



a confidential worksheet to help you

Act Upon James Reboot Principles

Begin with prayer... *“God please enable me to set aside everything I think I know and open my mind to a renewed experience with You. Help me see your truth. Help me acknowledge the disasters which have arisen in my life from moments I have followed my will instead of Yours. Help me now as I surrender the care of my life to You. In Jesus name of hope, Amen”*

Be real... All our religious phraseology will not get us deep enough to do any personal good. All the recitation of correct Biblical answers are too shallow to hit the deep issues of our personal will. Rebooting demands an honest look in the mirror of our soul. Getting real with what and who we are. To be successful in this faith experience we must be honest.

The path to renewing your spiritual passion will take:

- 1. A purposeful decision*
- 2. An honest recognition of how my will is controlling my life*
- 3. A resolute action of surrendering*

The goal - What kind of amazing things will happen when you give God control of your life:

- You will always be directed in the best direction
 - ***Prov 3:5-6 Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own understanding; think about Him in all your ways, and He will guide you on the right paths.***
- You will experience a diminished self-will which breeds genuine concern for others
 - ***Phil 2:3-4 Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others.***
- You will discover an indescribable peace
 - ***Phil 4:6-7 Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus***

- You will live with a restfulness amid all the weariness, uncertainties, doubts, fears, and pains of this world
 - ***Matt 11:28-29 “Come to Me, all of you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. All of you, take up My yoke and learn from Me, because I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for yourselves.***
- You will become a different person
 - ***2 Cor 5:15-17 And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again. So, from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!***

I. A PURPOSEFUL DECISION

1. Generally, what does it mean to make a decision?
2. What would it look like to make a decision to let God fully reign in your life?
3. What does your life look and feel like when you hold back on giving God complete sovereignty over you daily affairs?

4. Describe how ready you are right now to surrender and accept God's directives, direction, and details for your life.

II. RECOGNIZING THE FAILURES OF MY SELF-WILL

1. What parts of your life do you struggle to turn over to God? Why?
2. What results from that failure?
3. In what ways do you lack rational judgment and emotional control when living under the guidance of self-will? What does this reveal to you?
4. One contributing factor for maintaining control of our own life is that we have trusted others only to be disappointed in the outcome of that trust. In what ways have you been betrayed in the past?

5. What role might those past betrayals play in your holding back on fully surrendering to God?

6. What observation do you make regarding self-will from Matthew 26:36-46?

**The sorrow which this "cup" brought upon the life of Jesus was too much for Him. He did not have the inner strength, self-will, or fortitude to endure and claims that His soul was swallowed up in sorrow (vs 38). He found no self-generated serenity or peace because He was incapable of manufacturing such. He only found solace when His present situation was submitted to the control of God. Then, like Todd Beamer on flight 93, He approached the sleeping disciples with words echoing His surrender and trust, "Let's go."*

7. What cross/es are you facing right now that has/have swallowed you up in sorrow and brought you to face the reality of your own lack of control?

III. ACTIONS OF SURRENDER

1. If you knew that all was well and on schedule in your life today, how would you feel?

2. If you knew that things were being managed by someone greater than yourself and that they also always acted in accord with your best interest, how would you function today?

3. How does knowing you have no control over events, outcomes, or people play into your willingness to live within the control of God?

4. James has belabored the point that faith must be accompanied by actions. When dealing with trial, temptation, study, faith, speech, thinking, attitudes, love, planning, prosperity, patience, or prayer – one's faith demand's obedient activity. Knowing the right thing is never all sufficient. What specific actions do you see necessary for you to move more fully into living a surrendered lifestyle?

5. Record your prayer seeking forgiveness, proclaiming surrender, and committing to the actions which will demonstrate to God your willingness to find peace within His will for all kinds of situations He allows to enter your earthly experience.

Let God speak with you about making this decision, recognizing your inabilities, and putting faith into action...

Ps. 37:4-6
Josh. 1:9
Heb. 13:8
Isa. 41:10
Jn. 14:1
Prov. 16:3
Heb. 13:6

Rom. 8:28
Rom. 15:13
Jer. 17:7-8
Heb. 11:6
Ps. 56:3
Isa. 12:2
Prov. 16:20

Ps. 28:7
Jer. 29:11
Ps. 112:7
Phil. 4:6-7
Ps. 118:8
Lk. 10:27
1Jn. 4:16

Ps. 46:10
Mt. 6:25
Isa. 26:3
Prov. 29:25
Ps. 20:7
2Cor. 5:7
Rom. 12:1-2

Be Still ~ By Deborah Ann

Be still, my soul, be at peace,
let not thy worries overcome
be still, and know He is your God
and will . . . your heart-strings . . . strum.

Be still, my heart and let go,
let surrender be thy sweet release
be still, and know God's saving power
to eternity, can never ~ or cease.

Be still, my mind and surrender all,
let thy weakness take you to your knees
be still, and know of God's sufficiency
where His glory surpasses all thy needs.

Be still, my spirit admit thy defeat,
let thyself dwell on things from above
be still, and know He is in control
and be strengthened by and in His love.

Be still, my soul be at peace,
let Him complete in thee His perfect will
be still, and know He is your God
and will . . . your heart-strings . . . still.

The Freedom In Surrender - Maggie

The Lord had given me a gift,
Precious, dear, and good.
But young and foolish as I
was,
I didn't seek HIM as I should.

Caught up in all the wonder,
I didn't turn to see
The Giver of the thing I held,
As He looked down at me.

"My child," He said, "The
thing I gave
Was not to take My place.
I must still be your heart's
first love,
So come, and seek My face."

My ear was not tuned
towards Him,
I didn't hear the call.
The gift became too much to
me,
And I began to fall.

God showed me, "Child, give
it up.
Surrender back to Me.
The good gift that I gave you
You've made more than it
should be."

Though I was stubborn
'gainst His will,
The Lord began to work.
I couldn't see the good in it,
And knew that it would hurt.

He reached to take the gift
away,
I clung tightly to it still.
My heart had grown around it
Instead of Him, until—

Just like that – it was
removed.
My life has changed again.
I closed my eyes and shook
my head,
How foolish I had been.

I then looked down upon my
hands,
The blood was hot and red.
Deep scars now etched into
my skin.
I felt like I was dead.

I sat in pain, the silence
screamed.
My heart felt ripped and
bruised.
My eyes now burned with
unshed tears,
Though to weep I'd not
refused.

Did He sit back and laugh
then,
As I got what I deserved?
No. He's a loving Father,
And my life He then
preserved.

A soft breeze flitted gently
by,
The contrast there was
sharp.
I turned my eyes back to the
sky,
And gave to God my heart.

I knew that He deserved
much more.
I had nothing good to give,
And so I gave Him
everything.
For Him alone I'd live.

God took the broken
mangled bits,
And slowly He did then

Make for me a miracle;
A chance to start again.

Now to His hand I tightly
hold,
Between us nothing stays.
He healed my scars by His
own blood,
To Him I give all praise.

On the path, again I'll trod,
I'll follow Him so near.
I am ashamed it took this fall
To make the choices clear.

But God is in the business of
Making the old things new.
I seek Who's made me
radiant,
And trust in all I do.

My life is now so full of joy,
Learning to trust the Lord.
Through the hard times in my
life,
His grace on me is poured.

He's straightening out the
rough parts
In my life, and He's not done
The crooked places falling
straight,
As He takes number one.

He's placed before me once
again
The treasure, dear it's true,
But now I hold in open
hands,
Just as He wants me to.

I will not soon forget the
lessons
Learned in yesteryear.
As I love the gift He's given,
His voice -I'll always hear