



But Even if He Doesn't!

“Expectant Faith”
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Examples of Faith?

Bible Character?

Someone You Know?

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednigo



Put Yourself In Their
Shoes

Daniel 3:13-15

- “Then Nebuchadnezzar flew into a rage and ordered that Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego be brought before him. When they were brought in, Nebuchadnezzar said to them, “Is it true, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, that you refuse to serve my gods or to worship the gold statue I have set up? I will give you one more chance to bow down and worship the statue I have made when you hear the sound of the musical instruments. But if you refuse, you will be thrown immediately into the blazing furnace. And then what god will be able to rescue you from my power?””



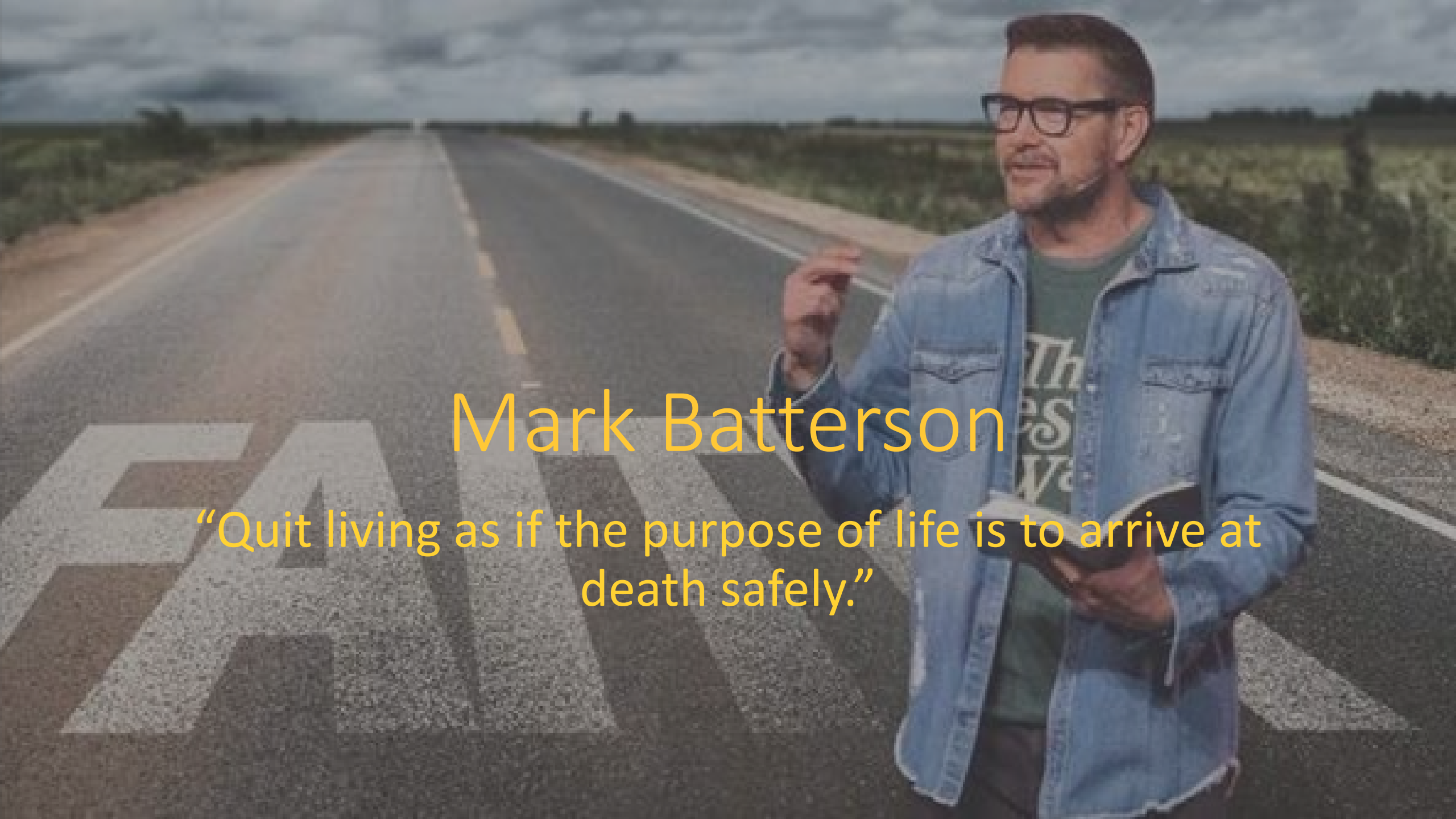


Daniel 3:16-18

- “Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego replied, “O Nebuchadnezzar, we do not need to defend ourselves before you. If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God whom we serve is able to save us. He will rescue us from your power, Your Majesty. But even if He doesn’t, we want to make it clear to you, Your Majesty, that we will never serve your gods or worship the gold statue you have set up.””

“But Even If
He
Doesn’t...”

- They didn’t know that God *would* save them.
- They just knew that God *could* save them.
- Either way:
 - They loved God more than their own lives.
 - They had faith that even in death, His promise of eternity with Him was true.



Mark Batterson

