

DANGEROUS

FAITH



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**“FROM THIS TIME MANY OF HIS
DISCIPLES TURNED BACK AND NO
LONGER FOLLOWED HIM.”
(JOHN 6:66, NIV)**

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IF WHAT YOU BELIEVE ABOUT GOD DOES NOT
MAKE YOU MOVE AND CANNOT MAKE YOU WAIT
AND DOES NOT CAUSE YOU TO GIVE AND DOES
NOT MAKE YOU PURSUE AND IS NOT STRONG
ENOUGH TO CAUSE YOU TO ENDURE THEN IT IS
NOT A DANGEROUS FAITH.

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REAL FAITH IS A COMPLICATED AND
GLORIOUS THING. IT IS A GIFT. IT IS A
DECISION. IT IS A LIFE.

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**"IF YOU DON'T TRUST ME TO BE YOUR GOD
ON THIS 'PARTICULAR JOURNEY', HOW CAN
YOU TRUST ME TO BE YOUR GOD
ANYWHERE?"**

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**UNLIKE OUR OWN WILL, GOD'S
WILL CAN BE TRUSTED.**

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**THERE IS NO WAY TO KNOW THAT GOD
IS BETTER THAN LIFE WHILE
SIMULTANEOUSLY HOLDING ON TO LIFE
LIKE IT IS BETTER THAN GOD.**

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**"I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE. NO ONE WHO
COMES TO ME WILL EVER BE HUNGRY,
AND NO ONE WHO BELIEVES IN ME WILL
NEVER BE THIRSTY AGAIN."**

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WILL YOU SURRENDER TO HIM?

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**SURRENDER IS THE LIFE BLOOD OF
THE DANGEROUS CHRISTIANS
LIFE.**

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THE CONTEXT IN WHICH ANY OF THESE
SPECS MOVES FROM 'IDEALS EXPLAINED'
TO "LIVED EXPERIENCE" IS OUR
WILLINGNESS TO FOLLOW JESUS INTO THE
SCARY PLACES.

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THE SCARY PLACES ARE ANYWHERE
OR ANYTHING THAT GOD CALLS YOU
TO THAT FEARS TRIES TO TALK YOU
OUT OF.

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**FAITH IS NOT DEMONSTRATED ON
PLATFORMS BUT IN THE TRENCHES.**

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THE CURRENCY OF THE
CHRISTIANITY OF CHRIST IS
SACRIFICE.

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LOVING GOD AND OTHERS IS
DEMONSTRATED BY OUR WILLINGNESS TO
BE INCONVENIENCED, TO BE MADE
UNCOMFORTABLE, AND ADJUST OUR
OWN LIVES FOR THE BENEFIT OF OTHER
PEOPLE.

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**CHURCH, LOVE IS DEMONSTRATED
NOT BY WHAT WE HOLD ON TO, OUR
POSSESSIONS, OUR WAY OF LIFE,
BUT BY WHAT WE ARE WILLING TO
GIVE UP.**

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**WE MUST STRENGTHEN OUR FAITH
DAILY THROUGH OUR WILLINGNESS
TO SACRIFICE, ESPECIALLY FOR
THOSE AROUND US.**

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**OUR GENUINE WILLINGNESS TO LOSE FOR
THE SAKE OF OUR NEIGHBOR'S GAIN IS
THE ONLY WAY TO MAINTAIN THE
HEALTHY, THRIVING, DANGEROUS FAITH
AND TO LIVE AN ABUNDANT LIFE.**

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IT IS EASY TO LIVE A CHRISTIANITY
THAT LEAVES NOT BY EXAMPLE BUT
BY OPINION.

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IT'S ONE THING TO SAY WE ARE
CHRIST FOLLOWERS. IT IS ANOTHER
TO SHOW WE ARE CHRIST
FOLLOWERS, TO AUTHENTICALLY
LIVE IT OUT.

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**"OUR REFUGE, AND OUR FORTRESS,
OUR GOD IN WHOM WE TRUST... HIS
FAITHFULNESS WILL BE OUR
PROTECTIVE SHIELD."**

(PSALM 9:1-2)

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**WHEN OUR RIGHT TO LOVE JESUS IS
DEPENDENT ON THE GOVERNMENT
KEEPING IT SAFE, WE ARE NOT
WORSHIPING JESUS, WE ARE
WORSHIPPING OUR SAFETY.**

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AND AS THE CHURCH, WE ARE NOT CALLED
TO BE SAFE. WE ARE CALLED TO LOVE. WE
ARE CALLED TO SURRENDER. WE'RE
CALLED TO SACRIFICE. WE'RE CALLED TO A
WILLINGNESS TO BE UNCOMFORTABLE.

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IT IS TIME FOR THE CHURCH TO STEP OUT
OF OUR AIR-CONDITIONED FAITH INTO THE
HEAT OF REALITY, SECURE IN THE
KNOWLEDGE THAT GOD WILL PROTECT US
NO MATTER WHAT COMES OUR WAY.

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**BUT GOD HAS PROMISED TO SAVE US... NOT
FROM THE FURNACE...BUT IN THE FURNACE.**

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**"38 FOR I AM CONVINCED THAT NEITHER DEATH NOR LIFE,
NEITHER ANGELS NOR DEMONS, NEITHER THE PRESENT NOR
THE FUTURE, NOR ANY POWERS, 39 NEITHER HEIGHT NOR
DEPTH, NOR ANYTHING ELSE IN ALL CREATION, WILL BE
ABLE TO SEPARATE US FROM THE LOVE OF GOD THAT IS IN
CHRIST JESUS OUR LORD."
(ROMANS 8:38-39)**

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