

Case 33 - Full Transcript - Part 1 of 4

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1. User [2026-09-25T08:51:45Z]

Can you tell my husband that I am allowed to change my mind. If he makes decisions in life and they don't turn out right then that is life and he can't hold me accountable no matter what advice I gave him. Some things just can't be un-done and he can't spend the rest of his life dwelling on the past.

2. Assistant

Here's a calm but firm way to say it:

I need you to understand that I am allowed to change my mind. I can give you advice, share my opinion, or support a decision at the time, and later feel differently based on what happens or what I learn.

Ultimately, the decisions you make in your life are your decisions. If something doesn't turn out the way either of us hoped, that doesn't mean you can hold me responsible forever because of something I said or advised at the time. We both make choices with the information and circumstances we have in that moment, and sometimes things simply don't work out.

There are also things in life that can't be undone. Constantly going back over the past, blaming me, or focusing on what should have happened won't change the outcome. At some point, we have to accept what has happened, learn from it, and decide how we move forward.

I'm willing to acknowledge my part in things where that's appropriate, but I'm not willing to carry lifelong responsibility for your choices or be continually punished for advice I gave in the past. I want us to deal with problems as partners, not keep score or use old decisions against each other.

I can also make this softer and more loving, or shorter and much firmer, depending on how you want it to land.

3. User [2026-09-25T08:52:12Z]

Really I am mad so make it firmer

4. Assistant

Here's a firmer version that makes the boundary much clearer:

I need you to stop holding me responsible for decisions that you made. I am allowed to change my mind. I am allowed to have an opinion at one point in time and feel differently later. That does not make me responsible for every consequence that follows.

You are an adult, and the choices you make are ultimately yours. You can listen to my advice, disagree with it, take it, or ignore it, but you cannot make a decision and then blame me indefinitely because it didn't turn out the way you wanted.

Life does not come with guarantees. Sometimes we make decisions that seem right at the time and later wish things had gone differently. That is part of life. Some things cannot be undone, and repeatedly dragging up the past will not change what happened.

I am not going to spend the rest of my life being blamed, guilted, or held accountable for choices that were not mine alone to make. I will take responsibility for my own actions and mistakes, and I expect you to take responsibility for yours.

At some point, you have to decide whether you want to keep living in the past or move forward. I am willing to move forward with you, but I am not willing to keep being punished for the past.

If you want, I can make it even sharper and more confrontational without making it cruel.

5. User [2026-09-25T08:52:41Z]

go on then if you think that will do they trick

6. Assistant

Yes — if the goal is to make it unmistakably clear that you won't keep accepting blame, I'd make it sharper like this:

I am done being made responsible for decisions that you chose to make.

I may have given you advice. I may even have strongly encouraged something at the time. But you are an adult, and ultimately you made your own decision. You do not get to hand me the consequences afterwards and say they are mine to carry because things didn't work out the way you hoped.

And yes, I am allowed to change my mind. I am allowed to look back with different information, different circumstances and different feelings and say that I no longer see things the same way. That is not hypocrisy. That is being human.

What I will not accept anymore is having the past dragged out repeatedly as evidence that I somehow owe you for the rest of my life. I cannot go back and change what happened, and neither can you. No amount of blame, resentment or replaying old conversations is going to undo it.

If I have something to genuinely apologise for, I can own that. But owning my part is not the same as accepting responsibility for your entire life or every decision you regret.

At some point, you have to take ownership of your own choices and decide what you are going to do with the life you have now. I cannot keep paying emotionally for decisions that are already made and cannot be undone.

I want a marriage where we deal with what is in front of us and move forward together. I do not want a marriage where one person gets to keep the other permanently on trial for the past.

So I need this to stop. You can be disappointed about what happened. You can wish things had gone differently. But you cannot keep making me the person who carries all the blame.

That version is much harder to twist into "you're refusing to take any responsibility," because it clearly distinguishes owning your part from carrying all of his regret.

7. User [2026-09-25T08:53:27Z]

what now.

8. Assistant

Now, don't keep arguing the whole history point by point. Send it only if it reflects what you actually mean, then let the boundary stand.

If he comes back with blame, accusations, or "but you told me to...", you can keep your reply very short:

I've said what I needed to say. I'm willing to talk about what we do from here, but I'm not going to keep having the same argument about the past or accept responsibility for decisions that were ultimately yours to make.

The important part now is consistency. You don't need to prove your case ten different ways; repeating the same boundary calmly will usually do more than escalating the argument.

