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**Lesson title:**  
**COMPLETE SURRENDER**  
**(Life Lesson from Mary)**

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# December Sermon Series: The Characters of Christmas

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# Scripture Lesson:

## Luke 1:37-38



**Luke 1:37-38, For with God nothing shall be impossible. And Mary said, "Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to Thy Word. And the angel departed from her.**

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**“Life is a balance of what we  
can control and what we  
cannot. I am learning to live  
between effort and  
surrender.”**

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**MARY**

**"Beloved," Drop of the  
Sea," "Bitterness," and  
"Wishes for a Child."**

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**“Let it be done to me  
according to Your  
Word.”**

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# **Three Stages of Marriage in Jewish Culture:**

- 1. Signing the "Ketubah" Contract**
  - 2. The "Chuppah": Sexual Consummation.**
  - 3. The Wedding Feast**
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**When dancing with Jesus,  
what we surrender is our  
will.**

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**Luke 22:42, Father, if you are  
willing, take this cup from  
Me; yet not My will, but  
Yours be done.**

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**Surrender is choosing to  
let go and let God lead.**

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# **Four Observations About Mary's Surrender:**

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**1. MARY'S SURRENDER  
DESERVES  
RECOGNITION, NOT  
WORSHIP.**



**2. MARY'S SURRENDER  
IDENTIFIES HERSELF AS  
A BOND-SERVANT  
(SLAVE).**



**Romans 6:18, And, having  
been set free from sin,  
have become slaves of  
righteousness.**

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**“Slaves to righteousness”**

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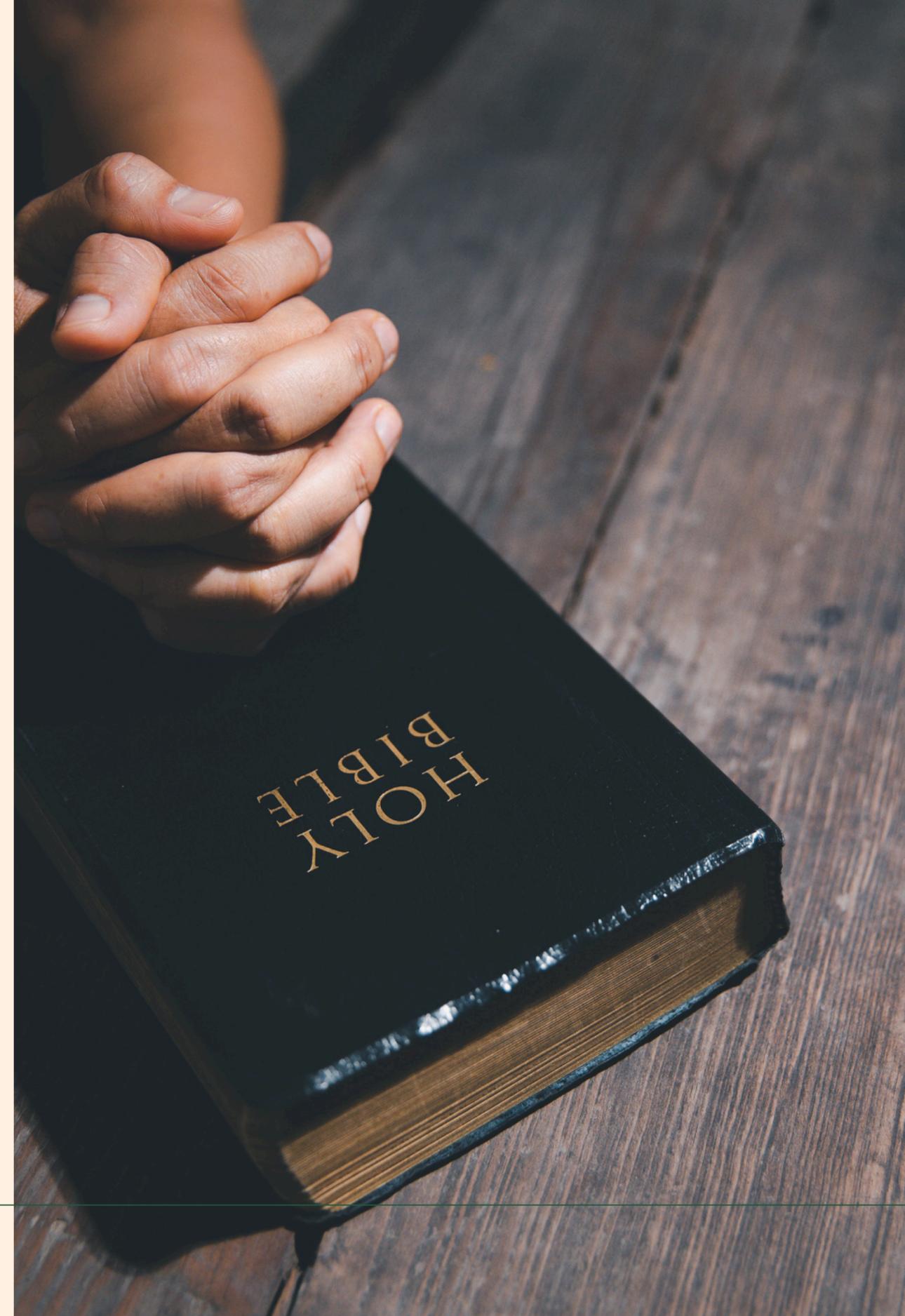
**“We are allergic to sin  
and addicted to Jesus.”**

