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# EXTREME FAITH

**You + Life= Awesome!**

You life is the canvas  
which God paints on  
each and every day!  
That is Asesome!

Your Life As A Living  
**Sacrifice!**

## YOUR STORY YOUR LIFE

**How are you growing in God?**

### TOP 10 REASONS TO NOT SPEND TIME WITH GOD:

10. What? I can't miss *my favorite TV show* right now!
9. I need to spend more time with my family...yeah, that's it... my family.
8. *Call of Dut: Black Ops*. Need I say more?
7. I'm too sleepy in the morning to read my Bible. And at night, too.
6. I've got so much to do around the house: clean my room, walk th dog, scoop the poop, change the litter box, pick on my little brother...
5. I can't even pronounce half the people's names in the Bible!
4. I'm allergic to genuine cowhide leather.
3. If you have one quiet time, God's going to expect another.
2. Don't know if I should fold my hands this way, or that way, when I pray.
1. Sorry. I've got a rousing game of dodge ball to get to.



Do you live in freedom?  
Do you live with Passion?  
Living as a sacrifice to God puts  
you in the best place to live all  
that life has to offer!

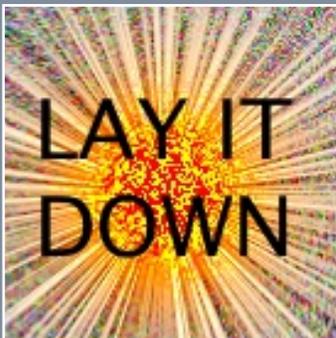
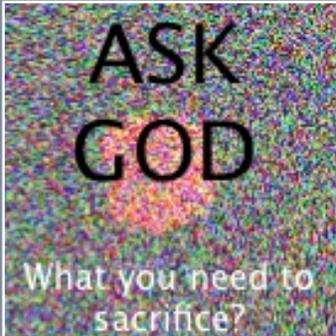
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# YOUR LIFE

Take a moment and look back at our month, God love you and longs to have a deep and growing relationship with you.

Step by Step He wants to walk with you in relationship.

## STEP BY STEP



### Follow these steps

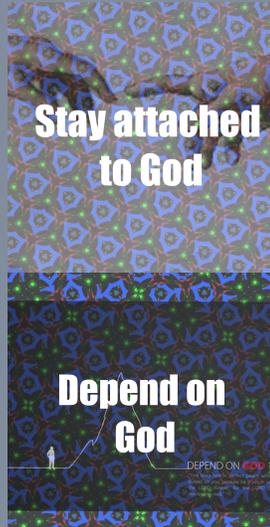
Ask God what is blocking you from living the full life that He wants you to live. **Psa.139:23-24**

Lay it down, get rid of it dump it, run away from it. Being close to God is the best thing you will ever experience.

**Heb.12:1-2**

Keep your eye on God. Just like keeping your eye on the ball, as you move closer to God, keep your eyes on Him! **Mt.14:22-33**

## STEP BY STEP



### Follow these steps

**Stay Attached to God!**  
He is the life line...

**Depend on God!**  
Dont depend on what you know, depend on what He knows.

**Stay Devoted to God!**  
Keep it real stay with the real thing...

**Follow His Lead!**  
He will always lead you to great places!

**Check out Proverbs3:5-6**  
Live by it!

## STEP BY STEP



### Follow these steps

**Depend on God...**Living for God means we depend on Him for everything. **James 1:5**

**Grow in God...**Everyday we grow, but what are we growing in depends on us and where we get our information. **1 Timothy 6:12**

**Give God the Glory!...** Every day we are giving something the glory, we are praising something, or giving something our attention. **Psalm 33:21**

It's a Relationship Looking back over our month, we see we have been challenged to do great things as we live as sacrifice.

But it is more than just living as a sacrifice it is about living in a relationship. Living with the voice of God speaking to you and before you.

We all have relationships, and we all grow in thoses relationships. We grow by spending time with one another and sharing experiences.

Take some time this week and take some steps to see your relationship grow. Take some time this week and go further than you have been going trusting in God for bigger and greater things.

