
Caring – Focusing on Those That Matter the Most: Discovering the Power of Surrender

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The Problem of Negative Momentum

Don't Give Up Until You Tried Living God's Way

“Humanly speaking, it is impossible. But with God
everything is possible.”

Matthew 19:26, NLT

God's Way Is Total Surrender to His
Will and Ways

Most People Try:

Convenient Surrender

Limited Surrender

Conditional Surrender

Turning the Outcome Over to God

You Are Not Responsible for The Outcome but
You Are Called to Be Obedient

“So humble yourselves under the mighty power of God, and at the right time he will lift you up in honor. Give all your worries and cares to God, for he cares about you.” 1 Peter 5:6–7, NLT

Humbling Myself

Waiting for God's Timing

Battling for Your Relationship by Prayer

Letting God Do Anything He Wants to Do in You

The Problem with Most Relationships is IN ME

All Relationships Will NATURALLY Move
Toward Destructive Behavior

"For from within, out of a person's heart, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, greed, wickedness, deceit, lustful desires, envy, slander, pride, and foolishness. All these vile things come from within; they are what defile you."

Mark 7:21-23, NLT

“Dear friends, let us continue to love one another, for love comes from God. Anyone who loves is a child of God and knows God. But anyone who does not love does not know God, for God is love.” **1 John 4:7–8, NLT**

The Evidence that I Am Loving People God’s Way:

When the Other Person Feels Loved

I Am Being Changed

Build Healthy Spiritual Disciplines

“For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places. Therefore, put on every piece of God’s armor so you will be able to resist the enemy in the time of evil.”

Then after the battle you will still be standing firm.”
Ephesians 6:12–13, NLT

Changing A Relationship Is a Battle for
The Soul of That Relationship

Learning to Return Love for Evil

“For God called you to do good, even if it means suffering, just as Christ suffered for you. He is your example, and you must follow in his steps. He never sinned, nor ever deceived anyone. He did not retaliate when he was insulted, nor threaten revenge when he suffered. He left his case in the hands of God, who always judges fairly.” *1 Peter 2:21–23, NLT*

I Change Relationships by Changing My
Responses to Negativity

Heavenly Father, I surrender to You today with all my heart and soul. Please come into my heart in a deeper way. I say "Yes" to You today. I open all the secret places in my heart to you and say, "Come on in." I surrender all my fears and failures – all my hopes and dreams. Father, I surrender (Name the Relationship) to you. I release the outcome of this relationship to you and dedicate my life to be the Man/Woman you need me to be in this relationship. I promise to saturate this relationship daily in prayer and Christ's love. In Jesus name, amen