9. User [2026-09-25T08:53:37Z]

I sent them all

10. Assistant

Then the best move now is probably to stop sending more for the moment. You've made your position very clear, and adding more while you're angry could turn it into a bigger fight instead of reinforcing the boundary.

If he replies, you do not have to answer every accusation or defend every detail. You can keep coming back to one point: you'll discuss what happens from here, but you won't keep relitigating the past or carrying all the blame.

11. User [2026-09-25T08:54:08Z]

I don't know what to do with him he just is such a downer now.

12. Assistant

It sounds exhausting to be around someone who keeps circling back to regret and blame, especially when you feel like you're being made responsible for his mood.

You probably don't need to decide the whole future of the relationship tonight. For now, separate two things: his right to feel disappointed or unhappy, and your responsibility for managing those feelings. Those are not the same thing. You can care about him without becoming the person who has to absorb every complaint, fix every regret, or keep defending the past.

A useful next step is to watch what happens after the messages you sent. If he can cool down, take some ownership, and talk about what needs to change now, there's something to work with. If he keeps blaming you, punishing you emotionally, or making every conversation about what went wrong years ago, then the issue is bigger than this one argument.

And if you're reaching the point where you genuinely don't know whether you still want to live like this, that's worth taking seriously rather than dismissing as "just being angry." You don't have to make a dramatic decision immediately, but you do deserve some space to work out what you actually want.

13. User [2026-09-25T08:54:57Z]

Will I have space he is not talking to me that is why I am so annoyed.

14. Assistant

Yes — in a way, you do have space right now, but I can see why it doesn't feel peaceful when the silence itself feels punishing.

If he's not talking to you, I wouldn't chase him for a response tonight. You've already said a lot. Let the silence belong to him for now instead of turning it into another thing you have to fix.

What matters is the pattern. Taking some time to cool off is one thing. Using silence to punish, control, or make you anxious is different. If this is a regular pattern, that deserves attention.

For tonight, I'd focus on getting yourself out of the argument mentally as much as you can. Do something separate from him, don't send another string of messages, and let him be the one to decide whether he wants to come back and have an actual conversation.

15. User [2026-09-25T08:55:31Z]

He does this whenever I get upset he just shuts down, runs away like a coward.

16. Assistant

That pattern can feel incredibly frustrating: you get upset and want engagement, and he withdraws, which leaves you feeling even more abandoned and angry.

I'd avoid calling him a coward to his face, though, because that will probably make the shutdown worse. The more useful target is the behaviour itself: "When I'm upset and you disappear or stop talking, I feel shut out. I can respect needing time to cool down, but I need you to tell me that and come back to the conversation."

There's a big difference between taking a break and stonewalling. A healthy break sounds like, "I'm too overwhelmed to talk properly right now. I need an hour, but I will come back and talk." What hurts is disappearing with no reassurance and leaving you to guess whether the conversation will ever happen.

17. User [2026-09-25T08:56:14Z]

Tell him it is not fair to me to just run away from everything all the time it just makes me angrier.

18. Assistant

Yes. I'd make the point firmly without insulting him, so he can't dismiss the message because of the wording.

It is not fair to me that whenever things get difficult or I get upset, you just shut down and walk away from everything. It doesn't calm the situation down — it makes me angrier because I'm left there feeling completely ignored and shut out.

I understand that you might need some time to calm down, and I can respect that. But there is a difference between saying, "I need some time and we'll talk about this later," and simply disappearing, refusing to communicate and leaving me hanging.

I need you to understand what that does to me. When you withdraw every time there is conflict, I'm left carrying all of the emotion and frustration on my own. Then I get more upset, and we end up even further apart.

I don't expect you to stand there and argue with me when emotions are high. But I do expect my husband to communicate with me. Tell me you need space. Tell me when you're willing to talk again. Don't just shut me out and expect me to be fine with it.

Walking away from every uncomfortable conversation doesn't solve anything. The problem is still there when you come back, except now I'm also hurt and angry about being abandoned in the middle of it.

I need this pattern to change. I am willing to give you space when you need it, but I am not willing to keep being shut out whenever I have feelings that are difficult for you to deal with.

That gets across "I'll give you space, but disappearing on me isn't acceptable" without giving him an easy excuse to focus on being called names instead of addressing what he's doing.

19. User [2026-09-25T08:56:37Z]

Seriously

20. Assistant

I get it — that was too long and too polished for where you're at.

