

## THE POWER OF FULL SURRENDER

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### From the testimony – E.K.B.

1. **As an 11 year old I asked Jesus Christ** to come into my life and to be my Saviour and God, to forgive all my sins and give me eternal life. (My Sunday School Teacher led me in this.)
2. **Soon after I went to Secondary School**, Auckland Grammar School, I became involved in sport, various relationships and social events.
3. **Through the influence of people around me**, and the things I was involved in, my Christian life and relationship with God went into steady decline, although I still had a basic heart for God.
4. **After Secondary School**, I went on to University. During the first week, an evangelical mission was held, and the Assembly Hall was packed to hear Canon Brian Green, from Birmingham Cathedral (UK) preach Christ.
5. **I went to the first meeting** and was able to get a seat in the back row. He preached that many people have a “sleeping”, fairly inactive faith in God and Christ, that needs to become alive and on fire. As He spoke, Jesus came and stood right in front of me, looked intently at me, pointed His finger and told me I had to make a decision as to whether or not He was going to be Lord of my life.
6. **For three days I struggled** to make a decision. If I made Jesus Christ No 1 in my life, a lot of things would have to stop and a number of relationships would end.
7. **Eventually I made the decision** to put Jesus Christ in the first place, before all else. I lay on the floor and gave Him every part of my being and all my possessions. Then I had to tell people what I had done and that things were now different. There were a lot of upset people.
8. **However from this point on**, my Christian life stopped going downhill and started going upwards with God. Through prayer, Bible reading, fellowship and serving God, steady progress occurred.
9. **Before we surrender our lives totally to Jesus Christ** and put Him first, we are living under our own authority.
10. **Our own authority is weaker** than the authority of the world around us. Thus it controls us more and more and squeezes us into its mould, *Rom 12:2*.
11. **But when we submit all of our lives** to the authority of Jesus Christ, His authority comes into us. His authority is greater than the authority of the world, *Jn 16:33*, and we are able to stand strong for Christ. The world loses its power to control us, because Jesus is now our Lord, *Col 1:13*.
12. **The Bible says, “Choose this day** who is going to have authority in your life, or who you will serve.....but as for me,.....I will serve the Lord,” *Josh 24:15*.

13. **Sometime later I met a younger believer** who had received the baptism with the Holy Spirit. I asked God for this blessing, *Lk 11:13, Ac 1:8*, and received the fulness of the Spirit. This gave me strength and power to live an effective Christian life, in reading the Bible, prayer, rejoicing in God, witnessing, overcoming sinful habits, and doing what God wanted.
14. **So full surrender to Jesus Christ** as Lord, and the Baptism with the Holy Spirit, brings us into God's authority and God's ability and power. These two things are necessary to be able to live an effective Christian life. As we continue to pray, read the Word, tell others about Christ, fellowship with other believers, and sing praises to God, we continue to grow up strong in Him.
15. If you have never totally surrendered your life to Jesus Christ, do it now, and give Him the No 1 place in your life. Keep doing this every day as He said to, *Lk 9:23*. Also be filled with the Holy Spirit and keep filled, *Eph 5:18,19, Jn 7:37-39, Jn 4:10,14*.