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We don't want to be like a stubborn mule who insists on going his own way. How can God control us if we insist on having our own way and we keep saying “NO” to what God wants us to do? The believer with a yielded heart says, “Yes Lord, I'll do whatever You want me to do; I'll go wherever You want me to go; I'll say whatever You want me to say.” When you see a “Yield” sign on the road, you are to give the other vehicle the right of way. Yielding to God involves giving God the right of way and being completely willing to do God's will--**whatever, however, whenever, wherever**. Yielding involves saying “YES” to God, which also means saying “NO” to self (Luke 9:23).

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