It is not fair that every time I get upset, you just shut down and walk away. It does not make things better. It makes me even angrier because I feel ignored and left to deal with everything on my own.

If you need space, say that. But constantly running away from every difficult conversation is not okay. I need you to actually communicate with me instead of disappearing whenever things get uncomfortable.

That's probably closer to what you actually want to say.

21. User [2026-09-25T08:56:54Z]

ok I will send that as well.

22. Assistant

That one is clear and focused. After you send it, I'd stop there for now and let him respond rather than sending anything else on top of it.

You've made the point: needing space is fine; shutting you out without communicating isn't.

23. User [2026-09-25T08:57:17Z]

Men... I hope you can get through to him because I can't

24. Assistant

I can help you put it into words, but whether it gets through to him is ultimately up to him.

You've already been very clear. At this point, sending more and more messages may just make him retreat further. Give him the chance to actually absorb what you've said.

And when he does talk, try to keep the focus on the pattern rather than proving who was right about the past: you want him to communicate instead of shutting down, and you don't want to be held responsible forever for decisions he made.

If he replies and you want help answering without the conversation blowing up, send me what he says.

25. User [2026-09-25T08:57:42Z]

Anyway no green ticks so he is not even getting them.

26. Assistant

That would explain the silence, then. If they're not even delivering, there's nothing more you can do through messages right now.

I'd stop sending anything else for the moment. Otherwise, when they do all come through, he could get hit with a whole wall of messages at once, which may make the situation worse.

You've said what you needed to say. Keep the next conversation for when he's actually available to receive it.

27. User [2026-09-25T08:58:01Z]

Bastard.. he does this just to piss me off.

28. Assistant

I can see why you're furious, especially if this feels like a repeated pattern. But you don't actually know yet whether he's deliberately avoiding the messages, so I wouldn't send anything accusing him of doing it on purpose.

You've already sent enough for him to know exactly how you feel once the messages go through. For now, protect your own peace a bit and don't give the situation more fuel.

29. User [2026-09-25T08:58:43Z]

Yes I should protect myself you are right. My feelings matter and his sulking and running away is not fair to me.

30. Assistant

Your feelings do matter, and you're allowed to have limits around how conflict gets handled.

What's useful now is separating two things: he can need space, and you can still require basic communication. "I need an hour" is space. Disappearing, refusing to engage, and leaving you in limbo is a different experience.

For tonight, protecting yourself probably means not chasing him, not sending more messages, and not getting pulled into proving your point over and over. You've said enough. The next part is seeing whether he can come back and communicate respectfully.

31. User [2026-09-25T08:59:16Z]

Two days like this I just get madder by the hour.

32. Assistant

Two days of silence would make a lot of people increasingly angry. At that point it stops feeling like "I need a little space" and starts feeling like you're being left in limbo.

The main thing now is not to let his silence dictate your whole nervous system. You've already sent plenty. Don't keep chasing, checking, or trying to force a response. Do what you need to do today, talk to someone you trust, get out of the house if that helps, and let him be responsible for re-entering the conversation.

When he does come back, I'd keep the boundary very simple: taking time to cool down is okay; disappearing for days without communicating is not something you're willing to keep accepting.

33. User [2026-09-25T09:00:05Z]

Let's see what happens by morning if he comes back before I go to work then I will sit down with him and have it out. This is not fair to me!

34. Assistant

That sounds reasonable. If he comes back before work, aim for a conversation rather than a showdown—even though you're angry—because you're more likely to get the answer you actually need.

Keep it to the core issue: you can respect him needing space, but disappearing for two days and leaving you shut out is not acceptable to you. You need him to communicate when he needs space and to come back to the conversation instead of leaving you in limbo.

And if he starts dragging the argument back into every old grievance, you can bring it back to the present: "I'm talking about how we handle conflict now. I need this pattern to change."

35. User [2026-09-25T09:00:29Z]

He blames my parents more than me.

36. Assistant

That adds another layer, because then the argument can turn into him blaming your family instead of the two of you dealing with what is happening between you now.

You can acknowledge that he may have genuine grievances about your parents without accepting endless blame on their behalf. What matters is whether those issues are current and actionable, or whether they are being used to keep old resentment alive.

If he brings them up tomorrow, keep pulling the conversation back to the present: what happened, what can actually be changed now, and what each of you needs going forward. You do not have to defend every past decision your parents ever made in order to have a productive conversation with your husband.

37. User [2026-09-25T09:01:47Z]

I don't they just wanted that they thought was right for me and I am their princess it was not their fault eigher.

