

# The Secondary Position

The Process of Transformation into the Image of Jesus Christ



# Introduction

- Our ability to successfully advance the Kingdom of God through winning souls to Jesus depends on one thing: THE INTIMATE RELATIONSHIP.
- The intimate relationship with the Father never stops going deeper and deeper and deeper. How deep depends on the individual's hunger to go deeper.
- The choice to go deeper requires one thing: TOTAL SURRENDER before God. We have to die to our self life. We can only go so far as long as there is any part of "me" in our motives. Our agenda must be abandoned and HIS agenda embraced wholeheartedly.

# The Secondary Position

- What is the secondary position? ~ It is choosing to put aside your plans, dreams, goals and ambitions and choosing God's for your life.
- Jesus chose the secondary position when He left His glory in eternity to take on fallen man's physical body in order to tear the veil of separation so Elohim could once again fellowship with His precious children.
- The Apostles chose the secondary position when they left everything to follow Jesus unto death. All but John, died as martyrs. Some were horrifically murdered.

# Our Secondary Position

- What does that look like in today's world? ~ It is also called, selling out, going all in, becoming hidden with Christ in God.
- It is leaving the world behind to follow Jesus. Even things that are "good" are not always "God." God is specific and individual with everyone. Everyone is number one to Him!
- For example, it is a GOOD thing to go to Pakistan to preach the Gospel, but is it GOD'S plan for my life? It is a GOOD thing to take a job paying \$50 an hour 5 hours away, but is it GOD'S will for my life at this time?

# The Choice

- Jesus told us to “count the cost” of following Him. He had lots of followers, but not many DISCIPLES. A disciple has an intimate relationship. A disciple has left everything behind. Jesus’ life becomes his or her life. They are dead to their life completely.
- So it’s a choice. The question is “how much do we value God’s presence; His company; His agenda?” We have to really examine our hearts and decide what is most important to us.
- Do followers of Jesus have a relationship with Him? I believe they do. They are faithful to obey His commands, they are faithful with their duties as Christians. They read their Bible and pray to God regularly.
- But many, either have never heard of the intimate relationship or are afraid of the power that is found there. So they stand back from it. Jesus still loves them. He is in their lives to the extent they let Him be there.

# Understanding the Intimate Relationship

- It has become a “buzz phrase” throughout Christian circles. The Intimate Relationship. Books have been written to help point people to the intimate relationship with God.
- But it’s not just the latest buzz phrase. It is absolutely critical that all believers cultivate an intimate relationship with Abba Father through Jesus Christ’s finished work on the Cross.
- The intimate relationship is simply hanging out with Abba every day. We have the incredible privilege of being able to access the very heart of God!
- The Old Testament saints would have loved to have had this opportunity!

# Understanding the Intimate Relationship

- The intimate relationship is like any friendship—deep friendship. It can only come through time spent in each other's company.
- That is the bottom line.
- You cannot have an intimate friendship with God by going to church once or twice a week and doing nothing the rest of the week.
- It is like a marriage. It's day in and day out interactions. You can talk to Him over coffee, in your prayer closet, in your bed when you wake up and before you go to sleep, even in the bathroom!
- After all, you are dwelling with Him. He's living big on the inside of you!

# Understanding the Intimate Relationship

- The intimate relationship is made up of encounters with Him. Encounters require us to enter the very presence of God.
- How do we do this? That answer is as individual as each of us are. For some, it's worship; for others its sitting quietly connecting with Him and still others, it's just starting a conversation with Him.
- God is an individual God. He is all about the one person. He doesn't lump people together. He is totally focused on each person as an individual. He does not have "projects."

# It's a Journey

- The intimate relationship is not instant. It's a journey to the very heart of God. It takes time and diligence and faithfulness.
- It's a journey that is eternal. We begin it here in our physical life and it continues on forever because there is no bottom or end to God's love and friendship!
- The further you travel, the narrower your road becomes. That is what I'm discovering. The presence of God is addicting. The relationship is so precious that sin cannot be tolerated in your life. It causes a rift that is too painful to allow it to continue.
- Quick repentance is a part of your life. Although we don't have to sin, sometimes we stumble. Thank God for His mercy of repentance! Such a beautiful gift.

# Understanding the Secondary Position

- The further we journey to the heart of God, the more He requires of us to go deeper. And the deeper we go, the more surrendered or yielded we must become. This is the heart of the secondary position: surrender.
- Let's look at some scriptures on surrender:

# Scriptures on Surrender

- **Galatians 2:20** ~ “I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.”
- **James 4:7** ~ “Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.”
- **James 4:10** ~ “Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up.”
- **Jeremiah 10:23** ~ “LORD, I know that people’s lives are not their own; it is not for them to direct their steps.”
- **Matthew 6:33** ~ “But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.”

