

EMBARK | WEEK 4 - SURRENDER: GOD'S WILL BECOMING MY WILL

REVIEW LAST WEEK'S THEME:

God's Love and the Gift of Salvation

Key Scripture: John 3:16 (NIV)

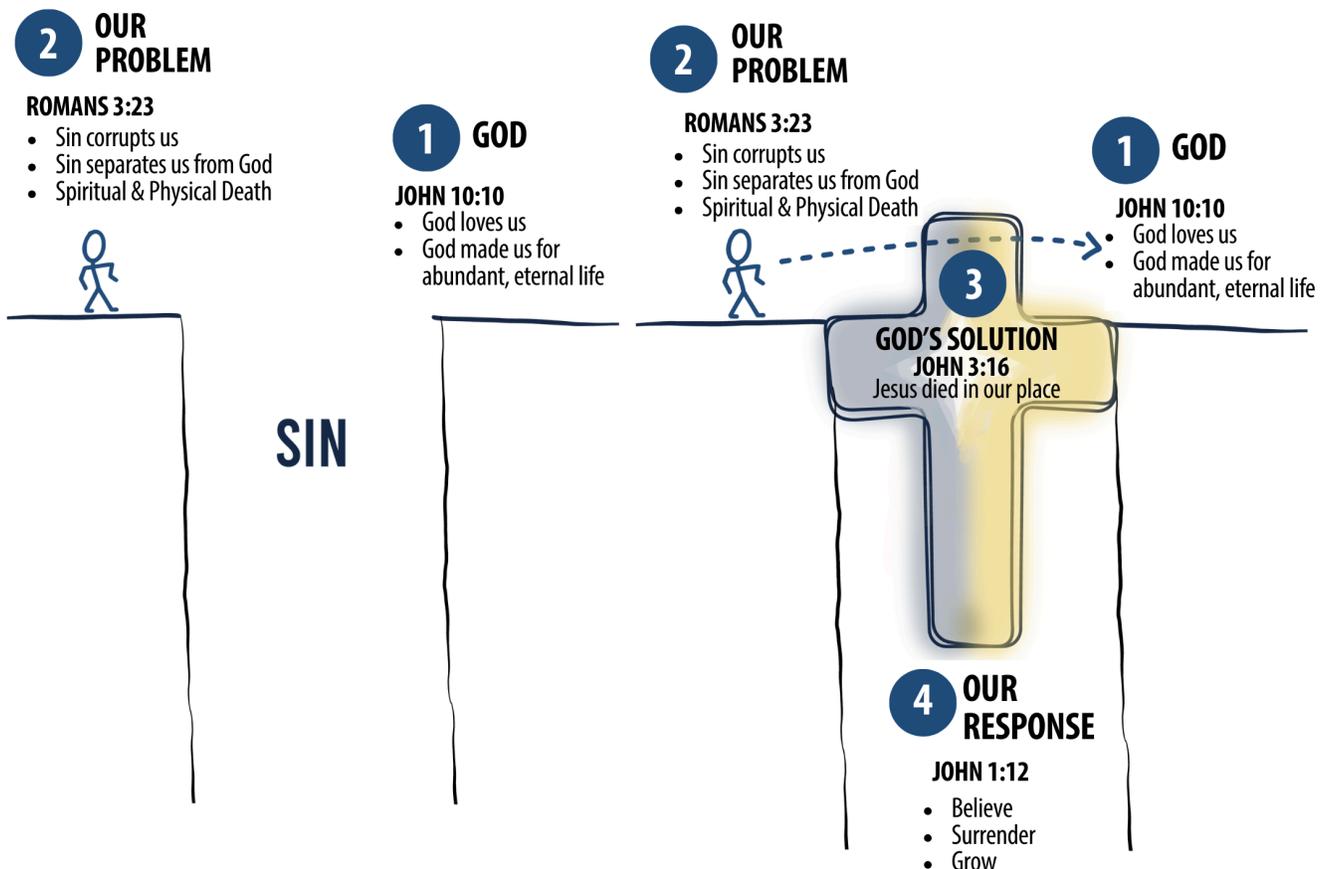
"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."

Opening Reflection:

Would anyone like to share something meaningful from their journaling or personal study last week?

Review the Bridge Illustration:

- Why did Jesus have to die?
- Is salvation really a free gift?



THIS WEEK'S FOCUS: GOD'S WILL BECOMING MY WILL

KEY SCRIPTURE - LUKE 9:23 (NIV)

Then he said to them all: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me."

BIG IDEA

How we move from belief to transformation by choosing to surrender my will to Jesus daily and trust that God's way is truly best.

DISCUSS

Sanctification is the lifelong process where God shapes you in your attitudes and your actions. It is not about becoming "perfect"- It's about becoming more like Jesus because God is working in you.

- What does the process of sanctification look like in my life?
- Will I ever be free of sin?
- What does it mean to align my will with God's will?
- Is God offering us freedom or a set of rules?

PERSONAL STORY

TEACHING VIDEO

VIDEO RECAP & DISCUSSION

- God doesn't leave us on our own—He invites us into a **relationship** to help us live the abundant life.
- We need help to live that life—help that comes through **surrendering to God's will**.
- Culture says: "Follow your heart." Jesus says: **"Follow Me."**
- **Surrender is trusting God more than yourself.**
- We surrender because we are **sinful**, and God is **perfectly good**.

WHAT DOES SURRENDER LOOK LIKE?

- Choosing daily to **obey God's loving will** as taught in Scripture.
- Following **Jesus**, not our self-focused desires.
- As we walk with Jesus, our **desires begin to change**—His will becomes our will.
- The goal is not robotic obedience, but a **reshaped heart**.

GROUP DISCUSSION

- Share about a time when you saw Christians who claimed belief in Jesus but struggled to surrender. Why do you think that happens?
- How can we come to truly believe that **God's will is best** for us?
- What are the **hardest areas** of life to surrender? Why are those so challenging?

SCRIPTURES FOR FURTHER REFLECTION

Look up the following Scriptures and reflect on what each teaches about surrender and God's work in your life.

- **Romans 12:2** — God will transform our minds.
- **Hebrews 11** — Old Testament examples of surrender to God's will.
- **Colossians 1:9-12** — A prayer to be filled with God's will.
- **Proverbs 3:5-6** — Trust in the Lord; He will direct your path.
- **Matthew 11:28-30** — Jesus says, "Take My yoke upon you."

ACTION STEP

Read the Scripture passages listed above and reflect upon what they teach about surrender. Use the journaling prompts and consider if you've truly trusted Jesus alone for salvation.

Pray: *may our highest joy and greatest delight be to live in the center of God's will, treasuring His Word and trusting His heart—especially when surrender feels hard.*