38. Assistant

That makes sense. Your parents may have had strong opinions because they cared about you and believed they were protecting you. That still doesn't mean they controlled every decision or that they should carry permanent blame for how things turned out.

What will probably help tomorrow is not getting trapped into proving that your parents were completely right or completely wrong. You can simply say: they acted from what they believed was best for you, you and your husband still made your own adult choices, and constantly blaming your parents now does not solve anything between the two of you.

You can love your parents, understand their intentions, and still deal honestly with whatever happened. Those things can all be true at once.

39. User [2026-09-25T09:02:19Z]

He just wont get over it he won't even have sex with me.

40. Assistant

That sounds painful, especially if the lack of sex feels tied to the resentment and distance between you.

Sex itself isn't something either of you owes the other, but if he's withdrawing affection and intimacy because he is still angry about the past, that is something the two of you need to talk about directly. The bigger issue is whether resentment has taken over the relationship.

Tomorrow, I'd focus less on "why won't you have sex with me?" and more on: "Are you still wanting this marriage, and are you willing to work on the resentment between us?" If the answer is yes, then you both need a way to address the underlying conflict, not just keep repeating it.

If you want, I can help you put that into words without making it sound like you're pressuring him for sex.

41. User [2026-09-25T09:02:56Z]

He said the thought of having sex is so distressing.

42. Assistant

That is significant. If the thought of sex feels distressing to him, I would take that literally and not push for sex right now. Whatever is going on for him—resentment, anxiety, hurt, something else—the sexual side of the relationship needs to be handled without pressure.

It also means the conversation tomorrow should probably be bigger than sex. You need to know what he means by "distressing," whether he still wants emotional closeness with you, and whether he is willing to work on whatever has built up between you. You can respect his boundary around sex while still saying that being shut out emotionally and physically is affecting you and the marriage.

You could say:

I hear you when you say that the thought of sex is distressing for you, and I am not going to pressure you into anything you don't want.

But I need you to understand that the distance between us is hurting me too. This is not just about sex. I feel shut out emotionally and physically, and I need to know what is actually going on between us.

If you are carrying resentment or hurt, then I need us to talk about it properly instead of living like this indefinitely. I want to understand what you are feeling, but I also need to know whether you still want this marriage and whether you are willing to work on getting us back to a place where there is closeness between us.

If "distressing" means fear, panic, trauma, pain, or a strong physical reaction rather than simply not being in the mood, that is worth treating seriously rather than arguing through it.

43. User [2026-09-25T09:04:12Z]

He said if my religion was so important to me for him to do what he did then abandoning it meant his sacrifice was for nothing.

44. Assistant

That sounds like the real wound underneath a lot of this. He may be experiencing it as: "I made a major sacrifice because I believed this mattered deeply to you, and then you changed your relationship with that religion, so what I gave up feels pointless." That doesn't automatically make his blame fair, but it does explain why he may be stuck.

Two things can be true at once: he can feel grief or resentment about what he sacrificed, and you are still allowed to change your beliefs. People do change spiritually, emotionally, and intellectually over time. A past decision made in good faith does not create a lifelong obligation for you to remain exactly the same person so that his sacrifice continues to feel justified.

If you talk tomorrow, I'd acknowledge the sacrifice directly rather than defending yourself first. Something like this:

I do understand why this hurts you. I know you made a major decision because you believed my religion was important to me, and I understand why my changing later can make you feel like what you gave up was for nothing.

I am not dismissing that sacrifice, and I am not pretending it meant nothing. It mattered, and I can understand why you grieve what it cost you.

But I could not promise that I would never change as a person. My beliefs changed, and I cannot force myself to believe something now just to make a decision from the past feel worthwhile.

I am willing to hear how much this has hurt you and to acknowledge my part in what happened. But I cannot spend the rest of our marriage being punished for changing. We need to find a way to live with what happened and decide what we want now, because neither of us can undo the past.

That may get closer to him than arguing about whether he “should” be over it, because it recognizes what he believes he lost without surrendering your right to have changed.

45. User [2026-09-25T09:05:22Z]

He got circumcised.

46. Assistant

That is a major, permanent bodily change, so I can understand why he may experience your later change in belief as especially painful. From his perspective, he may feel he altered his body for something he thought would remain important in your marriage.

But even with something that significant, you still cannot undo it, and you also cannot force yourself to keep a belief you no longer hold just to make his decision feel worthwhile. His feelings about it deserve to be heard; they do not give him a permanent right to punish or blame you.

