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# **Belonging to Him**

**OUR NEED FOR  
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**A Transcendent Faith**

A close-up photograph of a human hand reaching out towards the right, set against a background of a bright, cloudy sky. The hand is in sharp focus, while the clouds are slightly blurred, creating a sense of depth and aspiration. The overall image is framed by a solid blue border.

**Is Living Up To  
God's Standard  
Unreachable?**

# A Transcendent Faith

## An Unreachable Standard?

*“You have heard that it was said... ‘You shall not murder...But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment.’”*

*“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart.”  
(Matthew 5:21-22, 27-28)*



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*“You have heard that it was said, ‘An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.’ But I say to you, Do not resist the one who is evil. But if anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also.”*

*“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.” (Matthew 5:38-39, 43-44)*

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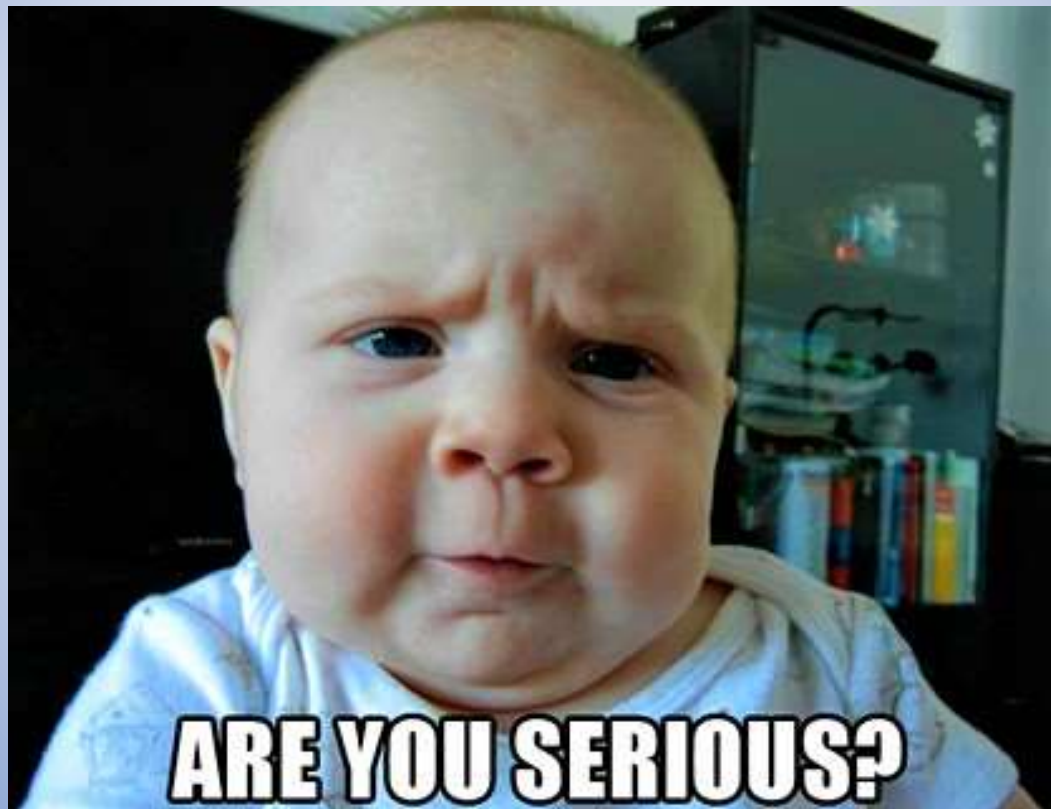
*“[Jesus] said, ‘Follow me.’ But [the man] said, ‘Lord, let me first go and bury my father.’ Jesus replied, ‘Leave the dead to bury their own dead. But as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.’”  
(Luke 9:59-60)*

*“Another said, ‘I will follow you, Lord, but let me first say farewell to those at my home.’ Jesus said, ‘No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.’” (Luke 9:61-62)*



