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JESUS IS _____

The word "Lord" in the Greek is kurios (koo'-ree-os) meaning supreme in authority, _____, Lord.

When we yield control to God, life starts working out.

- God _____ Jesus Lord.
- We _____ Jesus Lord.
- We simply _____ to His Lordship.

Luke 6:46 (NIV) *Why do you call me, 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do what I say?*

THE _____ SURRENDERED LIFE

- Jesus is not a part time Lord.
- Jesus is not looking for part time followers.

Matthew 10:39 (AMP) *Whoever finds his [lower] life will lose it [the higher life], and whoever loses his [lower] life on My account will find it [the higher life].*

This is repeated in Matthew 16:25, Mark 8:35, Luke 9:24, and John 12:25. When we try to control our life we lose it, but when we yield control to God we find a higher life.

The lower life is a _____ life.

Proverbs 14:12 (NKJV) *There is a way that seems right to a man, But its end is the way of death.*

THE _____ SURRENDERED LIFE

God has my best interest at heart. He is smarter. He is Lord.

Romans 14:7-8 (ISV) *For none of us lives for himself, and no one dies for himself. If we live, we live to honor the Lord; and if we die, we die to honor the Lord. So whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord.*

That is the kind of relationship God wants with us. I belong to You, God, and my life is better because You are the Lord of it.

Matthew 7:21-23 (NLT) *“Not everyone who calls out to me, ‘Lord! Lord!’ will enter the Kingdom of Heaven. Only those who actually do the will of my Father in heaven will enter. On judgment day many will say to me, ‘Lord! Lord! We prophesied in your name and cast out demons in your name and performed many miracles in your name.’ But I will reply, ‘I never knew you. Get away from me, you who break God’s laws.’ Anyone who listens to my teaching and follows it is wise . . . 26 But anyone who hears my teaching and doesn’t obey it is foolish, like a person who builds a house on sand.”*



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Play Song – Gotta tell you this is not how we sang this growing up.

"The little Lord Jesus."

There is something special about the fact that God loves us so much He was willing to humble Himself to our position, come as a baby, so He could save us. God came in a lowly position so we would realize no one is too low to receive His grace.

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From the moment of Jesus's birth, it is established that He is Lord!

JESUS IS LORD (740 time in the N.T. Jesus is referred to as Lord)

The word "Lord" in the Greek is kurios (koo'-ree-os) meaning supreme in authority, **controller**, Lord.

We don't have a problem with Jesus being the supreme in authority. We don't mind calling Jesus, "Lord."
But we like being in control. (radio, tv channel, I'm driving)

While we think we have control, our lives spiral out of control. Yet, when we yield control to God, life starts working out.

- God **has made** Jesus Lord.
- We **don't make** Jesus Lord.
- We simply **surrender** to His Lordship.

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THE PARTIALLY SURRENDERED LIFE

We give God some things—but we still want to do what we want.

- God says, “Honor the Sabbath and keep it holy.” But there is a football game on. Man I'm on vacation. RIP PAGE
- God says, “Forgive those who sin against you.” But do you know what they did? There is no way I'm forgiving them.
- God says, “Don't date someone who is not following me.” But she is really cute. There is no way. I'm gonna date her.
- God is my provider. But there is no way I'm giving 10% to Him.

The partially surrendered Christian does this with gossip, lies, greed, sex—God will understand. We think we're in control, but our lives are spiraling out of control.

Jesus is NOT a part time Lord and He's really not looking for part time followers. The little Lord Jesus fully surrendered His life.

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The lower life is a **selfish** life. Me first, need control, lack of trust.

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THE FULLY SURRENDERED LIFE

God has my best interest at heart. He's smarter than me. He's Lord

Romans 14:7-8 (ISV) *For none of us lives for himself, and no one dies for himself. If we live, we live to honor the Lord; and if we die, we die to honor the Lord. So whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord. [It's no longer I, it is we.]*

Charity belongs to me. She's my wife. I belong to her. I'm her husband. Our lives are way better because we belong to each other. That is the relationship God wants with us. I belong to You, Lord. My life is better because You are the Lord of it.

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