



ARGUING WITH GOD

Part 1: Why Do You Want it All?
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Basic Rules for Arguing

- 1) Be respectful
- 2) Find common ground
- 3) Ask more than tell
- 4) Own your stuff
- 5) Concede truth
- 6) Don't just fight *in* – fight *for*

**Love the Lord your God with all your heart
and with all your soul and with all your strength.**

– Deuteronomy 6:5

This Week's Argument

God, why are you so demanding?
Why can't you be satisfied with most of me?
Why do I have to surrender everything?
Why do you want all of me?

My life would be so much easier
if you would be happy with ____ percent.

God wants us to surrender all so that He can:

Forgive all

When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your sinful nature, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins... – Colossians 2:13

Redeem all

...who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good. – Titus 2:14

Repair all

At one time we too were foolish, disobedient, deceived and enslaved by all kinds of passions and pleasures. We lived in malice and envy, being hated and hating one another. But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. – Titus 3:3-5a

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Protect all

And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. – Philippians 4:7

Provide all

And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. – 2 Corinthians 9:8

Save all

All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our sinful nature and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature objects of wrath. But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. – Ephesians 2:3-5

God demands all because He gave all.

He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—
how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?
– Romans 8:32

Small Group Questions

- 1) Which best describes you when you are in an argument:
 - a. Lawyer (you deliver convincing arguments)
 - b. Diplomat (you are driven by diplomacy)
 - c. 3-year-old child (you cry, have a tantrum and sulk)
 - d. Competitor (you have to win)
 - e. Sprinter (you run and avoid conflict at all costs)
- 2) Do you enjoy a good debate? Why or why not?
- 3) What is one area of your life that you struggle to surrender?
- 4) Read the scriptures from this outline out loud. Note all the times you see the word “all.” How do these verses help in understanding God as an “all-consuming fire?”
- 5) What does daily surrendering to God look like in your life?
- 6) How can we pray for you right now?

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