



CROSSOVER SERMON

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The Body of Jesus Christ

Luke 22:39-42 TPT

39 Jesus left the upper room with his disciples and, as was his habit, went to the Mount of Olives, *his place of secret prayer*.

40 There he told the apostles, “Keep praying for strength to be spared from the severe test of your faith that is about to come.”

41 Then he withdrew from them a short distance to be alone. Kneeling down, he prayed,

42 “Father, if you are willing, take this cup of agony away from me. But no matter what, your will must be mine.”

The Blood of Jesus Christ

Luke 22:43-44 TPT

43 Jesus called for an angel of glory to strengthen him, and the angel appeared.

44 He prayed even more passionately, like one being sacrificed, until he was in such intense agony of spirit that his sweat became drops of blood, dripping onto the ground.

Psalm 1:6 (MSG)

6 GOD charts the road you take. The road *they* take leads to nowhere.

Definitions of Surrender

■ www.dictionary.com

cease resistance to an enemy or opponent and submit to their authority.

■ Merriam Webster Dictionary

1a: to yield to the power, control, or possession of another upon compulsion or demand.

b: to give up completely or agree to forgo especially in favor of another.

2a: to give (oneself) up into the power of another especially as a prisoner.

b: to give (oneself) over to something (such as an influence).

Worldly Surrender vs Kingdom Surrender

- The world has several definitions for surrender (as seen prior).
- What then is the kingdom definition of surrender?
- When God says we should surrender, what does He mean?
- The world's lifestyle of surrender is characterized by force, compulsion; giving up oneself in favor of another, demand, giving up oneself to an influence, etc.
- What characterizes the kingdom lifestyle of surrender?

Base Text:

Genesis 22:1-19 (NIV)

1 Some time later God tested Abraham. He said to him, “Abraham!” “Here I am,” he replied.

2 Then God said, “Take your son, your only son, whom you love—Isaac—and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on a mountain I will show you.”

3 Early the next morning Abraham got up and loaded his donkey. He took with him two of his servants and his son Isaac. When he had cut enough wood for the burnt offering, he set out for the place God had told him about.

4 On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place in the distance.

5 He said to his servants, “Stay here with the donkey while I and the boy go over there. We will worship and then we will come back to you.”

6 Abraham took the wood for the burnt offering and placed it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. As the two of them went on together,

7 Isaac spoke up and said to his father Abraham, "Father?" "Yes, my son?" Abraham replied. "The fire and wood are here," Isaac said, "but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?"

8 Abraham answered, "God himself will provide the lamb for the burnt offering, my son." And the two of them went on together.

9 When they reached the place God had told him about, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood on it. He bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood.

10 Then he reached out his hand and took the knife to slay his son.

11 But the angel of the LORD called out to him from heaven, "Abraham! Abraham!" "Here I am," he replied.

12 "Do not lay a hand on the boy," he said. "Do not do anything to him. Now I know that you fear God, because you have not withheld from me your son, your only son."

13 Abraham looked up and there in a thicket he saw a ram caught by its horns. He went over and took the ram and sacrificed it as a burnt offering instead of his son.

14 So Abraham called that place The LORD Will Provide. And to this day it is said, "On the mountain of the LORD it will be provided."

15 The angel of the LORD called to Abraham from heaven a second time

16 and said, “I swear by myself, declares the LORD, that because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son,

17 I will surely bless you and make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as the sand on the seashore. Your descendants will take possession of the cities of their enemies,

18 and through your offspring all nations on earth will be blessed, because you have obeyed me.”

19 Then Abraham returned to his servants, and they set off together for Beersheba. And Abraham stayed in Beersheba.

Lose the Ability to Say
“NO”,
to God!

Noteworthy

- In the kingdom, surrender involves every aspect of our tripartite being.

(i) At the level of the Body

Everything about our physical being.

(ii) At the level of the Soul

- mind (think)
- will (decide)
- emotion (express)

(iii) At the level of the Spirit

Noteworthy

- Surrender is a kingdom principle that should be taught, preached, perceived and most importantly, it should be lived.
- Are you living a surrendered lifestyle in the kingdom?

#1. Kingdom definition of surrender

Definition of surrender in the kingdom.

When we lose the ability to say “NO” to God, we are truly living in surrender to God in that area of our lives.

Luke 22:41-42 (TPT)

41 Then he withdrew from them a short distance to be alone.

Kneeling down, he prayed,

42 “Father, if you are willing, take this cup of agony away from me.

But no matter what, your will must be mine.”

#2. The journey of surrender is a test.

