

● WARM UP

As men we struggle with the concept of surrendering. We grow up with stories of victory in warfare, triumph against all odds. However in our journey as men of God we must come to a point where we can sit in wonder and awe of a Father who has provided life, in creating and forming us, but also supplying the key to eternity. **Sitting** speaks of our moment, or moments, of surrender. We surrender to the finished (complete) work of the cross; to God's opinion of us rather than our limited opinion of Him. The context of our surrender is the assurance of our salvation in Christ. In Ephesians Paul talks about this as being a guideline to living a kingdom life.

● READ Ephesians 2:6

● BACKGROUND

Paul starts Ephesians by proclaiming the power of the Gospel and its effect on humanity, breaking the distance and delay associated with traditional religion. He gives them a clear explanation of their true position. Heaven - it's a reference to where God has placed us - with the privilege of sitting next to the Father because of the finished work of the cross. It transforms the way we live as we realise that we truly "start at the finish". Jesus did enough, and as we realise that, we cannot help but surrender to the only "work" that truly matters: the death, resurrection and ascension of Christ. God was in Christ, reconciling the world to Himself. We are the beneficiaries of this great truth.

● QUESTIONS

1 How do you cope with anxiety about the future?

2 Why should living a life surrendered to God make a difference to our worries and fears?

3 Give examples of when you have experienced the peace of God through surrendering a problem or issue.

● CONSIDER THIS

When we realise that the Father has an opinion of us as His sons and not as His servants, we can truly take responsibility for our inheritance. While we were servants we merely did our 9 to 5. But now, as sons of the living Father, we discover a dynamic life inside of us. Created in the image and likeness of Abba Father, we can enter into any battle, struggle or challenge with the assurance of our salvation. There is no better time to sit and surrender.

"A drowning man cannot be saved until he is utterly exhausted and ceases to make the slightest effort to save himself." Watchman Nee

What is God saying to me?

● LET'S PRAY

● REAL LIFE STORIES OF GOD'S POWER



At the last Bill Subritzky meeting I went to, Bill had a word for kidney trouble. Because I had been suffering from kidney stones for a long time, I stood up in faith. As I was on the stage I felt a tingling feeling in my kidney area where I used to feel intense pain. I went out under the Spirit when he prayed over me. Ever since that time I have had no further problems in my kidneys. Chris