“Quit living as if the purpose of life is to arrive at death safely.”

He Did Save Them!



Why Did They Have Faith!

EVIDENCE!





FAITH GETS EASIER

The more times you have faith, the more times “The Light” shines through.

*“Don’t copy the **behavior and customs of this world**, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God’s will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.”*



Expectant Faith

I fully believe and expect God to show up when called.

Not because of me.

Not because of my righteousness.

Instead, it is because of “Himself”!

Expectant Faith

- Faith is believing in a God we have never seen to do something that we can not do unless He chooses to do it.
- Why would we do this?
- Because faith displays the Holiness, Love, and Power of God.





“I Stink at Having Faith!”

- **It Doesn't Take Much!**
- “The apostles said to the Lord, “Show us how to increase our faith.” The Lord answered, “If you had faith even as small as a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, ‘May you be uprooted and be planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you!” Luke 17:5-6 NLT

How Big is Your Faith?

- **It Seems to Matter to Jesus!**
- *“Assuredly, I say to you, I have not found such great faith, not even in Israel!”* Matthew 8:10 NKJV
- *“O woman, great is your faith! Let it be to you as you desire.”*
Matthew 15:28 NKJV
- *“Why are you fearful, O you of little faith?”* Matthew 8:26 NKJV

THE SAME GOD WHO LED
YOU IN WILL LEAD YOU OUT

THE
RED SEA
RULES

10
GOD-GIVEN
STRATEGIES
for
DIFFICULT TIMES

ROBERT J. MORGAN

“There are degrees of faith, and Jesus richly rewards those who fully trust him.”

