



White Flag #3 :: Holier Than Thou {Andy Stanley}

INTRODUCTION

Many of us believe we stopped running from God years ago. Some of us would claim we never ran from God at all. For all of us “holy” people who aren’t running from God, we need to ask ourselves a question – if we believe we have surrendered to God’s purposes in our lives, have we also surrendered to God’s purposes in the world?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Describe a time when someone did something good for you when you didn’t deserve it?
2. As you look back, have you ever resisted doing something for someone else because they didn’t deserve it?
3. Why do some people want God to extend his goodness towards them, but not towards everyone?
4. Read Jonah 3 - 4:11. Jonah was surrendered to God’s moral will, but was unconcerned with God’s global purpose. When an individual surrenders to God’s moral will, but not his purposes in the world, what is the result?
5. What or who are you concerned about? What do you get angry about?
6. How does your time, skills, passions, money, etc. intersect with God’s purposes in the world?

MOVING FORWARD

Many people narrowly understand *surrender* as submission to the moral will of God. They are content with just being “good” people. But God is concerned with all people. Somewhere along the way you have intersected with someone whose time, talent, and money intersected with God’s purposes for the world - and you are better for it.

As you consider what you’ve heard, where might you surrender fully to God’s purposes in the world.

CHANGING YOUR MIND

But the Lord replied, “Is it right for you to be angry?”

Jonah 4:4