

God is Like...

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Faith is a lifestyle reflecting the
values of the relationship

James 2: 19 You believe that there is one God.
Good! Even the demons believe that—and
shudder.

20 You foolish person, do you want evidence that
faith without deeds is useless?

James 2: 18 But someone will say, “You have faith;
I have deeds.”

Show me your faith without deeds, and I will show
you **my faith by my deeds**.

Genuine faith is belief
(relationship) in God
rooted in the person of Jesus
Christ.

James 2: 15 Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. 16 If one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and well fed,” but **does nothing** about their physical needs, what good is it? 17 In the same way, **faith by itself**, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.

Your faith fulfills Kingdom
purposes by serving others

AND it gives you leverage to
overcome the world.

Life is based on leverage. The more you know how to leverage life, the more successful you will become.

Ehab Atalla

The greatest leverage you can create for yourself is the pain that comes from inside, not outside. Knowing that you have failed to live up to your own standards for your life is the ultimate pain.

Tony Robbins

Matthew 10: 16 “I am sending you out like sheep
among wolves...17 ...you will... be flogged in the
synagogues. 19 But when they arrest you...22 You
will be hated by everyone because of me,

Matthew 10: 19...do not worry about what to say or how to say it. At that time you will be given what to say, 20 for it will not be you speaking, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you.

God is like...

A Screwdriver



Godly leverage

Gives you the strength to stand
when everyone else is scared.

Daniel 3: King Nebuchadnezzar made an **image of gold**,...⁵ As soon as you hear the sound of the horn, flute, zither, lyre, harp, pipe and all kinds of music, you must **fall down and worship** the image...⁶ Whoever does not fall down and worship will immediately be thrown into a blazing furnace.”

Daniel 3: 12 But...—Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego—pay no attention to you, Your Majesty. **They neither serve your gods nor worship the image of gold you have set up.”**

13 Furious with rage, Nebuchadnezzar summoned Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego.

Daniel 3: 17 If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God we serve is able to deliver us from it, and he will deliver us from Your Majesty's hand.
18 But even if he does not, we want you to know, Your Majesty, that we will not serve your gods or worship the image of gold you have set up."

To stand, you must
fear God more than the gods
of this world.

Matthew 10: 28 Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, **be afraid of the One** who can destroy both soul and body in hell.

Godly leverage

Gives you the strength to speak up
when everyone else is silent.

Genesis 39: Now Joseph was well-built and handsome, ⁷ and after a while his master's wife took notice of Joseph and said, "Come to bed with me!"

⁸ **But he refused.**

Genesis 39: 9 No one is greater in this house than I am. My master has withheld nothing from me except you, because you are his wife.

How then could I do such a wicked thing and sin against God?”

To speak up, you must
know and love the word of
God.

Jeremiah 20: 8 So the word of the Lord has
brought me

insult and reproach all day long.

9 But if I say, “I will not mention his word
or speak anymore in his name,”

his word is in my heart like a fire,
a fire shut up in my bones.

I am weary of holding it in;
indeed, I cannot.

Godly leverage

Gives you the strength to sing
when everyone else is saddened.

Acts 16: 22 The crowd joined in the attack against Paul and Silas, and the magistrates ordered them to be **stripped and beaten with rods**. **23** After they had been **severely flogged**, they were **thrown into prison**, and the jailer was commanded to guard them carefully. **24** When he received these orders, he put them in the inner cell and **fastened their feet in the stocks**.

Acts 16: 25 About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them.

Two Miracles in Acts 16

The presence of the Holy Spirit
The worship of Paul and Silas

To sing, you must see your life
(the good and the bad) as
existing for the advancement
of the gospel.

Philippians 1: 12 Now I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that what has happened to me has actually served to **advance the gospel**.

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