need to surrender? Don’t fight what God has for you—surrender and experience the sweet surrender of a loving Jesus!

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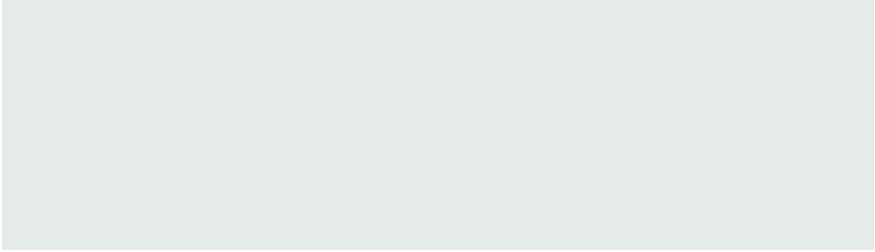
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Read John 3:30 again. Stop and reflect on what would more of Jesus look like in your life?



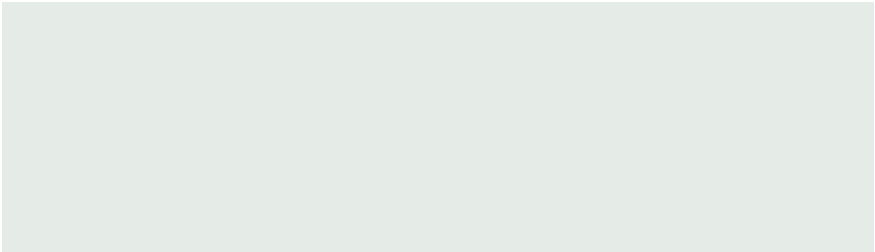
REJOICE

Jesus became less so you could become more! In what ways are you experiencing God's love more through the experience of prayer and fasting?



ASK

Ask God as you pray and fast to reveal areas where you can experience greater and sweeter surrender to Him. Write those things down.



YIELD

Write a prayer of surrender for those things in which you are resisting Jesus. Additional Prayer Pages start on page 26.