

## Cornerstone Message Notes

*The Power of a Life Laid Down* - John 17

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### THEME

(The Sermon In a Sentence or Two)

When Jesus laid down His life He not only secured our salvation, He also left us an example of what it is we need to do for our lives to really count too.

### APPLICATION

(What to Do with What You Hear)

And so it is for us - the full surrender of our lives brings life's greatest impact & joy.

### FOCUS

(The Core of the Content to Get Us Started)

What a crazy way to win life's greatest battle. How could offering oneself up to be killed be the best way to win the war? Not just to stop the fighting but to actually, totally & eternally win the war?

It's only crazy because the world He came to save was & currently is crazy itself. Since the wages of sin is death, the only hope for those dead in sin was for someone who never sinned & therefore had no sin (Jesus) to die in the place of all the hopeless sinners who couldn't save or forgive themselves (you, me & everyone).

As we consider what Jesus laying His life down for us really means, I trust He will help us understand that we are called to do the same for others ... not in any sense that we can save them, but that in so doing we can help them more clearly see the One who can & will save them if they too turn to & trust Him.

## Jesus' Example of Full Surrender Teaches Us ...

1. to FULLY SURRENDER our LIVES too.

The best thing we can do is live as "dead [men & women] walking."

Matthew 26:36-46 / Romans 12:1-2

2. that ONLY FULL SURRENDER brings  
the GREATEST IMPACT for NOW & FOREVER.

It's God's "Plan A" for maximum impact & influence in time & for eternity.

John 12:20-26 / Galatians 2:20 / Colossians 1:13-14 / Hebrews 12:2

3. that full surrender is LOVE'S ULTIMATE EXPRESSION.

There's nothing more valuable about us than us.

John 15:12-13 / John 17:1-26

### Making It Real Questions

- 1] Can you see the simplicity & significance of making this choice?
- 2] Is it clear to you that it must be a full surrender for the greatest impact?
- 3] Are you convinced that love is best expressed not by what we say but what we do?

### Action Step

Thank Jesus for laying down His life for you asking for grace to do the same for others.