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## The Crown of Life

### Series: 40 Days of Purpose—Worship

2 Timothy 4:6-8 (NIV)

*For I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time has come for my departure. <sup>7</sup>I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. <sup>8</sup>Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day--and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.*

#### 1. MY WORSHIP OF GOD IS ALL ABOUT GIVING MYSELF AWAY.

2 Corinthians 8:5 (MsgB)

*This was totally spontaneous, entirely their own idea, and caught us completely off guard. What explains it was that they had first given themselves unreservedly to God and to us. The other giving simply flowed out of the purposes of God working in their lives.*

- Worship is best discovered through my surrender.
- The greatest thing I have to give to God is myself.
- What ever I am holding on to has not been surrendered to God.

Things we hold on to:

Unforgiveness

Resentment

Missed Opportunities

Bitterness

Past Hurts

Former Glory

#### 2. SURRENDERING TO GOD DEMANDS MY TOTAL COMMITMENT.

*v. 6 "For I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time has come for my departure."*

- Life with God is a marathon not a sprint.
- We live life with the end in mind.
- We want to "leave it all on the field."

#### 3. GOD REWARDS MY WORSHIP WITH A CROWN OF RIGHTEOUSNESS.

*v. 8 "Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day--and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing."*

- God recognizes our sacrifice for Him.
- God knows our commitment to Him.
- The race of Life was designed to be a team sport.

**Genuine worship causes me to surrender myself to God which activates the rewards that God has in store for me.**