

**This Is The Way
Surrender
Luke 22:42**

Introduction: This Fall At Church

➤ People of the Way

He (Saul) requested letters addressed to the synagogues in Damascus, asking for their cooperation in the arrest of any followers of the Way he found there. He wanted to bring them—both men and women—back to Jerusalem in chains. (Acts 9:2 NLT)

About that time, serious trouble developed in Ephesus concerning the Way. (Acts 19:23 NLT)

“But I admit that I follow the Way, which they call a cult. I worship the God of our ancestors, and I firmly believe the Jewish law and everything written in the prophets. (Acts 24:14 NLT)

Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, “This is the way; walk in it.” (Isaiah 30:21 NIV)

Setting The Stage

Note: “Early Christians were not known as Believers in the Creed. They were Followers of the Way.”

Note: There are similarities to a 12-Step program. “12-Step programs were actually borrowed from the church. The church needs them back.”

2 Commitments To Make

1. Attend faithfully
2. Come with raw honesty

The Need To Surrender

- “Your will be done.”
- “We have two basic problems”

I don’t really understand myself, for I want to do what is right, but I don’t do it. Instead, I do what I hate. (Romans 7:15 NLT)

And I know that nothing good lives in me, that is, in my sinful nature. I want to do what is right, but I can’t. I want to do what is good, but I don’t. I don’t want to do what is wrong, but I do it anyway. (Romans 7:18-19 NLT)

Note: “This is the human condition. We want to do what is good, but we will do what is wrong to get what we want.”

Realize This: It’s not about trying harder

Understand: Surrender is the first step

Then he said to the crowd, “If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross daily, and follow me.” (Luke 9:23 NLT)

Three Memorable Phrases

- “I can’t”
- “God can”
- “I think I’ll let him”

“Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done.” Then an angel from heaven appeared and strengthened him. (Luke 22:42-43)