The Red Sea Rules by Robert J.
Morgan

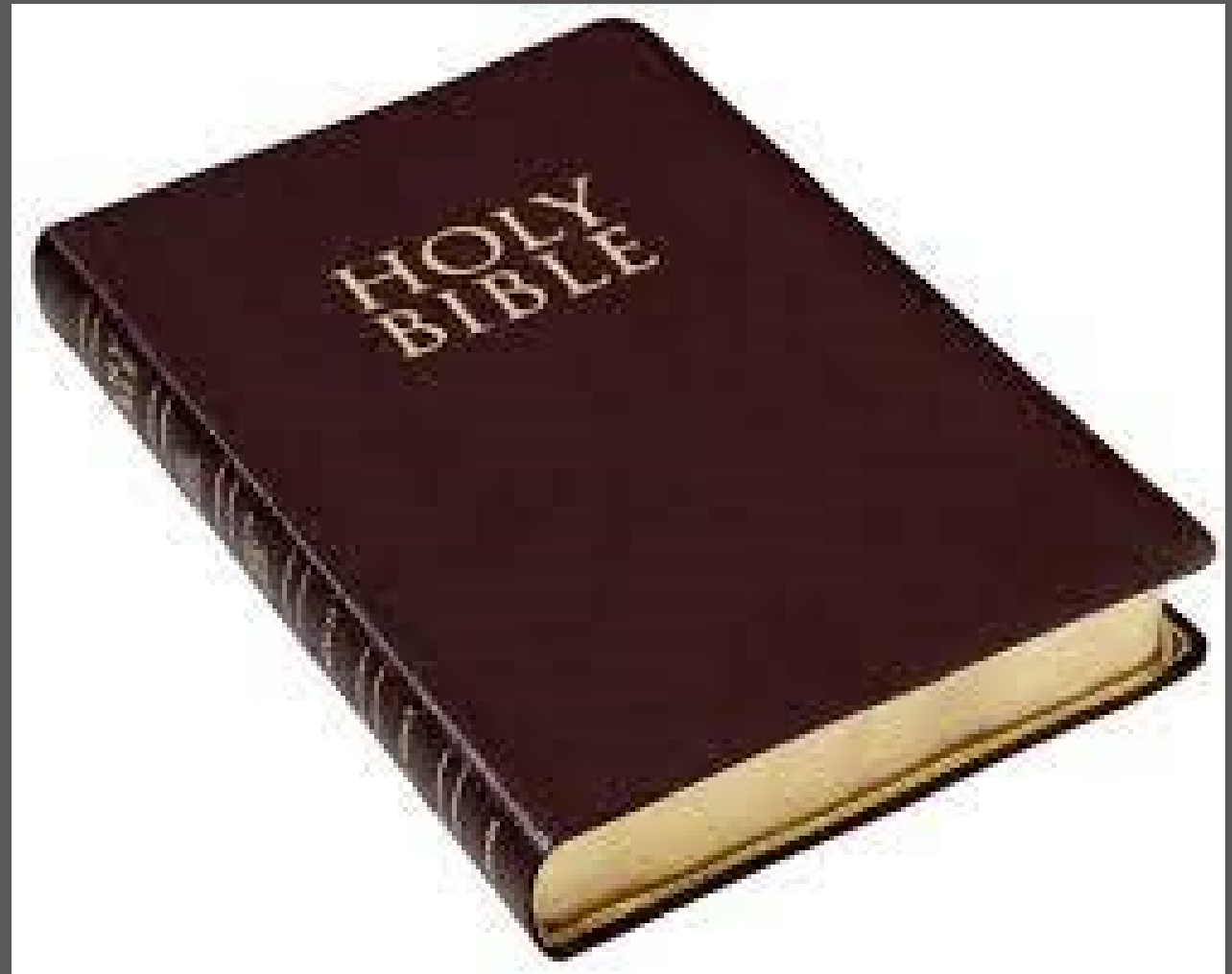
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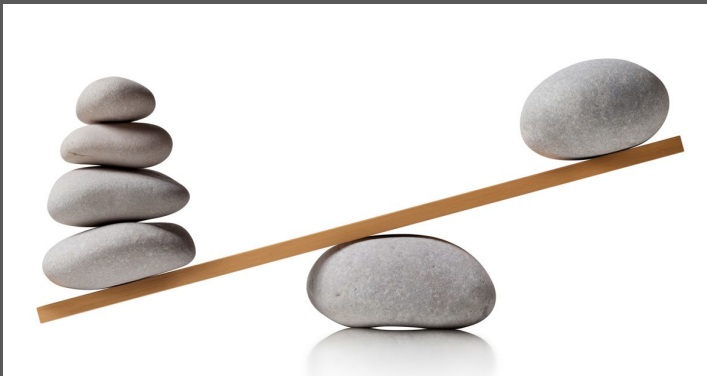
The Preponderance of Scripture

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- Assume that what is important to God is talked about often by God.



Health and Wealth?



- **Health and Wealth is Not Biblical**
- “You don’t have what you want because you don’t ask God for it. And even when you ask, you don’t get it because your motives are all wrong—you want only what will give you pleasure.” James 4:2-3 NLT
- But! Espousing faith in this way has tempted those of us who see this as heresy, to have pushed so far the other way that we don’t ask or expect God to do anything!
- **We’ve overcorrected!**

But What if He Says, “No”?

The child died
The husband left
The finances were ruined....

Hebrews 11:33-40

We can do great damage by proclaiming
earthly blessings as the end goal of God's
Goodness.

This is not our home!

