

Testimony of the Cross
“Total Surrender”
Luke 1:26-38/2:25-35,49/John 19:25-27

What does the Cross mean to you?

- A symbol, a charm, a cause?
- A stumbling block, foolishness?

The Testimony of Paul – The Power of God

“For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.” (1 Corinthians 1:18)

The Testimony of Peter – The Forgiveness of God

“For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit” (1 Peter 3:18)

The Testimony of John – The Love of God

“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life.” (John 3:16)

Background (Luke 1:26-38)

- A young virgin
- Betrothed (pledged)
- Mother of the Messiah

A Life of Surrender (Luke 2:25-35)

1. Not the right _____
2. Not the right _____
3. Not the right _____

Obstacles of Surrender (Luke 2:49)

1. confusion
2. Fear
3. Doubt

The Cross: Divine and Personal Surrender (John 19:25-27)

- God gave His _____ Son
- Mary gave her _____ son

Will You Surrender All?

1. God _____ you
2. God _____ your direction
3. God _____ you on