

**Zoe: Nuts & Bolts – Do You Have the Will?**  
**Zoe Traits Part 1: Traits of Successful Surrender!**  
***Slide Notations***

**The Nuts and Bolts Logo! Talking about entering the Divine life of God, as He has it, for us! We know that there's nothing "in Him" that we don't want! Know that there are many distractions to having it in fullness! Requires SURRENDER!**

**Surrender!** To relinquish possession and/or control to someone... To give up and/or give back something... To give over and/or resign ourselves to someone... Restoration of an estate!

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"bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are His." **1C6.20** "Not redeemed with corruptible things like gold and silver... but with the precious blood of Christ!" **1P1.18** The point is obvious... "We are not our own..." **1C6.19**

**And yet, we so often hold back parts of ourselves and our lives from God! Do we have the will to surrender?**

**We know...** What true surrender looks like... "Relentless people. Monomaniacal; unbending, unfading focus on the mission. Not over reactive to events. No leaping for distracting, irrelevant opportunities. Capable of immense perseverance, unyielding in our standards, no overreaching..."

"You, me, during our short stay here, living for, reaching out to our families and friends with a sense of urgency... making sure that everyone in the realm of our personal worlds is safe and saved... because nothing in this life is more important than the people around us!"

"I have kept back nothing profitable to you but have walked in and talked of repentance toward God and faith in Jesus. There is a lot to dissuade me but I am not moved! Life is nothing without finishing my run and ministry with joy. I am guilty of no man's blood for I have not shunned to declare all the counsel of God!" **A20.20**

**Do we have the will to truly surrender to God to be used to carry out His will on earth? And how do we stay surrendered in a hostile-to-the-surrendered world?**

**By developing three important traits of life-long success!**

**Journey into the Unknown...** In October 1911, two teams of adventurers made their final preparations in their quest to be the first people in modern history to reach the South Pole. It's a near-perfect matched pair. Here we have two expedition leaders—Roald Amundsen, the winner, and Robert Scott, the loser —of similar ages (39 and

43) and with comparable experience. Amundsen led the first successful journey through the Northwest Passage and joined the first expedition to spend the winter in Antarctica; Scott led a South Pole expedition in 1902, reaching 82 degrees South. Amundsen and Scott started their respective journeys for the Pole within days of each other, both facing a round trip of more than fourteen hundred miles (roughly equal to the distance from New York City to Chicago and back) into an uncertain and unforgiving environment, where temperatures could easily reach 20 degrees below zero even during the summer, made worse by gale-force winds. And keep in mind, this was 1911. They had no means of modern communication to call back to base camp; no radio, no cell

phones, no satellite links, and a rescue would have been highly improbable at the South Pole if they messed up. One leader led his team to victory and safety. The other led his team to defeat and death. What separated these two men? Why did one achieve success while the other failed?

### **Amundsen or Scott?**

**Amundsen's Philosophy...** *You don't wait* until you're in an unexpected storm to discover that you need more strength and endurance. *You don't wait* until you're shipwrecked to determine if you can eat raw dolphin. *You don't wait* until you're on the Antarctic journey to become a superb skier and dog handler. *You prepare with intensity all the time, so that when conditions turn against you*, you can draw from a deep reservoir of strength. And equally, you prepare so that when conditions turn in your favor, you can strike hard. *Amundsen systematically built enormous buffers for unforeseen events.* When setting supply depots, he not only flagged a primary depot, he placed 20 black pennants (easy to see against the white snow) in precise increments for miles on either side, *giving himself a target* more than ten kilometers wide *in case he got slightly off course coming back in a storm.* To accelerate segments of his return journey, *he marked his path* every quarter of a mile with packing-case remnants and every eight miles with black flags hoisted upon bamboo poles. Amundsen stored three tons of supplies for 5 men starting out versus Scott's one ton for 17 men. In his final push for the South Pole from 82 degrees, Amundsen *carried enough extra* supplies to miss every single depot and still have enough left over to go another hundred miles. *He didn't know what lay ahead.* He didn't know the exact terrain, the altitude of the mountain passes, or all the barriers he might encounter. He and his team might get pounded by a series of unfortunate events. *Yet he designed the entire journey to systematically reduce the role of big forces and chance events by vigorously embracing the possibility of those very same big forces and chance events.* He presumed bad events might strike his team somewhere along the journey and he prepared for them, *even developing contingency plans so that the team could go on should something unfortunate happen to him* along the way. On December 15, 1911, in bright sunshine sparkling across the vast white plain, with a slight crosswind and a temperature of 10 degrees below zero F, Amundsen reached the South Pole. He and his teammates planted the Norwegian flag, which "unfurled itself with a sharp crack," and dedicated the plateau to the Norwegian king. *Then they went right back to work.* Amundsen and his team reached home base in good shape on January 25, the precise day he'd panned into his plan.

**Different behavior's not different circumstances... made the difference! Different behavior's in equally bad circumstances... had significantly different results!**

**Successful people share a set of behavioral traits that distinguish them from people who fail!**

**Three Traits... *Fanatic discipleship!*** We spend time building core strength! Triathlon training for a *fun* run! Lifelong P90/Insanity/X-Boot Camp! For all the preparation, Amundsen used every last bit for the journey... We will need, and use every last bit of our training and preparation/overprepare!

***Live and die by empirical truth alone!*** Winner's don't guess! Winner's don't dial up the pundits! Never choose *unproven pathways!* "Dog sleds over ponies and motors..." He knew what worked in polar conditions! We may be going places we have never been before, but we know *following God* works!

***Living with positive/proactive fear!*** "Only puppies are not afraid of tigers!" It is always wrong for believers to live in anxious fear... **Ph 4.6 Mt 6.25 1P5.7** But it is equally wrong to ignore the danger ahead... **Pr27.12 E6 1P5.8** We have no need to fear the future if we properly prepare ourselves now!

**Successful people understand that they face continuous uncertainty and that they cannot control, and cannot accurately predict, significant aspects of the world around them... On the other hand, successful people reject the idea that outside forces; people, circumstances or chance events will determine their results; they accept full responsibility for succeeding or failing.**