

"The Clear Call to Strengthen Through Surrender" Romans 14:13-23 November 15, 2020

5 Key Words: Grace, Truth, Acceptance, Love, & Unity

I Must Choose to Surrender By...

- 1. <u>Caring more for my fellow believers</u> than I care about my "<u>rights</u>" Vs 13-15
  - ✓ Don't be a stumbling block or <u>obstacle</u> Vs 13
    1 Corinthians 8:8; 11-13; 10:24; Matthew 18:6
  - ✓ Don't grieve your brother Vs14-15a
    1 Timothy 4:4; Titus 1:15; Matthew 15:10-11, 16-20
  - ✓ Don't <u>devastate</u> or destroy your brother Vs 15b Matthew 18:14
- 2. Considering the <u>impact</u> of my decision on those around me Vs 16-18
  - ✓ The Reality Vs 16a 1 Corinthians 10:23-24
  - ✓ The <u>Reason</u> Vs 16b-17 Galatians 5:13
  - ✓ The Result Vs 18 1 Timothy 4:12
- 3. Chasing after peace & building up others Vs 19-23
  - ✓ Be <u>committed</u> Vs 19
    Romans 12:18; Hebrews 12:14 Ephesians 4:29
  - ✓ Be controlled Vs 20 1 Corinthians 8:12-13

- ✓ Be considerate Vs 21 1 Corinthians 8:9; 9:22
- ✓ Be <u>convinced</u> Vs 22 2 Timothy 1:12; Titus 3:8
- ✓ Be <u>consistent</u> Vs 23 James 4:17

## **Our Response:**

- 1. Why is it hard for us sometimes to be more concerned about our rights/freedom than we are about someone else? How does that need to change in your life?
- 2. What are some obstacles or hindrances that could cause someone to stumble and grieve or even devastate them?
- 3. Are there any areas in your lifestyle that might cause another Christian to stumble or be an obstacle to them? Are you willing to change that for their sake and the sake of Christ?
- 4. Name a time that you were tempted to violate your conscience or convictions by participating in activities or lifestyle choices? What did you do? What would you do differently?
- 5. Why is it so important to consider the impact of my decisions & choices on those outside the church? What difference can they make...Good or bad?
- 6. How can you choose to pursue peace and encourage others in your life in regards to these kinds of lifestyle/moral choices?
- 7. Agree/disagree with this statement & why? "There is something more important in the kingdom of God than being right. The most important thing is to act in love."