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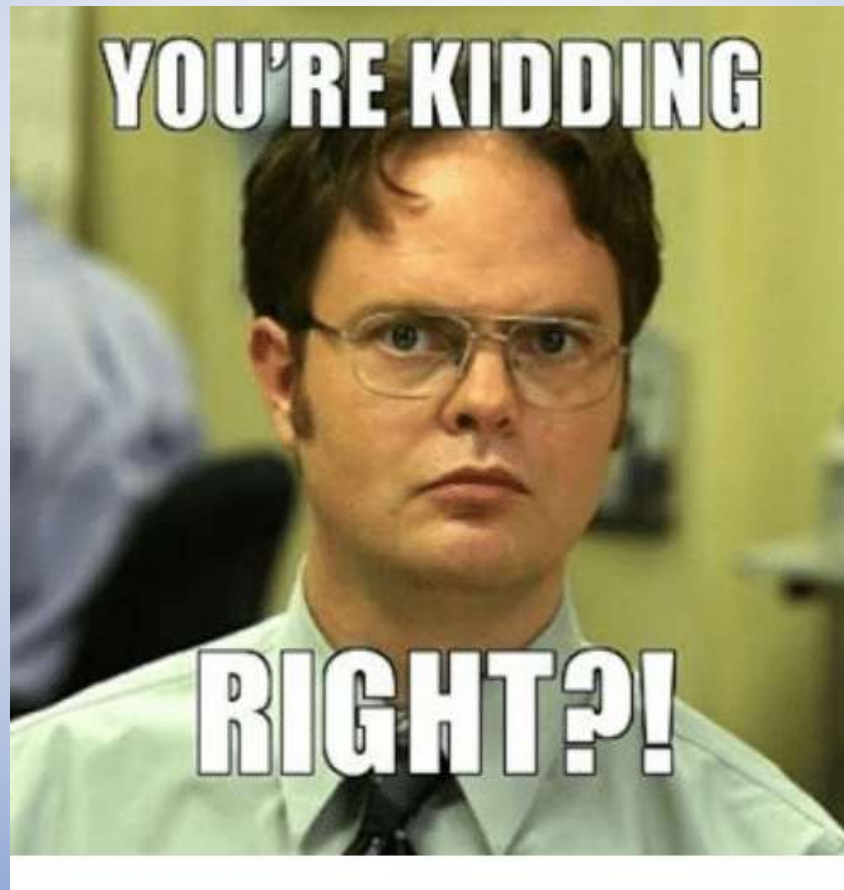
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*“If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple.” (Luke 14:26-35)*

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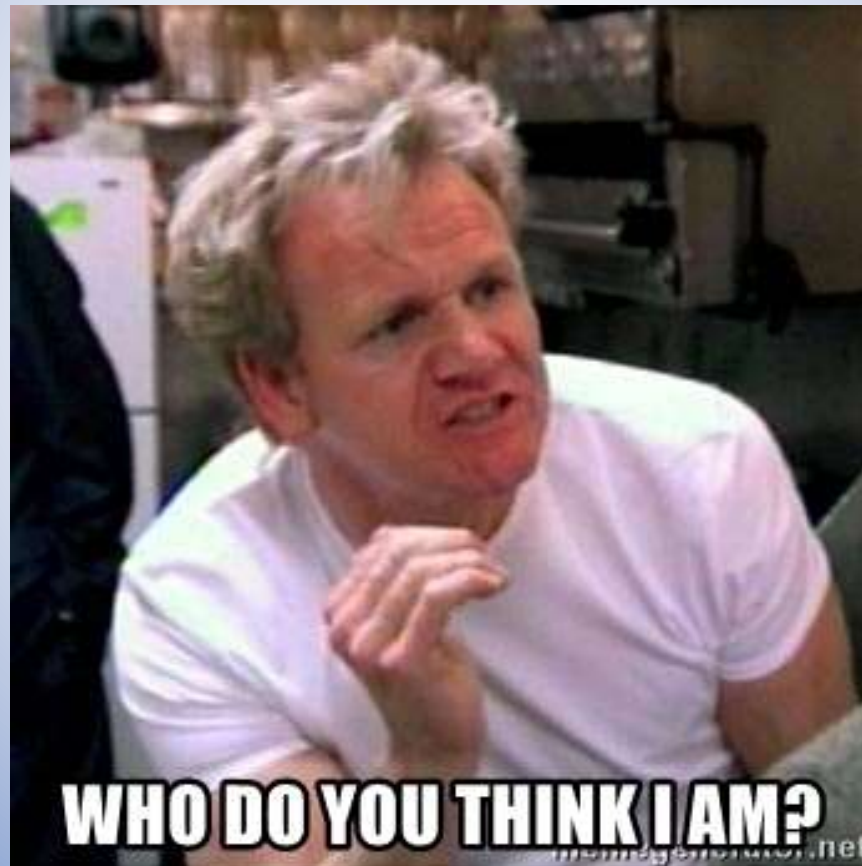
*“Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.”*

