

# Facing the Giants In Marriage

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## Complete Surrender to His will in Your Marriage

### Genesis 22:1-3 God Looks at the Heart

**22** Some time later God tested Abraham. He said to him, “Abraham!”  
“Here I am,” he replied. <sup>2</sup> Then God said, “Take your son, your only son, Isaac, whom you love, and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains I will tell you about.” <sup>3</sup> *Early the next morning Abraham got up and saddled his donkey. He took with him two of his servants and his son Isaac.*

- > Testing > The focus here is on “reliable” and valuable
- > This is a test to understand deeply the will of God, beyond your own will.
- > Sacrifice goes hand in hand with the faith and the relationship we have with Christ.
- > Dying to our ideas for our marriage releases His miracles upon us.

### Film Clip

#### Let's Talk About It: Loving God At The Worst Place

1. What are some of the emotions that accompany disappointment?
2. Why does God get all the blame in times like these?
3. What is the impact on those around?

#### Protecting Your Heart

##### Psalm 141:4ff

Set a guard over my mouth, O LORD; keep watch over the door of my lips.

<sup>4</sup> *Let not my heart be drawn to what is evil, to take part in wicked deeds with men who are evildoers; let me not eat of their delicacies.*

> False Surrender:

Surrender and not resist

Manages the pain of the marriage or the season you are going through.

Intimacy dies as the ability to open up is more difficult.

“This is as good as it is going to get.”

Surrender on the outside and resist on the inside

The bitter root syndrome/”active” unforgiveness.

Living a hypocritical lifestyle that damages you and your family.

Surrender to get ready to get even.

This is a ploy of the enemy that “empowers” you to wait for the right moment to hurt back.

Surrender and protect yourself

Survival mode.

You are just hoping to get through. There is not anticipation of learning or growing in the relationship at all.

### Proverbs 3:5ff

<sup>5</sup>Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding;

<sup>6</sup>in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.

Surrender to the New Life in Christ

A sanctified marriage > more than just being happy

The old things have gone the new have come. (2 Corinthians 5:17)

Surrender to biblical principles for marriage and relationships

Take to heart literally Eph 5:21-33 in all your ways separately/couple

Trust in His redeeming love for you and your marriage

Trust that He will empower you to grow in:

Covenant, One-Flesh Living, Biblical Roles, Forgiveness,  
Spiritual Warfare

Surrender to praying and hearing His voice.

Praying Together

Flowing in the Spirit

Surrender completely to His will.

Living out the oneness we have in Christ HIS WAY

### Game On: “| Surrender All”

#### **1. Your “Surrender” History**

The old things have passed away.

#### **2. Your “Surrender” Failures**

Ish. 43:18 “Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. <sup>19</sup>See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the desert and streams in the wasteland.

#### **3. Your “Surrender” Future**

We do not walk in fear but in faith> we are being transformed.

#### **4. Your “Surrender” / Personal**

We can do all things through Christ

#### **5. Your “Surrender” / Marriage**

Agreement to surrender > Amos 3:3 Can two walk together, unless they agree?

His will for your marriage to be used for His purpose.