## More Scriptures on Surrender

- **Matthew 26:39** ~ “Going a little farther, he fell with his face to the ground and prayed, “My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will.”
- **Proverbs 23:26** ~ “My son, give me your heart and let your eyes delight in my ways,”
- **Romans 12:1** ~” Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship.”
- **Romans 12:2** ~” Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.”
- **Proverbs 3:5-6** ~” Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.”

# Definitions of Surrender

- 1. to yield to the power, control, or possession of another upon compulsion or demand
- 2. to give up completely or agree to forgo especially in favor of another
- 3. to give (oneself) up into the power of another especially as a prisoner. Paul said “I am a PRISONER of Jesus Christ.
- 4. to give (oneself) over to something (such as an influence)
- 5. to give oneself up into the power of another : YIELD

# The “Why” of Surrender

- Why is it so important to Jesus that we surrender? That we become hidden with Christ in God?
- Reason 1 ~ Because the Father has mountains of blessings stored up for His lovers. His children who abandon their self-life to live hidden in Christ with Him. Abba WANTS to release those blessings!
- Reason 2 ~ Because this surrender guarantees us complete victory over SIN, our FLESH, and SATAN. Total surrender, which is also total yieldedness, puts us in the center of God’s will for our lives. This is the hidden place. Sin has no voice, our flesh has no voice and Satan has no voice in this place.
- Reason 3 ~ Because in this place, we become “co-rulers” with Jesus in the earth realm as well as the spirit realm. This means we advance His kingdom agenda in the earth through winning souls for Abba.
- Reason 4 ~ Because the Father is looking for people who only want HIS agenda advanced in their lives. They look with an eternal mindset. They use their Fork to the fullest, they establish their Honey Holes in their realm of influence, they win the lost as Matchmakers and disciple them in the Community of the Bride.

# The “Why” of Surrender

- The place of surrender is the most liberated place in existence. There is liberty in the Spirit!
- When we “die” our agendas die, our dreams die, our ambitions die, our strivings die.
- Truly, in this place, we can say, “It is not I who live, but Christ who lives in me!”
- Without total surrender we limit ourselves in fulfilling ALL the plans the Father has written in our book of destiny.

# How can I Become Totally Surrendered?

- So the question is now “how can I become totally surrendered?”
- First, we have to recognize that we AREN'T totally surrendered.
- Second, we have to make the decision to totally surrender.
- Third, we count the cost. How bad do we really want more of Him? Is there anyone or anything that has more VALUE than God does in your life? Really think about this.
- Fourth, we bring our desire to the Lord and tell Him YES! I want to go deeper and fulfill all Your plans for me!
- Fifth, increase your intimacy with Him by spending longer time in the Secret Place, or going more often. Devour His Word more through deep studies—get it deep in your spirit! Increase the intensity of your worship by adding new dimensions like flags or playing an instrument. Have conversations with HIM! It is a 2-way street. He WILL talk to you when you approach Him for conversation. Add times of intimate encounters to build more intimacy.

# “I” must DIE

- The self-life MUST die. This is the key. We have to consider our lives as dung in comparison to His value to us.
- Dead people don't have dreams, wants, ambitions or agendas.
- We must be completely ABSORBED into Him through our intimate lives with Him that when WE walk into a room, HE is walking into the room. That will change EVERYTHING.
- We won't be fearful because He is fearless. We won't have projects because He doesn't have projects. Love will always be our motive, because love is ALWAYS His motive.
- OUR DEATH BRINGS US TO A NEW LIFE IN CHRIST! And that makes us a powerful force for Abba in the earth realm. And THAT equals more souls entering the Kingdom.

# What are the results of being totally surrendered?

- So, what are the results of this new life?
- First, we live from the place of Agape LOVE. We are His compassionate hands in this lost world.
- Second, we bring His presence everywhere we go. Just entered a room changes the atmosphere where God can impact the people there.
- Third, Abba can TRUST us to obey His instructions! We instantly obey because of the relationship. It's too precious to hurt through disobedience.
- Fourth, we are FEARLESS in speaking the TRUTH to people who are deceived. No matter the cost of relationship with them, we always tell the truth to people. THAT is AGAPE love in action!
- Finally, we live in perfect peace. The Bible says, "He will keep him in PERFECT peace, whose mind is stayed on Him." The peace of God cannot be duplicated anywhere else. It is only found in the hidden place of intimacy. This peace impacts everyone we come into contact with.

# Empowered to be EFFECTIVE

- When we fully embrace our secondary position by putting down our self-life and living fully in the Lord, we are empowered to be more effective!
- There is a difference in doing things on your list, and actually accomplishing the desired end result. How many times have I checked something off when I ran into a problem and blew the whole thing off!
- In the secondary position, we are poised to do great and mighty exploits of faith for the Kingdom of God! To really make a difference in how many people are going to spend eternity with Abba!
- That is really the bottom line of missions work. Abba wants souls. He wants NO ONE to be lost in destruction. He is depending on us to do what it takes to make HIS DREAM COME TRUE: ALL His children with Him for eternity!

# Dugit Ministries Updates

- Avi is going to Germany for a series of meetings in that nation. Please pray for his success and protection as there are many Muslims there.

