Love Is Surrender

Love and Sex

Have you ever fallen in love? It's natural. Humans are built to love and be loved. We're also built to want sex and we often get the two confused. Sometimes what we think is love is simply more of a sexual desire. But a mistaken pursuit of sex, thinking it is love, actually destroys love. Sex becomes a selfish act and love cannot survive between selfish partners. True love is found in a relationship of unconditional care, where self is surrendered to our partner. Sex is then the result of true love, just as God had intended when he made us.

How can we ensure love that starts romantically doesn't decay to two people just living separate lives together? We may try on our own to come up with rules of what we should do, but then stumble as we try to implement them. (I have.) The easiest and most effective way to truly love another is to love and surrender to the God who created us. He controls how love works and even came in human form (Jesus) to show us. (See God Is Love.) He can fill you with the power to truly love your spouse, and others as well, and you won't even have to think about it – as you surrender to his will.

Taking this idea further, you've probably heard the Carpenters song "Love Is Surrender." The song was written by Ralph Carmichael for the 1969 Christian musical "Tell It Like It Is." But the Carpenters modified the lyrics when they referred to God. (See a comparison on the next page.) While the Carpenters version is stating the truth about love, it does not offer a solution as does Carmichael's version.

The God who made us offers a solution if we just take him up on it. Some may be better at human love than others, but without allowing God's love to direct yours, you will never get close to the joy of true love. I dare say, you will never understand how surrendering to your lover leads to sex, rather than selfishly hoping for sex by being "nice."

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Carpenters (World view)	**Ralph Carmichael (God view)**
1. Talk about love How it makes life complete You can talk all you want Make it sound good and sweet But the words have an empty ring And they don't really mean a thing Chorus Without love you are not to be found You are not to be found For love is surrender You must surrender if you care You must surrender if you dare 2. Shout about love Then the wars will all end You can shout "we're all brothers", And even pretend But you can't cover up the past Just pretending will never last Chorus Without love you are nothing at all You are nothing at all, huh For love is surrender You must surrender if you care You must surrender if you dare For love is surrender You must surrender if you care You must surrender if you dare Dare!	1. Talk about love how it makes life complete You can talk all you want make it sound nice and sweet, But the words have an empty ring, and they don't really mean a thing, Chorus: Without Him love is not to be found; not to be found. For love is surrender, Love is surrender to His will Love is surrender to His will 3. Shout about love and the wars will all end You can shout we're all brothers and even pretend But you can't cover up the past just pretending we'll never last, Chorus: Without Him love is not to be found; not to be found. For love is surrender, Love is surrender to His will Love is surrender to His will