

JESUS OVER EVERYTHING *Week 1*

*Many of us live under the illusion that we can or need to control everything in our lives. We become pushy, forceful, and impatient in our attempts to get what we want. Unfortunately, our need to be in control is keeping us from the very thing we need to experience God's best for us: **surrender!***

1. As we launch into a new season of groups at Great Lakes take some time to introduce or reintroduce yourselves to each other. What are the two words that people would use to describe you? Why?
2. Describe a time in your life where you had to surrender or give up something in order to get something better. What gave you the courage to make that sacrifice?
3. Dave said that "Choosing to surrender to Jesus is about making the choice that Jesus holds the same place in my life as he does in the universe. He's CEO. He's in charge." What are some of the barriers people have in making the choice to surrender to Jesus in this way?
4. Read the following verses. What insights does Paul give us about surrender?

Romans 12:1-2 And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him. 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.

5. Dave said that surrender plays itself out in different ways. Which one of these areas do you need to surrender the most?
 - Following God's lead without knowing where He's sending me.
 - Waiting for God's timing without knowing when, or if, a miracle will come.
 - Trusting God's purpose without understanding the circumstances.