*(1 Corinthians 13:4-7)*



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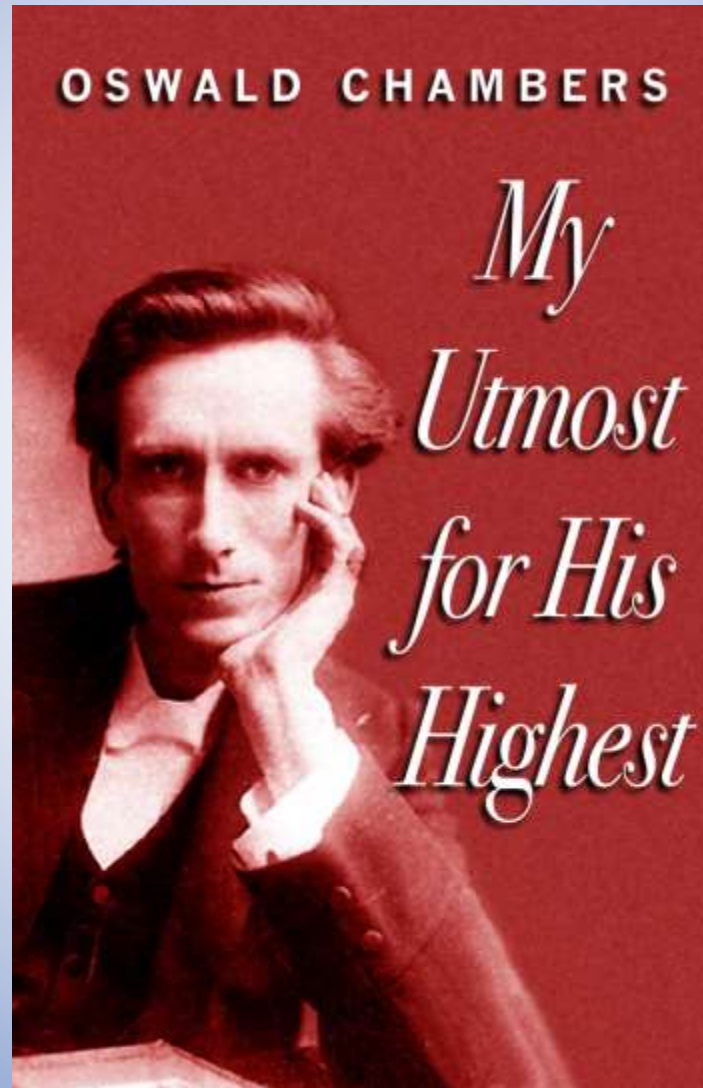
*“Jesus...said to him... ‘Go, sell all that you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me.’ Disheartened by the saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.” (Mark 10:21)*

