

WORD

“Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ.” ACTS 2:36

That if you confess with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ROMANS 10:9

To believe in Jesus means to accept Him as both Savior and Lord. If we say, “Jesus is Lord,” that means He is our master and He calls the shots. This declaration is more than intellectual assent or lip service. It means we wholeheartedly submit our lives to Him and His Word. Jesus is either Lord of all or not at all. He can’t be Lord of some or most of our lives—He has to be Lord of every area, every day. In this lesson, we will look at three areas that we wrestle with, which should be under the Lordship of Jesus Christ.

1 Jesus is Lord of my will.

“Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done.” LUKE 22:42

If Jesus is Lord, that means we submit our will to His purposes. Even Jesus surrendered to the will of His Father. Like Jesus, we need to make a decision to follow God and walk out this decision, no matter how hard it gets. How can following our own will, emotions, and ideas be dangerous? How have you had to surrender your will to God? How do you respond when your will is not God’s will?

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2 Jesus is Lord of my mind.

We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ. 2 CORINTHIANS 10:5

Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will. ROMANS 12:2

Making Jesus Lord of your mind is about filling your mind with His Word. Our thoughts should be obedient to Christ, and we should not allow ungodly thoughts to rule our minds. How has reading the Bible transformed the way you think and act? How has God’s Word helped you know His will?

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3 Jesus is Lord of my body.

Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own . . . 1 CORINTHIANS 6:19

To make Jesus Lord is to acknowledge that our bodies are no longer our own. What we believe should reflect in how we live, including where we go, what we do, and what we say. What is a *temple*? The Bible says that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit. How has this affected your lifestyle? What does it mean to make Jesus the Lord of your body?

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