God will blow your mind and open your heart to things that you never ever thought He would.

You have come a long way and your faith is extreme in a world that has lost faith, you still believe and you still seek Him.

Dig deep and go further than you ever have with **EXTREM TRUST.**

# BOLD PRAYER = BOLD FAITH

**1 Thessalonians:16-18** 16 Be cheerful no matter what; 17 pray all the time; 18 thank God no matter what happens. This is the way God wants you who belong to Christ Jesus to live. We must live this way, when we pray all the time we are offering our lives to God. It simply means that we are always talking with God, always asking Him what He thinks. We recognize that He is always with us and that He wants to be our guide in all that we do. Bold prayer is a conversation. When you have a conversation with God, it will lead you into Bold Faith!

**2 Corinthians 5:7**

**7 We live by faith, not by sight.**

Change the way you think

## Lead, don't Push!

A young boy was walking around the playground pulling a piece of string. His teacher approached him and asked, "Why are you pulling that piece of string?" The boy replied, "Because it's a lot easier than pushing it."

Dont look for someone to push you into things all the time. Be a leader and lead others to the things that you are challenging yourself to do!

## Living life as a Sacrifice

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Romans 12:1-2

**1 So here's what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life-- your sleeping, eating, going- to- work, and walking- around life-- and place it before God as an offering. Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for him. 2 Don't become so well- adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God. You'll be changed from the inside out. Readily recognize what he wants from you, and quickly respond to it. Unlike the culture around you, always dragging you down to its level of immaturity, God brings the best out of you, develops well-formed maturity in you.**

When you choose to live out of this verse and to live for God not matter what you will see things change all around you. You will see more clearly than ever before. You will know that God is leading the way in all things. That truly He is bringing you to the best. The BEST not the second best, but the BEST. There is nothing better than following God! The world we live in will try to tell you something else is better, but that is not true, it is a LIE! God is life and following Him is the best life that we will ever know. It is a relationship!

## What if...

You were not able to pray?

What if you were not accepted by God?

What if you had to be perfect?

That's a big what If!

Praise Jesus Christ!

Because you can pray!

You are accepted by God!

And you will never have to be perfect!

2 Corinthians 5:7 7

**We live by faith, not by sight.**

Faith is the key, Faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see.

Hebrews 11:1

**1 The fundamental fact of existence is that this trust in God, this faith, is the firm foundation under everything that makes life worth living. It's our handle on what we can't see.**

Living by faith is what makes us different than all the other people around us, Living by faith is why we are the people we are. We have a relationship with God, we talk with Him, and He talks to us. EXTREME FAITH CALLS FOR EXTREME SACRIFICE WHICH LEADS US TO EXTREME RELATIONSHIP!

KEEP ON GOING YOUR DOING GREAT! GOD LOVES YOU!



**GET IN THE RACE!**

Get in the race, keep up the pace. Spending time with God is part of the diet and the training plan.

The only way to keep up with God is to keep yourself in the race! Pray, Read, Journal, Listen.



**What is a Quite Time? Does it Have to be quite?**

The ever illusive, Quite Time, how do we define something to be our own thing, when the name alone implies that we are doing something wrong if we are not quite. Okay looking on the front page of Extreme Faith this week we see there are many reasons to not have a Quite Time. Here are some of the facts about Quite Times, what it is and what it can be.

- THE TOP FIVE REASONS TO HAVE A QUITE TIME:
5. GOD LOVES YOU!
  4. GOD LOVES YOU!
  3. GOD LOVES YOU!
  2. GOD LOVES YOU!
  1. GOD LOVE YOU!

This is the truth God Loves You! What better reason to spend time with God. When you learn how much He loves you, you will want to spend time with Him. We were made to be in relationship with Him. Spending time with Him is what makes the relationship grow and become stronger.

Have you ever had a friend that you never ever talk to? Yes that is silly how can they be your friend if you never talk to them. God is like that friend that you tell everything to. He is the one who is fighting for you and cheering you on no matter what is going on in your life.