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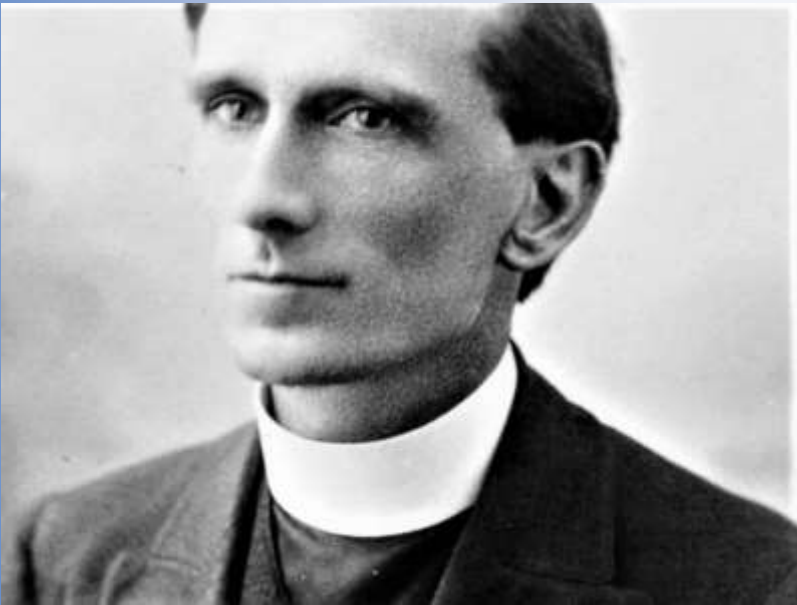
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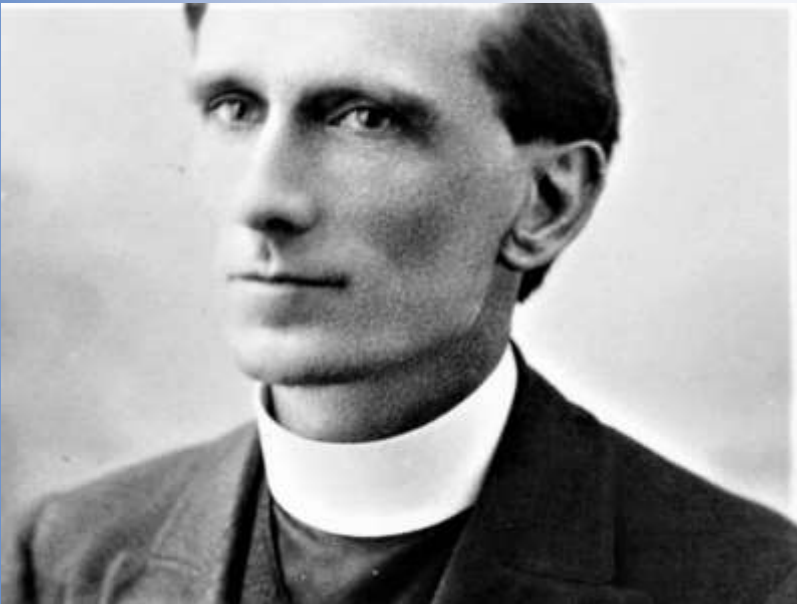
## My Utmost For His Highest



“If God has made your cup sweet, drink it with grace. Or even if he has made it bitter, drink it in communion with Him.”

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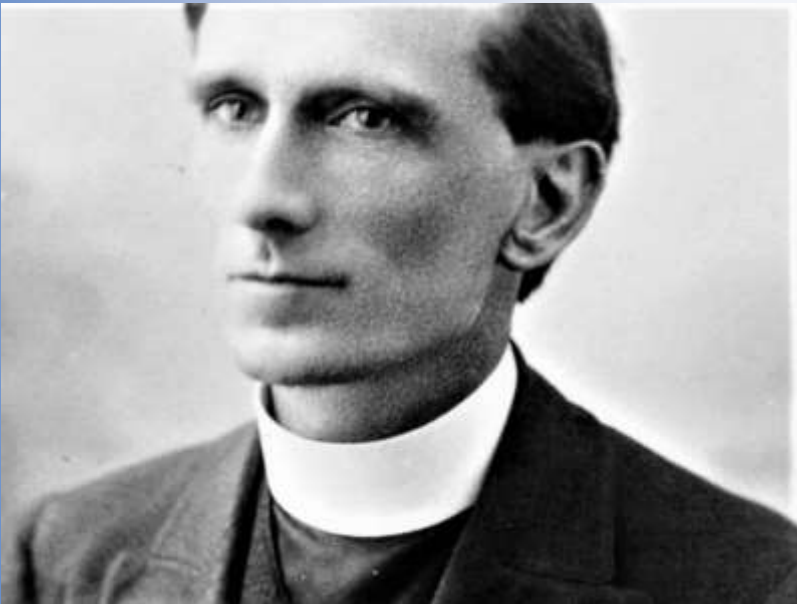
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“It is not only wrong to worry, it is unbelief. The only cure for unbelief is obedience to the Spirit.”