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**“God takes that which is nothing and makes something out of it. When you become a Christian, you cannot patch your Christianity onto your old life. You start all over. Accept God’s call as a promotion. Burn the old bridges and fix it so you can not go back; then serve God with all your heart.”**

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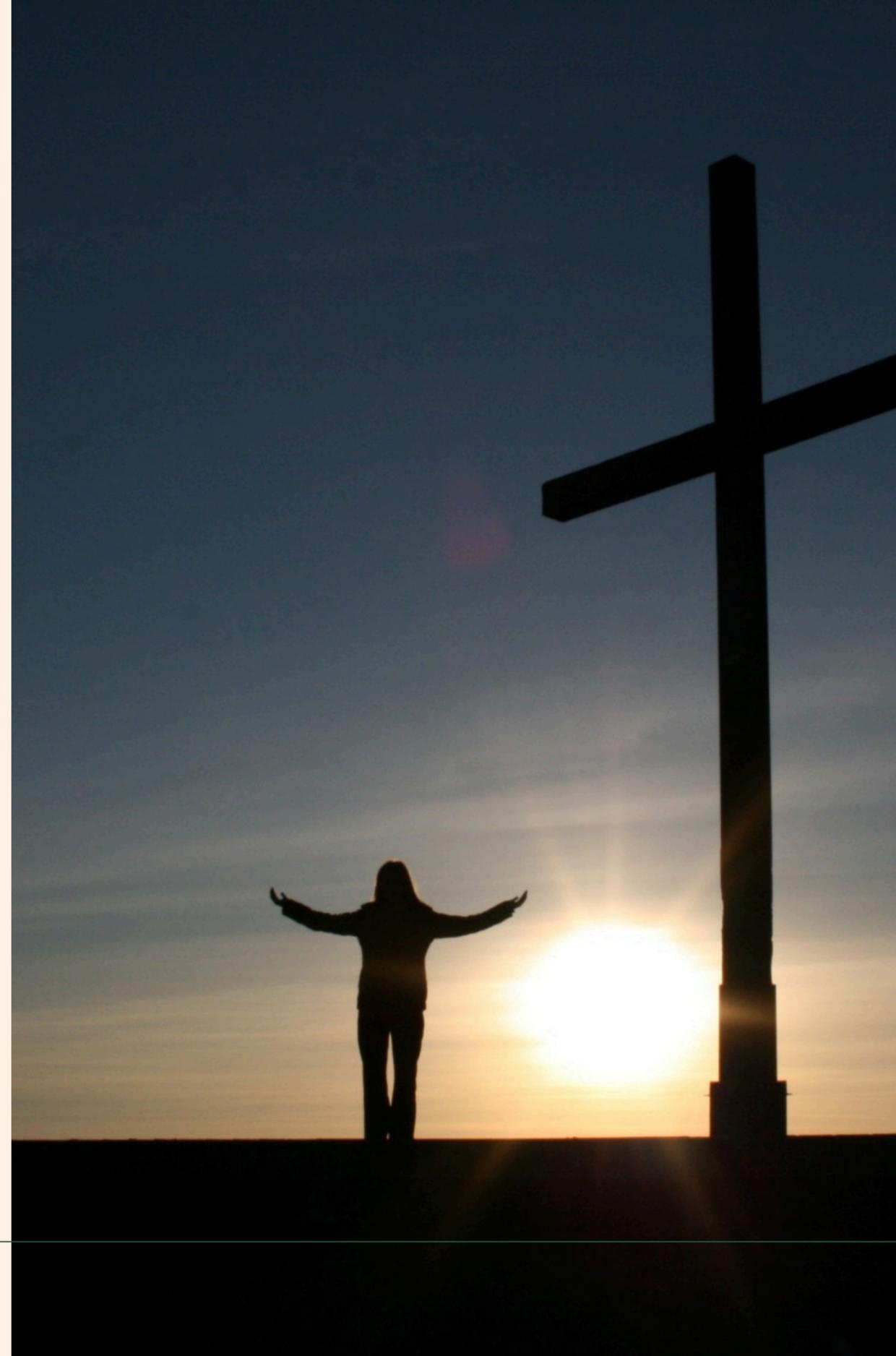
**3. MARY'S SURRENDER  
EXEMPLIFIED DEEP  
TRUST IN GOD.**



**Jeremiah 17:7-8, Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. He is like a tree planted by water, that sends out its roots by the stream and does not fear when heat comes.**

**Is your trust rooted in  
God?**

**4. MARY'S SURRENDER  
DID NOT REQUIRE  
EXPERIENCE.**



**“Let God have your life.  
He can do more with it  
than you can.”**