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Message Series: Stronger: Hard Times Reveal God's Power

Today's Message: Winning the War Starts With Surrender

Last Week: John 11:25, 40

• They knew Jesus could heal the sick—But He could do much more—He Could Raise The Dead.

Ephesians 2:1-5

Our Problem: "But there is a danger... We begin to love information for its own sake, and don't experience transformation ourselves..." ~Organic Disciples

• "If you'll take One Step toward The Savior Today..."

1. Real Transformational Life Change

Mark 16:11-14

Mark 16:19, 20

Acts 1:3-5, 8

⇒ **The Contrast Connection**

John 15:4, 5, 7, 8

Philippians 4:13

2. Moving To Worship: Finally Giving Up The Illusion of Control

FOUR Key Parts:

1) To Be Spirit-Filled: Fully Submitted to the presence, power, and purpose of the Holy Spirit.

REALITY: When serious Christ Followers are controlled fully by the Holy Spirit—they don't get more of the Spirit; the Spirit gets more of them.

The Spirit Filling: Allowing His presence in our lives, in every closet, in every junk drawer.

2) Learning To ABIDE: To remain under God's control.

John 15:5

3) The Power of Pre-Deciding: When faced with _____, I have pre-decided to _____.

4) To Become Smaller: So He Becomes Bigger.

John 3:30 "He must become Greater; I must become less"

Acts 16:22-25

What Real Worship Is:

1) Worship is like breathing; it opens our hearts and minds to a power beyond ourselves.

2) Pain constricts us, makes us feel imprisoned: BUT Worship allows us to embrace the pain, trusting that even thru the pain, God is still Good.

3) Worship has the power to break us out—our sin and our failure and our pain are not greater than Our Loving Savior.

Revelation 7:13-17

To Win this War: To get to the place of Resurrection Power, you must first embrace submission; it means giving up the illusion, the illusion of control.