

new life

1 Peter 2:18-23

Slaves, in reverent fear of God submit yourselves to your masters, not only to those who are good and considerate, but also to those who are harsh. For it is commendable if someone bears up under the pain of unjust suffering because they are conscious of God.

But how is it to your credit if you receive a beating for doing wrong and endure it? But if you suffer for doing good and you endure it, this is commendable before God. To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps.

“He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.” When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly.

How do I play fair in a
cheating world?

- God is just and no injustice falls through the cracks
- God is active in your game
- This game has been played and won without cheating
- We can entrust ourselves to the One who is in control

He entrusted Himself to
the One who is in control!

Matthew 26:36-46

Then Jesus went with his disciples to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to them, “Sit here while I go over there and pray.” He took Peter and the two sons of Zebedee along with him, and he began to be sorrowful and troubled.

Then he said to them, “My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me.” 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.”

Then he returned to his disciples and found them sleeping. “Couldn’t you men keep watch with me for one hour?” he asked Peter. “Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.”

He went away a second time and prayed, “My Father, if it is not possible for this cup to be taken away unless I drink it, may your will be done.” When he came back, he again found them sleeping, because their eyes were heavy.

So he left them and went away once more and prayed the third time, saying the same thing. Then he returned to the disciples and said to them, “Are you still sleeping and resting? Look, the hour has come, and the Son of Man is delivered into the hands of sinners. Rise! Let us go! Here comes my betrayer!”

Jesus gives us His
example of how to Follow
THE Leader

Surrender Our Will

Our perception versus
reality

PERCEPTION:

U.N.C.L.E.

"U" Never Cave Lest (unless)
you want to be Enslaved

Surrender:

- give up, into the power/
control/possession of another
- to yield to (as in an enemy)
submit to (as in becoming a
prisoner)
- "wave the white flag"

REALITY:

U.N.C.L.E.

"U" Never can C Comprehend the L Love
of the E Eternal God for you unless you
SURRENDER

(What is the motive or desire of the one
to whom we are surrendering?)

The first 3 steps of AA/NA

1. Admit that we are powerless over...substance (or action)
2. Came to believe that a power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity
3. Made a DECISION to turn our WILL and LIVES over to the care of God

If Jesus is our Leader,
we **MUST** follow Him

The how to's of surrendering to God's will: (from Jesus in the Garden)

1. Find a safe place
2. It's o.k. to ask for assistance---
(just be careful who you pick)
3. Humble yourself before Him

4. Talk with Him (pray, and if need be pray and pray again)

5. Beware of the temptation to turn and take back your will

6. Walk away and face whatever you must...

--knowing that God goes with you...

--you laid your will at His feet...

--and your fate is in His loving hands!

Say UNCLE!