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### PART 13 YIELDING

#### **THE SONG OF YIELDING: A POEM STORY**

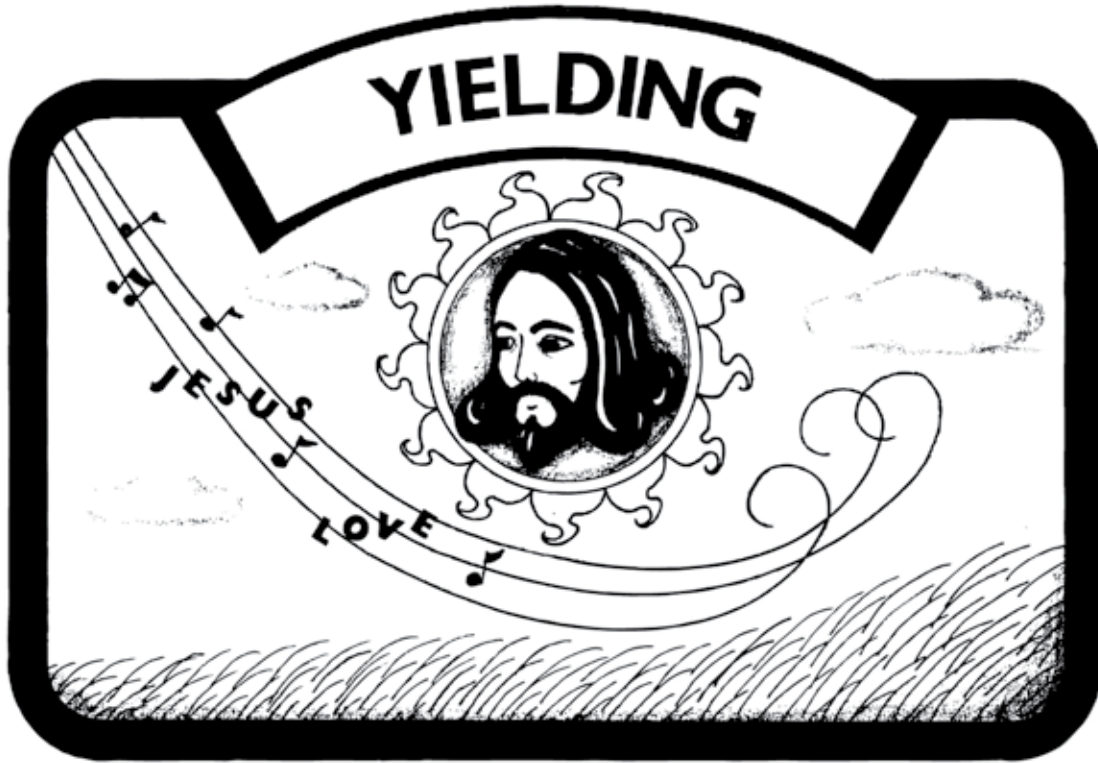
*Winter wheat breaks through the hard wintry ground, so when the first rays of Spring's sunlight and gentle sweet breezes come, the wheat stands like grass and the land is blessed, covered by the luxuriant sea of life.*

*See how it moves. A song of life's sweetness evident. The wind wafts over the fields. The wheat flows through it, turning and rolling delightfully like waves of oceans, blending into each other, bending and giving, receiving and sharing; and in our heart it's true song in motion.*

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*It is bright green, alive, drawing life from the sparkling sunlight above, warmed without—filling within of that light. Harmony abounds and we stand transfixed by the splendid beauty.*

*A single strand of grassy wheat is matched by a thousands others, see how they give to the loving elements of sun, wind and rain and grow the more. As the wheat gives, it receives, as it receives there is sureness of growth and in due season the field is golden and ready to harvest.*

*Dwelling in harmony with each other in the Loving Song of God, they become what they receive, the Bread of Life.*

*This is THE SONG OF YIELDING.*

## **YEILDING & SERVING**

YEILDING to GOD and SERVING God go hand-in-hand. Look at this Scripture:

**“NOW BE YE NOT STIFFNECKED, AS YOUR FATHERS WERE, BUT YIELD YOURSELVES UNTO THE LORD AND ENTER INTO HIS SACTUARY, WHICH HE HATH SANCTIFIED FOR EVER AND SERVE THE LORD YOUR GOD . . .”** (2 Chronicles 30:8).

