

## Reflections from the Creative God sermon series

### #1 Surrender - Kerry Hill

The latest chapter of my life, notice I'm saying latest not last, as most of you know has been quite challenging. This illness took me completely by surprise & I'm told could have taken my life.

The re cooperation period has "harnessed" me, sometimes literally, tethered to oxygen and, seemingly, endless "meds". I have had a great deal of time to think, thinking about what could have happened. ....and what did. The thing that keeps me grounded is that God brought me through this for a purpose and is continuing to work in me with healing both body and soul, softening my heart and giving me the opportunity with whatever time I have remaining to view things with a much different perspective.

I have "Surrendered".

"Be still and know I am God"

### Surrender - Kevin Gore

This one is the biggest for me because I had so much anger towards God I hated for for what he stood for I thought How could he take my dad from me before I got to say good bye to him I thought if this is God then he is an Unfair God how could he do this to me then I started feeling different it was like he was pulling at very being I went to a state rally for the group im in and I had the national evangelist help me start back on the path of Righteous then I start going to The Genesis Project and through gods word that Pastor Matt Roberts spoke I could tell God was talking to me and a year ago come this May I gave myself to Jesus and have not even looked back and I have been blessed so ,any times since it has been wonderful

### #1 Surrender - Christina Zablocki

~ I Completely Surrendered my life & my will to God almost 6 years ago when I put down the drugs & alcohol. God sure had not given up on me! I was Broken Beyond measure ~~ By Turning My Will Over now Every Day, I am Born Anew. Life takes on New Exciting Meaning when I put it in The Father's Hands to Mold My Will According to His Divine Purpose. I Open My Heart, mind, hands & SURRENDER ALL I AM Unto The Lord. My Potter then Molds Me, Shapes Me, into Being The Best Me I Can BE. I SURRENDER TO WIN! I Am Teachable Each New Day and this is A Beautiful Metamorphosis. Love Living IN GOD's WILL! Surrender is The Key to Joy Coming In The Morning. Thank You Jesus!!! 🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏

### #2 Broken - Heidi Lewis

"We have an aversion to being broken by God because we have been broken by people who are NOT trustworthy. We have to find a trust in the ONE doing the breaking. God wants to break us to LIFE." "God has to grind OUR fingerprints off of our lives." "In the middle of brokenness it's easy to look back at the past and want to go there. We have to say there's nothing in me that I don't want God's hands all over. " "Faith trusts in the process of the coming masterpiece" <3 These are some of the quotes from that particular teaching that really made an impact on my Spirit. I've been a believer my whole life and I've heard different teachings on the potter and the clay. The thing that really spoke to me about this teaching was the quote about how we have an aversion to being broken because we have been broken by people we trusted. We have to find a trust in the one that has the knowledge of doing the breaking... God created us and knows all about us and he knows how much we can endure. Out of this particular

teaching, the main thing that spoke to me was TRUST. I realized the brokenness I've been through by "people" has hindered my ability to Trust God when he is breaking me. I didn't realize that was a struggle I had until this teaching. I knew I had a problem trusting people, but didn't know I had one trusting God...

### **#3 Revive - Steve Bigelow**

I have had the opportunity to become someone that I never dreamed would be possible due to the light of Jesus Christ! You see I was the kind of person that you didn't trust with the keys to your house or your car or your business because of your fear that I might clean you out! You see I was a drug addict and I was the kind of drug addict that would steal your dope and help you look for it! Because of the restoration of Jesus's love in my life I am trusted by Matt Roberts, Kyle Hill, Holly Hill, Alfred Murillo, Zack Cowles, and Paul Widmark who you would all know to be the executive pastors of this awesome and life changing church! Since my introduction to this church my life has been totally and completely revived I have two great and very awesome jobs and I have my own apartment and have been in it for almost five years and this all come out of a junkie that lived on people's couches for the better part of 20 years! Thanks be to Jesus for everything that he has restored to my life and everything else that he has given to me that I don't deserve!

### **#4 Purify - Brenda Makela**

Realizing that i will never be perfect on my own but with the help of my Advocate, i have this chance to work out the imperfections. My plans may fail, but my God's never will! The more He bends and shapes me, the less i see of me and more of Him comes shining through me.