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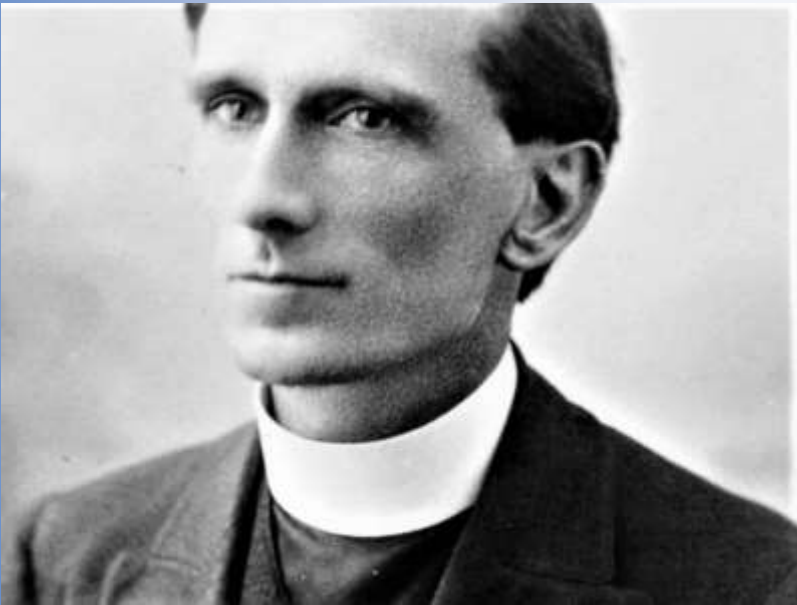
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“Are we partakers of Christ’s sufferings? Are we prepared for God to stamp out our personal ambitions?”

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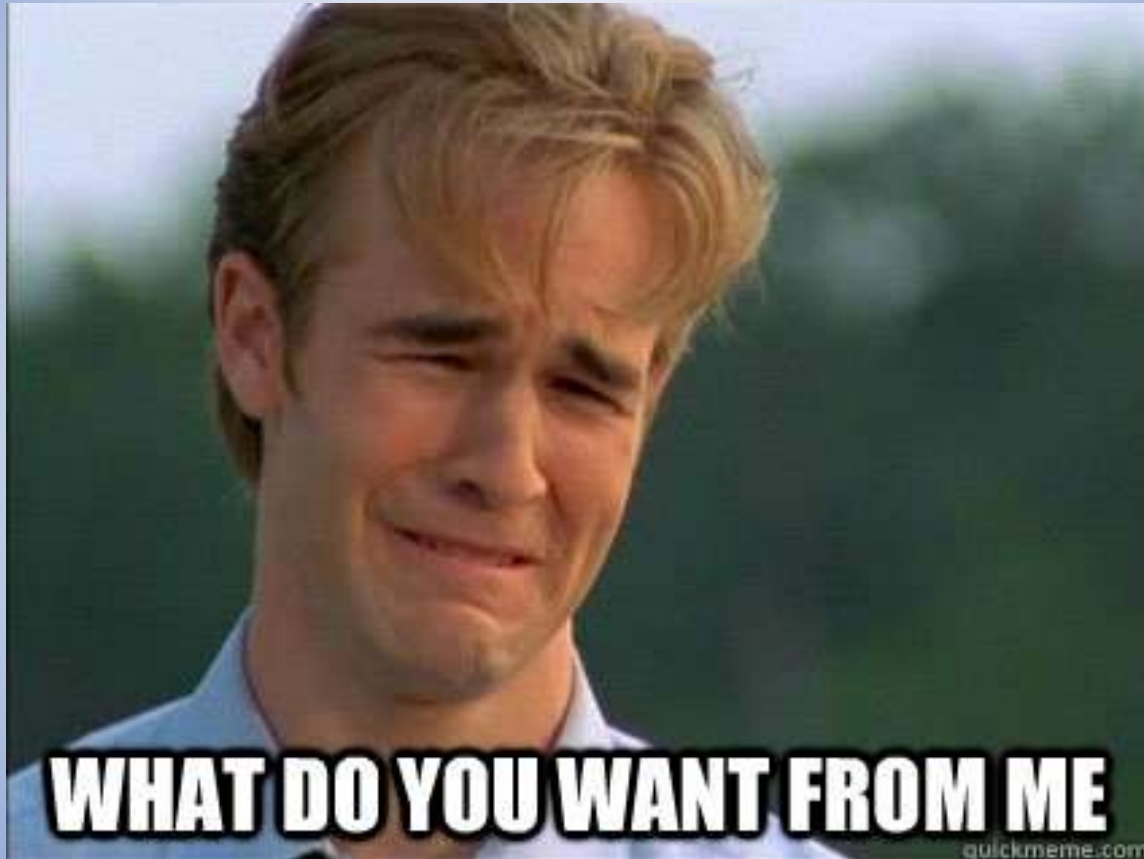
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“Are we prepared for God to destroy our individual decisions by supernaturally transforming them?”



