

## Almost Surrendered....

Only heaven will record all the near misses....people on the verge of a miracle that never came. Like Israel, God led them out but couldn't lead them in. Canaan, the land of promise, was never once touched by a whole generation.

We are religious but not righteous. Our lives are troubled and full of turmoil. We never enter the rest of Hebrews 4. It all stems from the lack of surrender. Circle Christians go in spiritual circles, they never move forward, never see progress, they circle the same problems till they drop in the spiritual wilderness. Their testimony is they never battled the devil; they were too busy battling themselves.

3 steps to full surrender:

1. **Nail self to the cross:** "me" on the throne means pain at home. Jesus warned the beginning of discipleship was "denying self". Eyes off of self, eyes on the Lord, then eyes on the needs of others.
2. **Kill the pride:** the fruit of a self focused life is pride. Pride measures itself against others, instead of God and pleasing Him. As long as we take glory from one another, the honor and reputation that comes from people, we will never fully surrender to God. Jesus said it in John 5:44, "how can you believe if you accept

praise from one another, yet make no effort to obtain the praise that comes from the only God."

3. **Reach out:** Surrender your time, your energy, your resources to God. God wants your life to flow out continually to others. We all have a ministry. I knew a retired woman who asked God what her ministry could be? He replied "use your talents." She knew immediately what He meant she was an excellent cook, she made delicious pies. So every week she baked pies and gave them to the sick and shut ins in the church. She blessed so many people, God was continually pouring out favor on her. Are you favored? Do you have God's blessings on you? Are you reaching out? Are you surrendered? Almost surrendered is not good enough!

Pastor Chambers

### Youth Back To School Service

Thursday, Sept. 9<sup>th</sup>  
7:00pm

*free school supplies to all those who attend!*

## Testimony Spotlight..



**Michelle Montano**

Hello, my name is Michelle. I am 40 years old, from Norco, California. I have been using drugs since I was 21 to age 38 and everything to do with them. When I came into Teen Challenge, I was so broken. I told the Lord to take my life and do what He wants. I love Pastor Chambers' church. I feel the strong presence of God every time I walk in there. God has turned my sorrow completely into joy. The Lord has done so many awesome things in my life. Pastor Doug and his wife, Brenda are a true blessing. God has anointed their church. I am so blessed that we get to go to a spirit filled church where I have experienced a supernatural touch from the Lord!