

Powerful Prayers, Pt. 3
Send Me: Isaiah's Radical Surrender
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Following Jesus actually invites you into saying yes without knowing the details of what your "yes" entails.

Ephesians 2:10 (NIV) *"For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."*

Tension: Most people want clarity before obedience, but God often asks for obedience before clarity.

God tends to invite your yes, before revealing His plan.

1. Surrender Begins with Encounter

Isaiah 6:1-4 (NLT) *"It was in the year King Uzziah died that I saw the Lord. He was sitting on a lofty throne, and the train of his robe filled the Temple. Attending him were mighty seraphim, each having six wings. With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. They were calling out to each other, 'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of Heaven's Armies! The whole earth is filled with his glory!' Their voices shook the Temple to its foundations, and the entire building was filled with smoke."*

2. Excuses that Resist Surrender

A. Desire for More Clarity

We can make the mistake of delaying obedience waiting for details God never promised.

Proverbs 3:5 (NLT) *"Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding."*

B. Fear of Failure

2 Timothy 1:7 *"God has not given us a spirit of fear, but a spirit of power, love and a sound mind."*

C. The Cost

Sacrifice is the door that reveals purpose.

Purpose will cost comfort, convenience and control.

Luke 9:23 (NLT) *"If anyone of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross daily, and follow me."*

D. Believing the lie that says, "God can't use me."

Isaiah 6:5a (NLT) *"Then I said, 'It's all over! I am doomed, for I am a sinful man. I have filthy lips and I live among a people with filthy lips.'"*

3. God Redeems Whatever We Surrender

Isaiah 6:6-7 (NLT) *"Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a burning coal he had taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. He touched my lips with it and said, 'See, this coal has touched your lips. Now your guilt is removed, and your sins are forgiven.'"*

TRUTH: If God refuses to hold your excuses, sin, past mistakes and failures against you; what gives you the right to do so.

God is not looking for perfection, He is simply looking for surrender.

4. The Powerful Prayer of Surrender

Isaiah 6:8 (NIV) *"Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?"*

Obedience without details is faith in action.

Your surrender, your obedience, your yes will impact far more people than just you!

Questions:

- What has God been asking you to do that you have delayed?
- Where are you demanding clarity instating of Trusting God?
- Where have you allowed insecurity to become disobedience?
- Are you waiting for certainty when God is asking for faith?

The question is not, Are you perfect? Are you fully prepared? Do you know every detail? The question is, Will you trust Him enough to say Yes?

Faith says, even if I don't know the assignment, I know the One who is sending me and I will trust Him.