



Sermon Notes (continued)

It is time to listen to God and raise the white flag of **TOTAL SURRENDER** to Jesus as your Lord and Savior.

### What are you running from?

- Sometimes you spend so much time running away from home you don't even realize where you are **RUNNING**.
- Are your plans **FALLING APART** ?
- Do you feel like you are waking up from the **LONGEST DREAM?**
- Have you been searching for the **MISSING PART** in your life?
- In retrospect to where you have been, running now seems:
  - ◇ A little **STUPID**
  - ◇ Maybe **EMBARRASSING**
  - ◇ Such a waste of **TIME**

### How God gets our attention: (How to Listen to God, Charles Stanley)

- One of the simplest ways God can get our attention is to make us **RESTLESS**.
- A second way God gets our attention is speaking to us through **OTHERS**.
- A third way God speaks is through **BLESSING** us in most unusual ways.
- The fourth method God uses to get our attention is through **UNANSWERED PRAYER**.
- Unusual **CIRCUMSTANCES** get our attention; they often cause us to turn our eyes and hearts to God.

### What does a totally surrendered **DISCIPLE** look like?

- Abandoned the things of this **WORLD** (1 John 2:15-17)
- Knows the **TRUTH** and is made free (John 8:30)
- Abides in the **WORD** (John 8:31)
- Bears much **FRUIT** (John 15:8)
- Loves **ONE ANOTHER** (John 13:35)

*"The cost of nondiscipleship is profoundly greater for us than the cost of **DISCIPLESHIP**."*

*(Radical, by David Platt)*

Dietrich Bonhoeffer, a 1935-era German theologian, says in his book "The Cost of Discipleship" that the first call to discipleship is "the call to abandon the attachments of this world."

### Is Jesus drawing you today? Will you follow or fail?

#### My Next Steps: This Week...

- I will ask the Holy Spirit to reveal any sin in my life that I have not surrendered to the Lord.
- I will acknowledge God in everyday life's events.
- I will work day-by-day to give God total control of my life.
- I will live the life of a true disciple of Jesus Christ.

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