

# Lesson 1: Raising the White Flag — Biblical Surrender to God

## Lesson Focus

This lesson teaches biblical and spiritual surrender as alignment with God rather than defeat. Surrender is presented as yielding control, retaliation, and self-rule in order to trust God with justice, outcomes, and authority.

## Key Scriptures (ESV)

- Romans 12:19 — Believers are commanded to surrender personal vengeance and entrust justice to God.
- 2 Kings 18–19 — King Hezekiah responds to overwhelming threat by surrendering control and seeking the Lord.
- 1 John 5:14 — Confidence that God hears prayers offered according to His will.

## Teaching Summary

Biblical surrender is not passivity or weakness. It is the intentional transfer of authority from self to God. Scripture consistently shows that when God's people stop escalating and start trusting, God acts decisively. Surrender creates space for God's will to move without corrupting the heart through fear, pride, or retaliation.

## Key Teaching Points

- Surrender does not deny truth; it yields control.
- Raising the white flag before God is an act of faith, not failure.
- God's justice is not threatened by our restraint.
- Surrender protects the soul while trusting God with outcomes.

## Student Reflection

- Where am I trying to control an outcome instead of trusting God?
- What would it look like to stop retaliating and start surrendering?
- How does trusting God with justice change my responses?