

Absolute Surrender, Chapters 4-5

Chapter Four: Peter's Repentance

1. How did Andrew Murray's explanation of Peter's Repentance inform your understanding of self-denial?
 - i. Is there anything in particular from this chapter you would like to discuss?
2. Our culture encourages us to make much of ourselves. Self-pleasing, self-comfort, self-life are all to be elevated. According to this chapter, however, we have two options: either self-denial or Christ denial. Take a moment in prayer and ask God to reveal if there is any part of yourself that must be denied for the sake of Christ.
 - i. Rejoice! As Murray makes clear on the bottom of page 44, it is Christ who "can rid you of [self]; none else but Christ Jesus can give deliverance from the power of self." How have you seen Christ deliver you from the power of self?

Chapter Five: "Impossible with Man, Possible with God"

3. How did this chapter challenge your understanding of our need of God's omnipotence?
4. In the second paragraph on page 48, Murray says: "Your religious life is every day to be a proof that God works impossibilities..." Do you count on God's omnipotence to do the impossible? Explain.

5. On page 49, Murray says: "The cause of the weakness of your Christian life is that you want to work it out partly, and to let God help you. And that cannot be. You must come to be utterly helpless, to let God work, and God will work gloriously." Are there areas in your Christian life which you are working out on your own instead of trusting God? In relationships, in your work, in your finances, in your health?