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**A Transcendent Faith**

**An Unreachable Standard?**

**Is transcendent relationship unreachable?**

**ABSOLUTELY**

**...Unless it's God doing the reaching.**

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*Jesus said, ‘How difficult it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!’”*

*“[His disciples] were exceedingly astonished, and said, ‘Then who can be saved?’*

*Jesus said, ‘With man it is impossible, but not with God. For all things are possible with God.’”*

*(Mark 10:24-27)*

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*“All things are possible to him who believes.”  
(Mark 9:23)*



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*“[Righteousness] depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace...”*  
*(Romans 4:16-20)*

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*“The God in whom  
[Abraham] believed...gives  
life to the dead and calls  
into existence the things  
that do not exist.”  
(Romans 4:16-20)*

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*“In hope he believed  
against hope, that he  
should become the father  
of many nations...”  
(Romans 4:16-20)*



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*“He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was as good as dead ...or the barrenness of Sarah’s womb.” (Romans 4:16-20)*

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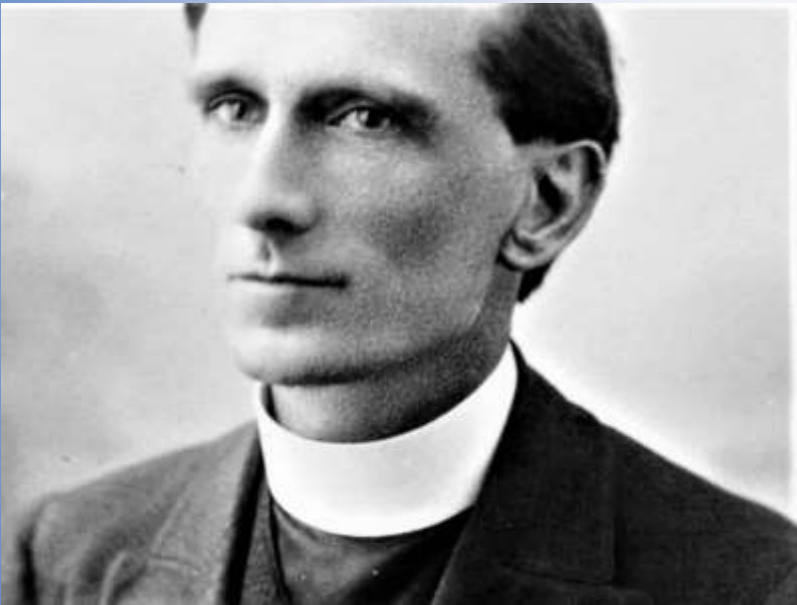