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### **RECEIVING & GIVING**

Yielding has to do with receiving and giving. And, as the Spirit of God gave me the poem story, it by design conveys that there is a loving relationship involved in yielding, and as we get into the swing of things by His design we move with supple strength steadily growing to the harvest.

Yielding has to do with the Spirit of Jesus' Love more than any definition, is Spirit and Graceful Joy, it is beauty and splendor, it's pain of growth then delight in the outcome. There is a wondrous flow to yielding, and like the play of children. For them, joy in play but hidden in that joy is purpose working. Even as a child plays, experiencing joy they also learn, so like a child playing, yielding teaches and in Christ we so grow.

### **YIELDING & SUBMISSION**

When we think of YIELDING we may think it SUBMISSION, but I see the two are different, akin but different.

When a policeman orders none to park a car in a spot, it is a DON'T, and we SUBMIT to the legal authority behind that order, or suffer the consequences of breaking the law. So, SUBMISSION by present-day Church definitions has to do with DON'Ts, with LAW, and the need to observe that lawful authority. But, a person that is submitted-obedient to the law is only conforming to an outside authority, but inwardly may resent, dislike that hindering power. So, a person outwardly conformed to the lawful authority, may be (often is) inwardly willing to rebel and disobey that same confining authority if there is opportunity. This is the kind of SUBMISSION apparent in the church system today.

YIELDING is different. It is a DO, not a DON'T. There is no outward power to compel but a quiet Love that draws but does not demand. It is so gentle and subtle, that by worldly standards it seems of no effect. Yet, its power is greater than any dream, it's a happy living Spirit of God, quiet and sweet but for those that abide in Jesus' Love its Power is wondrous.

Do we SUBMIT or YIELD to the Holy Spirit? We can SUBMIT to the fact that the Universe is without end, which is to say we accept what we cannot understand with the finite mind. That SUBMISSION or acceptance of a fact or truth or law-reality, does not improve us or add to us. Yet as we YIELD to the Holy Spirit through Jesus Christ, moving in His Spirit we can KNOW the Universe is without end and easily understand with the Mind of Christ. In YIELDING, we gain and we are blessed deeply by His Wisdom and Knowledge.

We can see in the Bible, in the story of two sons asked by their father to go out and work in the

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fields an example of SUBMISSION and YIELDING. The one son said YES to his father. This son recognized father's authority and said YES—thus submitting, but did not obey. The other son said NO to his father, then later reflecting did go out and work. This second son YIELDED and obeyed. Why did the one change his mind and do what he said he would not do? If it was strictly fear of father's wrath, he would not have said NO in the first place, can we not see his heart turning to his father, love moved him, the desire to please and be approved and so he YIELDED to love, and obeyed.

So, we can see that SUBMISSION alone is a barren vine, producing no fruit or rotten fruit. And, YIELDING to Love is a bountiful vine, producing blessed fruit.

Yet ,I qualify this, saying SUBMISSION as taught in the church system of man has this dimension.

SUBMISSION as it is taught conforms us, but not inwardly. We can too easily submit and obey yet inwardly be opposed, resistant, UNCIRCUMCISED OF HEART, the Bible speaks of unyielded inward self but does not speak of unsubmitted outward conformity.

### **TO YEILD RIGHTLY IS TO DECIDE**

No one in a moment says "I Yield to Jesus' Will" without a considerable weighting of the cost. It is in the deciding to yield we each come to our Gethsemane in Christ, it is difficult and painful, full of trial. It involves dying to self, and it's something we are not forced to do, nor are we fear driven into deciding. If anyone enters into the fires of decision over yielding to the Lord God, it is out of willful choice. The Christian who loves Jesus, will be drawn to these fires of decision, and except a person abide in His Love, it is not possible to endure.

### **A PERSONAL EXAMPLE**

Without an example, how can we know? I will give-up my personal situation as an example.

Some years back now, I was wounded by accusations and condemnations that resulted in severe pain in my soul-spirit. The pain confused my ability to fulfill God's call in my life.