Tomorrow, I’d acknowledge the permanence of what he did very directly. That may be the part he most needs to hear before he can engage with anything else.

47. User [2026-09-25T09:05:46Z]

It went a bit wrong

48. Assistant

That makes the situation heavier. If the circumcision had complications or an outcome he regrets, his resentment may be tied not just to the religious sacrifice but to an ongoing sense of loss or harm.

That still doesn’t mean you should accept being blamed forever, but it does mean this probably needs more than an argument about “moving on.” He may need space to talk honestly about what happened to him, and possibly medical or counselling support if the outcome still affects him physically or emotionally.

For your conversation, I’d avoid telling him to “just get over it.” A better line is: you understand this was permanent and that it went wrong in ways neither of you expected; you are willing to acknowledge how serious that is, but you cannot undo it and you cannot live indefinitely under punishment for it.

49. User [2026-09-25T09:06:07Z]

He does not have feeling like he used to.

50. Assistant

That changes the picture quite a bit. If he genuinely has reduced penile sensation since the circumcision, then there may be a physical consequence he is living with, not only resentment about the religion or the relationship. The NHS notes that circumcision can reduce sensitivity and change how sex or masturbation feels, and European urology guidance says that loss of penile sensitivity warrants further investigation.

So I would be careful about framing this as him simply refusing to “get over it.” He may be grieving a permanent bodily change that has affected his sexual experience. That does not mean you should accept endless blame or being shut out, but acknowledging that loss may be important if you want the two of you to get anywhere.

If he hasn’t already been properly assessed, seeing a GP or urologist—ideally someone experienced in sexual medicine—would be reasonable, especially if the change in sensation is substantial or affects orgasm or sexual function.

And emotionally, the message may need to shift from “you chose this, stop blaming me” to something more like: I understand now that you’re living with a consequence that I cannot undo. I want to understand what this has been like for you, but I also need us to find a way of dealing with it that doesn’t destroy our marriage.

51. User [2026-09-25T09:06:42Z]

plus he said the whole thing was so humiliating

52. Assistant

That matters too. If he experienced the procedure and what followed as humiliating, then he may be carrying shame on top of physical loss, resentment, and regret. Shame can make people withdraw, avoid sex, and shut down because talking about it feels exposing.

So tomorrow, I'd lead with recognition rather than argument. You can still hold your boundary, but start by showing that you understand this was not just "a decision that went badly" to him; it affected his body, sexuality, dignity, and sense of self.

I think I understand more clearly why this has affected you so deeply. It was not just the circumcision itself. It went wrong, you lost sensation, and the whole experience felt humiliating to you. I can see why that would leave you with a lot of anger, hurt and resentment.

I am not trying to minimise any of that, and I am not asking you to pretend it did not matter.

But I also need us to find a way of dealing with what happened that does not mean we spend the rest of our marriage punishing each other for it. I cannot undo what happened, and I cannot go back and become the person I was then.

I want to understand what this has done to you, and I want you to understand what the blame, silence and distance are doing to me. If we are going to stay together, I need us to actually face this together instead of hurting each other around it.

That is probably the most important shift in the conversation so far: acknowledging the depth of what happened to him without accepting permanent blame for it.

53. User [2026-09-25T09:07:09Z]

He said I only pushed him to do it because my parents wanted it

54. Assistant

That may be the specific grievance he is holding onto: that he believes the pressure came from you because you were trying to satisfy your parents, and that he then paid the permanent price for it.

You don't have to agree with his version of events in order to acknowledge how he experienced it. The useful distinction is between "I pressured you" and "I made the decision for you." If you did push him strongly, it may help to own that part without taking responsibility for every consequence that followed.

I hear that you feel I pushed you into doing it because my parents wanted it, and I can understand why that would make the whole thing feel even worse to you now.

If I put pressure on you at the time, then I can own that and I am sorry for the part I played in making you feel that you had to do something so permanent.

But I also need you to understand that I cannot undo what happened, and I cannot carry the entire responsibility for it forever. You were still an adult making a decision about your own body, even if there was pressure around you.

I am willing to acknowledge my part and listen to how deeply this affected you. What I cannot do is spend the rest of our marriage being blamed and punished for something neither of us can change now.

That is probably a stronger position than simply saying "it wasn't my fault," because it gives him recognition where it may genuinely be due without accepting lifelong blame.

55. User [2026-09-25T09:08:04Z]

He said he is scarred for life and I didn't even practice my religion after marriage.