*“No unbelief made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised.”*

*(Romans 4:16-20)*

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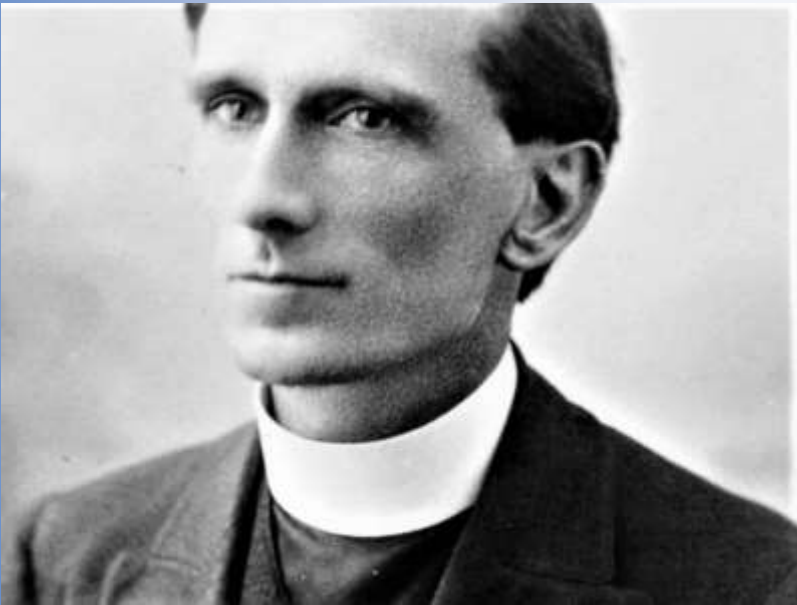
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“It is ingrained in us that we have to do exceptional things for God, but we do not. We have to be exceptional in the ordinary things of life, and holy on the ordinary streets, among ordinary people.”

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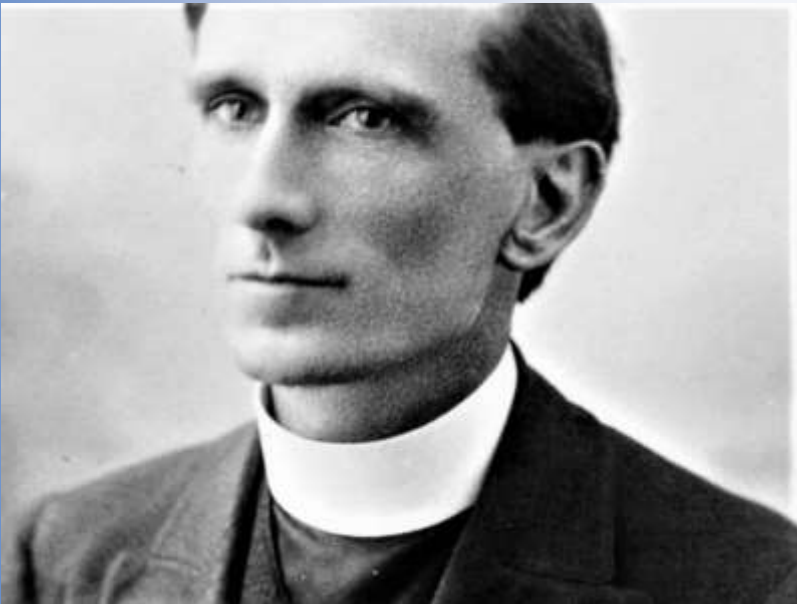


“We are not meant to be seen as God’s perfect, bright-shining examples, but to be seen as the everyday essence of ordinary life exhibiting the miracle of his grace.”



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“Get to the end of yourself where you can do nothing, but he does everything.”

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**WAAAAAAAAA!!!!**

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## The Faith to Surrender



**Pastor Jamie Casey**

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## The Faith to Surrender



“Surrender,” Casey told Brian Peets.

“I can’t,” Peets said.



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“Surrender.”

“I can’t right now.”

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“Surrender,” Casey repeated, alluding to his own addictions that started with alcohol and cocaine.

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“For 20 years I fought and fought and fought against myself. Because you’re your biggest enemy. You know that, right?”

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“I ended up in a place that I lost almost everything. But then I had to surrender to this addiction, surrender to my circumstances, surrender to myself and then surrender to God.”



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**“The Christian faith, simply stated, reminds us that our fundamental problem is not moral. Rather, our fundamental problem is spiritual.**

**It is not just that we are immoral, but that a moral life alone cannot bridge what separates us from God.”**

**- Ravi Zacharias**

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**“Herein lies the cardinal difference between the moralizing religions and Jesus’ offer to us.**

**Jesus does not offer to make bad people good but to make dead people alive.”**

**- Ravi Zacharias**

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*“I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him.” (Philippians 3:8-9)*

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*“Not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith.” (Philippians 3:8-9)*



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**“Amid the collapse of all human power and greatness an attitude dawns that a transcendent life has been bestowed upon it.”**

**– Walter Eichtrodt**



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