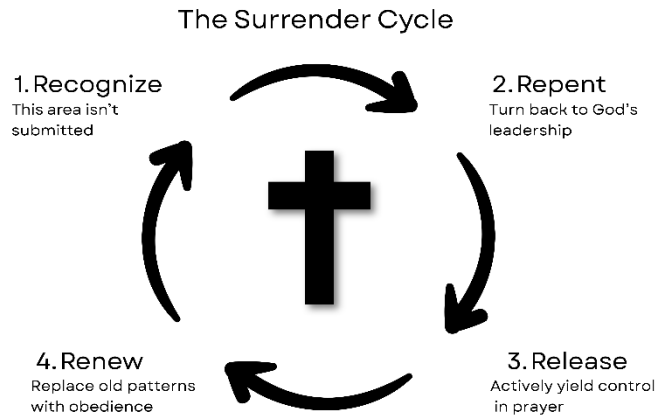


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Surrender to Christ's Lordship is never a one-time decision. We cannot simply believe that Jesus is Savior, trust that He died on the cross for our sins and then live however we want. Jesus is both Savior and Lord, and as such, He has the right to rule and reign in every area of our lives. The Spirit of God graciously brings hidden things to light for our transformation. The illustration below outlines a four-step process the Holy Spirit uses to reveal areas that are not yet fully surrendered to Christ's Lordship:



### 1. Recognize – “This area isn’t submitted.”

*“Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts.” – Psalm 139:23*

Ask God to reveal what is not surrendered.

### 2. Repent – “Turn back to God’s leadership.”

*“Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord.” – Acts 3:19*

Confess and turn from the sin or resistance God reveals.

### 3. Release – “Actively yield control in prayer.”

*“Cast all your anxiety on Him because He cares for you.” – 1 Peter 5:7*

Entrust the outcome to the Lord.

### 4. Renew – “Replace old patterns with obedience.”

*“Do not be conformed to this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.” – Romans 12:2*

Choose a new response aligned with God’s truth.

Surrender is both a moment and a continual cycle that keeps us close to the heart of Jesus. Each time we **Recognize**, **Repent**, **Release**, and **Renew**, we move deeper into freedom and intimacy with our Lord!

*“Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.” – 2 Corinthians 3:17*