There is a woman, sent-called of God to pray for a healing of these wounds. Apart from her, the wounds cannot be healed, nor can I complete God's call in my life. This is the expressed Will of God, revealed and known.

I would receive His Word about this. I would also believe it and know it to be God's Word. But, when she would not pray for me, I felt trapped, resented it, was bitter, even angry over this. I was

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outwardly submitted to His Word and Will. Yet inwardly, I sought any way I could to escape it, to find any other way. When the Lord Jesus told me to go see her in October 1982, I was unwilling but as many brethren confirmed it, I would go and lastly just before arriving be told by the Lord, **“DON’T GO IN THAT ATTITUDE.”**

I went, I obeyed, but inwardly I deeply resented going, but prayed to overcome that and to go with faith, love and hope. She refused to pray for me, and wounded by this the pain re-emerged and made life a misery of agony.

Outwardly I was SUBMITTED to His Word and Will and obeyed, but inwardly I was YIELDED only by degrees or for short periods of time. By her actions, I thought she was an enemy, but Jesus told me she was NOT an enemy, and if I judged her disobedient, Jesus reminded me we were in His eyes ‘one’, said I was judging myself. No matter what she did or did not do, I had no justification to think any kind of ill towards her whatsoever, and no matter what way I turned, Jesus said the same.

Again, JESUS called me to pray for her, and showed me her need of His Love and Forgiveness, and so now exhausted by trying it my way, man's way (ever failing) I moved in prayer in His Love and found deep Peace and assurance. My life would be extended past my time because she did something in His Commission, and now I endured the greatest pain ever and had to decide.

I would decide out of her counsel to GO BY FAITH, for I knew not how to decide apart from her. Then I came to yielding wholly, but how I yielded is the example.

I yielded wholly to her authority to decide life or death to me, according to His Word and feared not. But, blessedness came when I Yielded to Love, and found a capacity to Love her whether she decided “yea or nay”, without judgments, without fear, without resentment or bitterness. I could say with deep abiding Jesus' Love, “your will be done.” I only knew I was safe in His Love, Yielded, and Trusting—nothing more. I weighed the cost, and be it pain or whatever, it could be endured and I was willing to move in His Perfect Will.

### **YEILDING vs. RESIGNATION**

I see that we have in ourselves understandings of how His Word should work in our lives and that these understandings are built around our inner self desires. And here is where we resist to Yield, not surrendering what we understand, what we desire to Him. It is always the fear of loss that brings us to cling to what is dross.

Yet, I see that this kind of Yielding is precious fruit in His eyes, for when we can yield of Love, Jesus' Love and abide yielded, Trusting and Loving.

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***“GOD IS NOT ASHAMED TO BE CALLED OUR GOD . . . THOUGH WE MAY NOT OBTAIN THE PROMISE HERE, WE OBTAIN A GOOD REPORT THROUGH FAITH.”***  
*(Hebrews 11:39).*

In this we can Yield up acceptable and pleasing FRUIT unto the Lord and by it be fruitful.

YIELDING is SURRENDER, but it is a LOVING SURRENDER, as the bride surrenders to her bridegroom. Yielding is NOT resignation, for resignation speaks of being victim. No, we are not victims but loved ones yielding whole hearts Trusting His Love, receiving His Love and giving or yielding up the fruit of the Love we receive freely and with great joy and bliss.

## **A DECISION PROCESS**

But there is a DECISION PROCESS involved in yielding to His Love, and He does not accept a decision of the mouth until there is an inward weighing of the cost, and willingness to Trust His Love and go by Faith and with His Love. When we truly decide to yield, He knows and we know and it is done. We begin with small decisions, and as we grow in His Love, learn to be the more yielded to Him and ever face new decisions of greater measure.

And when we are truly yielded to His Love and know so, then it can be said that we are truly submitted, truly circumcised of heart. But, I see we do so as we are able and not all in a day.

***“THE ROOT OF THE RIGHTEOUS YIELDETH FRUIT . . . ”*** *(Proverbs 12:12).*

The fruit of yielding is not the thing men see, the true fruit God sees in the heart of man.