1 Some time later God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" "Here I am," he replied.

We will be required to go on a journey of surrender in our walk with the Lord. At the same time, it will be a test for us. Would we pass the test?

James 1:3-4 (TPT)

3 For you know that when your faith is tested it stirs up in you the power of endurance.

4 And then as your endurance grows even stronger, it will release perfection into every part of your being until there is nothing missing and nothing lacking.

#3 Effective surrender in the kingdom, is Word based.

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Isaac—and go to the region of Moriah. **Sacrifice** him there as a burnt
offering on a mountain I will show you.”

#4. Surrender “what” and “where” God says you should surrender.

2 Then God said, “Take **your son**, your only son, whom you love—**Isaac**—and go to the region of **Moriah**. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on a mountain I will show you.”

Isaac – One who laughs; one who rejoices.

Moriah – God is my teacher; place of worship; teaching place.

#5. The journey of surrender is all about God teaching us.

- The lifestyle of surrender is all about God desiring to teach us, not whip us. To prune us, not subtract from us with negative intent(s).
- What is God teaching you?

- For Abraham the Patriarch, God taught him that He is Jehovah Jireh.

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#6. Our attitude towards the journey of surrender matter.

- Our attitude in this journey should be that of promptness, not unwillingness; slowness or lateness.

3 Early the next morning Abraham got up and loaded his donkey. He took with him two of his servants and his son Isaac. When he had cut enough wood for the burnt offering, he set out for the place God had told him about.

#7. The instruction to surrender is not always a group instruction.

- 3** Early the next morning Abraham got up and loaded his donkey. He took with him two of his servants and his son Isaac. When he had cut enough wood for the burnt offering, he set out for the place God had told him about.
- 4** On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place in the distance

- Not everyone around us can handle the weight of our surrender journey.
- Explaining every detail to the people around us, sometimes is to our detriment.
- Sometimes the story is best told after the fact.
- Regardless, do not isolate. It is possible to go on that journey amid the crowd.
- CAUTION: Be wise as serpents and gentle as doves. Matthew 10:16.

NB:

My Isaac is not your Isaac. Neither is my Isaac your Isaac.
He deals with us independently.

#8. Refrain from rash words and attitudes during this journey.

- Expressions of disappointments, self-pity entertainments, etc.

5 He said to his servants, “Stay here with the donkey while I and the boy go over there. We will worship and then we will come back to you.”

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#9. Surrender is Worship

5 He said to his servants, “Stay here with the donkey while I and the boy go over there. We will worship and then we will come back to you.”

Romans 12:1 (TPT)

1 Beloved friends, what should be our proper response to God's marvelous mercies? To **surrender** yourselves to God to be his sacred, living sacrifices. And live in holiness, experiencing all that delights his heart. For this becomes your **genuine expression of worship.**

#10. In the kingdom, surrender attracts provisions.

- The secret to getting our needs met.
- Surrender is currency in the kingdom and can be used to purchase everything the Father wants for us.
- Read vs 13 to vs 18

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#11. In the kingdom, we soar by surrender.

- When we live a kingdom lifestyle of surrender, we live in freedom. Not bound by anything and anyone.

- **Romans 12:2 (TPT)**

2 Stop imitating the ideals and opinions of the culture around you, but be inwardly transformed by the Holy Spirit through a total reformation of how you think. This will empower you to discern God's will as you live a beautiful life, satisfying and perfect in his eyes.

- We are no longer prisoners or slaves to the world (its systems and its standards).
- Read Romans 6:15-18 (NIV)

■ Slaves to Righteousness

15 What then? Shall we sin because we are not under the law but under grace? By no means!

16 Don't you know that when you offer yourselves to someone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one you obey—whether you are slaves to sin, which leads to death, or to obedience, which leads to righteousness?

17 But thanks be to God that, though you used to be slaves to sin, you have come to obey from your heart the pattern of teaching that has now claimed your allegiance.

18 You have been set free from sin and have become slaves to righteousness.

#12. In the kingdom, surrender is legacy!

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14 So Abraham called that place The LORD Will Provide. And to this day it is said, "On the mountain of the LORD it will be provided."

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14 And Abraham called the name of that place Jehovah Jireh: as it is said to this day, In the mount of the LORD it shall be seen.

- Quite often, we want to create legacy by might. However, God is inviting us into a superior realm, whereby, legacy is created by **total surrender.**

(1) Receive grace to surrender promptly.

vs 1 to vs 3

(2) Remember that your “Isaac” will speak to you on the road of/to surrender.

Know how to respond to your Isaac of the mind, will, emotion, etc.

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