Spending time with God has been called a Quite Time for too long. Change the way you think. When I spend time with God, it is hardly quite, I am talking, He is talking, and there is an excitement that can be called

many things, but to call it quite well that would be silly. I will tell you that I do get alone with God, I do turn off the noise that is going on in my life so that I can listen to Him. I long to hear what He has to say and sometimes it is hard to choke down, but it is easier because He constantly reminds me that He loves me. I know that He wants the best for me. Setting aside intentional time with God especially in the morning is key, God is so cool to hang out with I am excited to get up in the morning. But the cool thing is the relationship never stops. I hear God so clearly when I am running, I love to run and He has told me that He loves it when I run. It's just me and Him, and my tunes. Yes I can hear Him even when I am listing to my tunes when I run. I can always get up early, and I love that time, it is standing appointment. If I get to run that is awesome

God is always talking you just have to listen. So jump in and start making it a point to just hang out with God. At first it can seem weird, but isn't that true for all new things. Look below this article. There are some basic things you can do in to help the relationship grow. Living a life of EXTREME FAITH in God is the best way to live. There is nothing that will compare to the journey you and God will take together.



HANGING WITH GOD	PRAY	READ	JOURNAL	LISTEN
	Pray to God tell Him what's going on. A relationship grows through conversations.	Read what He has said and is speaking. Yea the Bible, it is a letter to you!	Write, draw, keep a record of the things that He is showing you and telling you.	Listen for His voice and how He speaks to you. Listen how you listen. But listen! listen!

# REAL LIFE EXTREMES

## Thomas, Jerusalem, Israel

Thomas knocked on the door of the upper room with the secret knock. It was immediately opened. He stepped inside and shut the door behind him. He was suddenly surrounded by his friends who were all talking at once. It was impossible to understand any of them! "Thomas! Thomas! What Mary Magdalene said was true. He is alive!" "Thomas, we've seen Him." Thomas waved his hands, "Shhhh! I can't listen to you all at once! Peter, what has happened?" "Thomas, we saw Jesus. He stood right here in this room with us. He talked to us." Thomas frowned. "Peter, we've all been under a lot of stress. We haven't really slept since Jesus died. You must be imagining things." "All of us imagining the same thing at the same time? I tell you, we saw Him! He walked right through the locked door." "He walked through the locked door?" Thomas asked. Everyone nodded. "That explains it. It was a ghost! You didn't see Jesus, you saw a ghost." "Thomas, we know we saw the Master! He showed us the wounds in His hands and His side. Our hearts could feel it was really Him." Mary spoke up, "Oh, Thomas, if you'd have been here you'd know it was Him." Thomas shook his head. "Did any of you touch Him? No. Then you can't know whether or not it was just a ghost. Believe what you want. But unless I see the nail marks in His hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe it." A week later, Thomas was gathered with the rest of the disciples in the house with the doors locked. Suddenly Jesus came

and stood among them and said, "Peace to you!" Jesus focused His attention on Thomas. "Take your finger and examine My hands. Take your hand and stick it in My side. Don't be unbelieving. Believe." Thomas fell to his knees. He didn't have to touch the wounds. He knew it was Jesus. He cried out, "My Master! My God!" Jesus smiled, "So, you believe because you've seen with your own eyes. Good! But better blessings are in store for those who believe without seeing." Thomas never doubted Jesus again! Later, when the disciples traveled throughout the known world to preach the Gospel, Thomas was chosen to go to India and North Africa. Although he dreaded living among these savage tribes, God strengthened him, and he was able to convert many in these countries. Around 70 AD, he went to Calamina, India, where the people worshipped an image of the sun. Through the power of God, Thomas destroyed the image and put a stop to their idolatry. The sun god's priests were furious. They accused him before their king, who sentenced him to be tortured with red-hot metal plates and then thrown into a glowing furnace. To the amazement of all, the fire did not hurt Thomas — he was still alive in the midst of the furnace! When the priests saw this, they were so angry, they threw spears and javelins into the furnace at him. One of the spears pierced his side. He fell there dead.

Real followers of God know Jesus. Though they may not have seen Him with their eyes, they have felt His power, love, and joy in their lives. He is the Living Word and is so real to them that they would never deny Him, no matter the cost.

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and  
Extreme vision

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