### **#5 Craftsmanship - Wendy Thompson**

It has taken me my whole life to turn my will over to God. My mother passed in November. She was my everything, my best friend, my confidant, my inspiration and my help with finances. When she left this world I stopped living. I couldn't believe she was gone. I know she is in heaven, happy and pain free. I became sicker and sicker with grief. I turned to God, my Father in heaven and surrendered. He has not left my side. He has shown me that I can carry on with his help. I turned all my trust and faith to Him. I have received a glorious gift. He carries my burdens. He has brought angles into my life every day, and every day I have grown stronger. The beautiful people in my life have helped me through Him. I am his child and he has made sure I have everything I need. I love Him with all my heart. I have faith, trust, and a wonderful life today...and it all began with surrender. God bless.

### **#6 Fire - Judy Martin**

Ok, this is going to be very easy. Over the last couple of days I have realized where I am and what God is doing in my life right now. I know I'm a really good teacher, and I love my students beyond anything I can think of, but over the last 2 years I have had contact with parents like I've never had in my whole career. My boss tells me that, in other words, I'm not as gentle to some of them as I need to be. I define them as helicopter parents and parents who just have other priorities before their child's education. Recently I had an observation and discussion with my principal, and her words just struck me really hard. They weren't words said in anger or frustration, but they were words that just settled on my heart wrong. God helped me put this together; its not about what you say, it's about how you make them feel. God wanted me to feel like my parents have been feeling. I welcome this challenge in my life, because every single day I pray for God transform me into the woman He created me to be. I truly believe He is doing just that, so I need to praise Him in the storm even though that storm is really ugly at times. I believe

I'm in the fire. This has been an amazing series Pastor, and I can't think of any reason why every person who hears these words cannot be changed.

### **FIRE - Clint Winchester**

whoa that fire!!! It's consuming. God has thrown me into more than one fire. He has fanned my flames over and over again. I am undeserving and yet he continues to use me. He has anointed me to be able to go into places most people would never go and love his children. I don't want to win. I don't want to be right and I want no recognition. I want more of God. I want to fill the kingdom with misfits. I love you guys and I'm proud to be a member of this body.

### **#7 Purpose - Paizley Shaw**

Surrender is a big one for me. I'm a control freak and I stress about everything. Learning to surrender my life to God is a constant struggle but it's one I will continue to work on. I know I don't need to worry and stress on all the stuff I have going on in my life if I surrender it all to Him. He knows what to do with it more than I do. I am so very thankful for that. I may not know what God's specific plan for me is but I find peace knowing that He does. By surrendering all to Him I know I will walk the path He has chosen for me. The peace I feel deep down from knowing that is an amazing feeling.

### **Purpose - Michelle Nichole**

I believe it's really hard to choose just one. I have been through all of these many times through my life, but if I had to choose one of where I am today I would say Revive. God is reviving me from the wreckage of my past and my present. My faith becomes stronger every day, and I share that love and light with anyone I encounter. I'm not the most talkative person, I'm more of an observer of every one. If you ever have one on one contact with me I will share love, inspiration, kindness, and do anything in my power to help anyone. Every day I prayed and sent a text out to someone that did not want to hear from me or anyone, they were so caught up in destruction and self hate I had to remind them that there was still love out there. I believe my purpose changes. I have to keep a conscious contact with God in order to know what my next steps are. Right now it is to help the broken in any way possible. I once was broken also, and some days still feel the brokenness. I have been through allot so just about any situation I am able to help. I'm really stubborn and I don't give up on people very easily. Especially if I know I can help. So I believe God puts a fire in me I can give to others to help revive them from being broken, he also helps me recover if it fails. Wow.... I don't usually say that stuff to anyone. I'm learning to open up and trust more. Love you all. ... God bless.

### **Purpose - Jay Salas**

For me it is six going to seven Purpose! God is bringing me into this season by using all 6 seasons in the season I'm in now! Lol that's a lot of seasons :). I'm starting to realize that living in Gods purpose is like a salad. The first six where my walk with him since new life(born again). Pretty much in that order too. Now as I'm in six(fire) going to seven (purpose) He has this awesome seasoned purpose for me! Purpose is balanced by always surrendering(1) to Gods will by never forgetting where he met us (2) broken to (3) revive and (4) purify our lives by His (5) craftsmanship that's sets us on (6) fire for His (7) purpose! Man that's an amazing salad put together by Gods Grace!