The Altar of Surrender - The Knife and the Ram

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Primary Point:	Control hardens you; Surrender softens you.

Primary Text: Genesis 22:1-18

- 1. Surrender is not anxious control, nor is it passive resignation.
- 2. Surrendered action guarantees you walk away with joy, no matter the result.
- 3. Surrender is easy when you know He will provide.

Application questions:

- 1. What does it look like for you to fight <u>from</u> peace rather than <u>for</u> peace in your current conflict, relationship, or decision?
- 2. If you fully surrendered your worst-case scenario to God, what fear would lose its grip on you?
- 3. If surrender creates altars, what "Isaac" might you need to place on the altar this week and what step of obedience could you take to show God you trust Him with it?
- 4. What would happen if every morning, you listed all the outcomes of life you are striving for, and you gave them over to God, saying "not my will, but yours be done"?
- 5. When was the last time you celebrated a "bad" outcome because you knew God's doing exactly what He wants in this?