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*Pastor Avi Mizrachi - Tel Aviv, Israel  
kommt 2018 nach Deutschland!*

2. November - München  
3. November - München  
5. November - Hannover  
7. November - Bielefeld  
8. November - Lüdenscheid

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Aktuelle Infos unter:  
[www.dugit.org/deutschland-2018](http://www.dugit.org/deutschland-2018)

The poster features a background of a sunset over a sea of clouds. It includes a small portrait of Pastor Avi Mizrachi and a QR code for more information.

# Power Ministries Updates

- Power Ministries, has a powerful leadership training ministry in India.
- The ministry reported for September that their student who was once a train robber has completed is about to start his fourth Bible School!
- The ministry has trained hundreds of leaders in India who are impacting India for Jesus Christ.
- Please pray for continued favor, blessings and protection for the ministry and the students as they preach the Gospel in an increasingly hostile environment.

# Salley Ministries Updates

- Brian and Cara Salley are currently planting in Douvaine, France. Europe is a hard harvest field to plow with 1% of the population being Christian.
- They shared their Fall prayer requests:
- PRAYER POINTS FOR THIS FALL:
  - “supernatural acceleration” in our language learning, we begin new classes this fall
  - favor & quick acclamation as the boys return to school in the fall
  - positive momentum and unity in spirit with the weekly group
  - new groups launch this fall: wisdom in reaching the harvest
  - every resource supplied to bring in the harvest in Douvaine!

# Salley Ministries Update

- Brian came back to the States for a time of refreshing at Rhema camp. Cara stayed in France and held the group meetings and reports that several new faces came! The groups are growing!
- The Lord blessed the Salleys with a second vehicle! They asked Him and a couple of weeks later they had another vehicle to help with the children's school schedules. The "vehicle" is a really nice motorcycle for Brian, which he LOVES!
- Cara is almost finished with her devotional book called "Bit by Bit". She hopes to publish very soon. The book will help you to evaluate your spiritual journey.

# ABC Church Updates

- ABC Church is running at 500 people, which has Raj extremely busy. They have a powerful prayer ministry, which he build based on our training classes.
- Some of the young pastors were forced to abandon their churches to find work in India to support themselves. Difficult financial times are a reality. They are now working in Delhi and attending the Delhi church. There are now 8 house churches, down from 11.
- Please keep Raj in your prayers for wisdom, revelation and strength in mind, spirit and body as he has so much responsibilities.
- Hank is growing like a weed and the rest of the family are doing well. They are continuing to pray for my trip to Nepal to help teach leaders and discipleship training classes.

# The Pakistan Conference Updates

- I had a conversation with Ayoub this last week in which he said that the leaders are asking when the leadership conference is going to be held. It seems they are desperate to learn more about what they are supposed to be doing.
- Ayoub was discouraged. The problem is he doesn't have the money ready nor do I have the conference teachings ready. But the Holy Spirit said to send them a supply of the teachings from BWC's library.
- I asked Ayoub what they wanted to know and he said EVERYTHING. What hunger! So I sent 4 emails loaded with teachings I have done over the last 6 years. So Ayoub is now busy translating the teachings for the leaders to do NOW while we continue to work on the conference. Isn't God smart?!

# Google Ad Stats

- Every month, we run a Google ad on our website. Mollie reports the following stats for September:
- We had 285 users come to the website in September. Of that number 278 were new users. This means that 10% are returning visitors.
- We had visitors from the USA, France, India, Brazil, Kenya, Mexico, Peru, Japan, Puerto Rico, Pakistan, Canada, China, Saudi Arabia, Afghanistan, Australia, Bangladesh, Curacao, Indonesia, Mauritius, Malawi, Nigeria, Nepal, Philippines, Uganda, South Africa and Zambia.
- Page views: Events/Contact/Media Center; Current/Media Center; Archives/About us, staff/About us, service times/Meet Pastors/Missions-ABC Church/About Us - History.
- As you can see, MANY nations are being reached just from our website and many of these nations are a direct result of the Soul Seed Ads that are being launched every week.
- **KEEP USING YOUR FORKS!**

# Soul-Seed Ad Stats

- Speaking of Soul Seed Ads, September is shaping up to be awesome! We still have two weeks of Ads to run but October you'll see what we accomplished in September.

9/2/2018	Birthrights and Blessings	4	\$ 20.00	35,080	4303	15
9/9/2018	The Gift of God	4	\$ 20.00	82,001	1613	5
9/16/2018	The Best	4	\$ 20.00	61,427	1197	5
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<b>9/30/2018</b>	<b>SEPTEMBER TOTALS</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>\$ 60.00</b>	<b>178508</b>	<b>7113</b>	<b>25</b>

Total Reached	Total Respons	Total Meet Jesus Here..
<b>1,358,937</b>	<b>57,957</b>	<b>387</b>

# Soul-Seed Ad Stats

2018 Missions Ads Statistics