***“IF THE SPIRIT OF THE RULER RISE UP AGAINST THEE, LEAVE NOT THY PLACE: FOR YIELDING PACIFIETH GREAT OFFENCES.”*** *(Ecclesiastes 10:4).*

## **ANOTHER PERSONAL EXAMPLE**

There was one time when my son Stefan (then just 8 years old) greatly offended me and deserved a spanking. When he tried to escape, my anger increased. When he resisted the spanking, my resolve increased, But, when he yielded realizing he would not escape or could not resist, my anger cooled suddenly into compassion. In this carnal world, many parallels can be found to give insight.

But what was the anger in me? I saw a wrong spirit in my son, one to curb and eliminate or else his life would go wrong and lead to misery and death. If anything moved me, it was love for I had no pleasure in the spanking.

The RULER in this Scripture is GOD THE FATHER, and if we being carnal are motivated as fathers

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to correct error in our sons, He being the greatest Lover and Father will act for the same reasons and in the same way.

There is also a unique connection in this Scripture to the better-known verse “LOVE COVERS A MULTIPLE OF SINS”. Once the Holy Spirit gave me to know that LOVING and YIELDING go hand in hand, it could be seen that in YIELDING self to HIS LOVE sin is covered and great offences are pacified. As we learn how to yield self to His Love, we gain the added blessing of being able in His Love to intercede in prayer for others as did Jesus, as does Jesus.

### **CHASTENING & RIGHTEOUSNESS**

**“NOW NO CHASTENING FOR THE PRESENT SEEMETH TO BE JOYOUS, BUT GRIEVOUS: NEVERTHELESS AFTERWATD IT YIELDETH THE PEACEABLE FRUIT OF RIGHTEOUSNESS UNTO THEM WHICH ARE EXERCISED THEREBY.”** (Hebrews 12:11).

CHASTENING speaks of CORRECTION not punishment. Even though we dearly desire to do God’s Will, the Adamic nature in us will steer us wrong, and except by trials, troubles, even tragedy we are not corrected. Yet trials, troubles, and tragedy can be God’s correction, His way of bringing us to change direction. Life and its troubles, our weaknesses, can be likened to being ON THE CROSS, but we will not embrace our cross and follow Jesus until we have learned we cannot escape our cross. When we finally embrace chastening troubles with His Love, and yielded in His Love, we are to a degree crucified with Christ and begin to enter into the promise of His Resurrection Power.

The word EXERCISED clearly implies a learning process, one we go through more than once, yes even many times until we have learned to yield lovingly and by this, YIELD TO THE PEACEABLE FRUIT OF RIGHTEOUSNESS.

RIGHTEOUSNESS is defined here as being Peaceable Fruit. It is many faced, it is Trust of Jesus. It is Yielded Love and it is Sweet Surrender to Jesus’ Love. I have experienced this peaceable fruit, and that peace is deep and is bliss.

**“ . . . YIELD YOUR MEMBERS SERVANTS TO RIGHTEOUSNESS UNTO HOLINESS.”**  
(Romans 6:19).

So the righteousness we see springing from being yielded, leads to HOLINESS, and this holiness is an inward condition first, and outward reality last.

**“NEITHER YIELD YE YOUR MEMBERS AS INSTRUMENTS OF UNRIGHTEOUSNESS**

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***UNTO SIN; BUT YIELD YOURSELVES UNTO GOD . . .*** ”(Romans 6:13).

## **LOVE vs. UNLOVE**

***“BUT DO NOT THOU YIELD UNTO THEM (enemies) . . .”*** (Acts 23:21).

Jesus taught me long ago, at first, to yield to His Love in other brethren but to not yield or submit to anything that was not love. Whenever I yielded to what seemed Scripturally accurate statements or Church authority that lacked Jesus' Love, I could not only easily count the wounds but found unrighteousness stirring inwardly that compelled me to sin against Love.

So, seeing that we must make the clear distinction between what or whom we are to yield (JESUS' LOVE) and what or whom we are to NOT yield (UNLOVE).

The way to impart to you some of the heart of what yielding is: it is a song, a flow. More, it is Love of Jesus that as we receive, yields back to our Love Jesus' precious fruit.

*God Bless,*

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