**The reason we should have faith is to
display His Glory.**



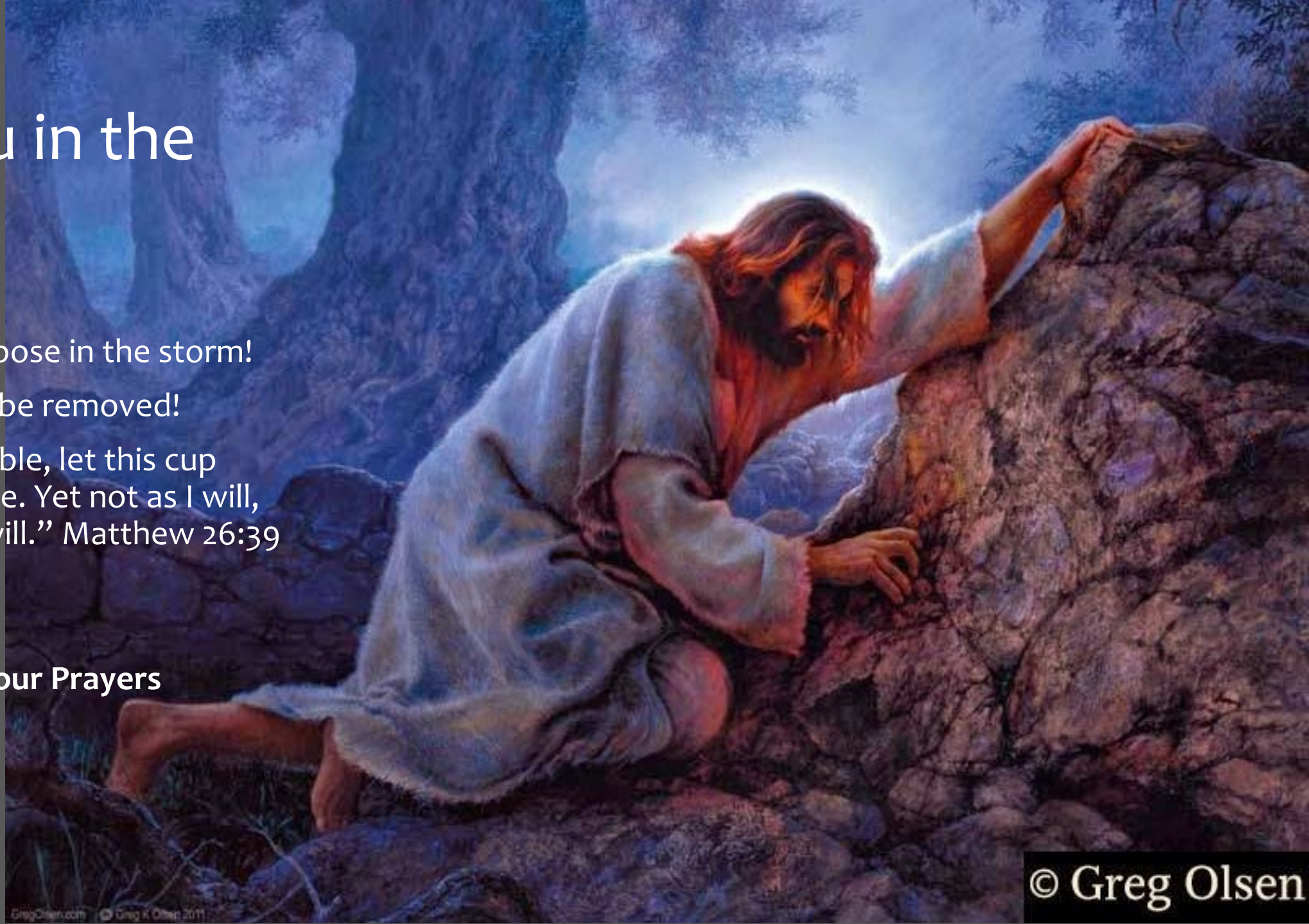
**WHEN GOD
SAYS NO**

Kellie Pernula



Are You in the Storm?

- There is Purpose in the storm!
- Ask for it to be removed!
- “If it is possible, let this cup pass from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will.” Matthew 26:39 CSB
- **Be Real In Your Prayers**



ABIDE



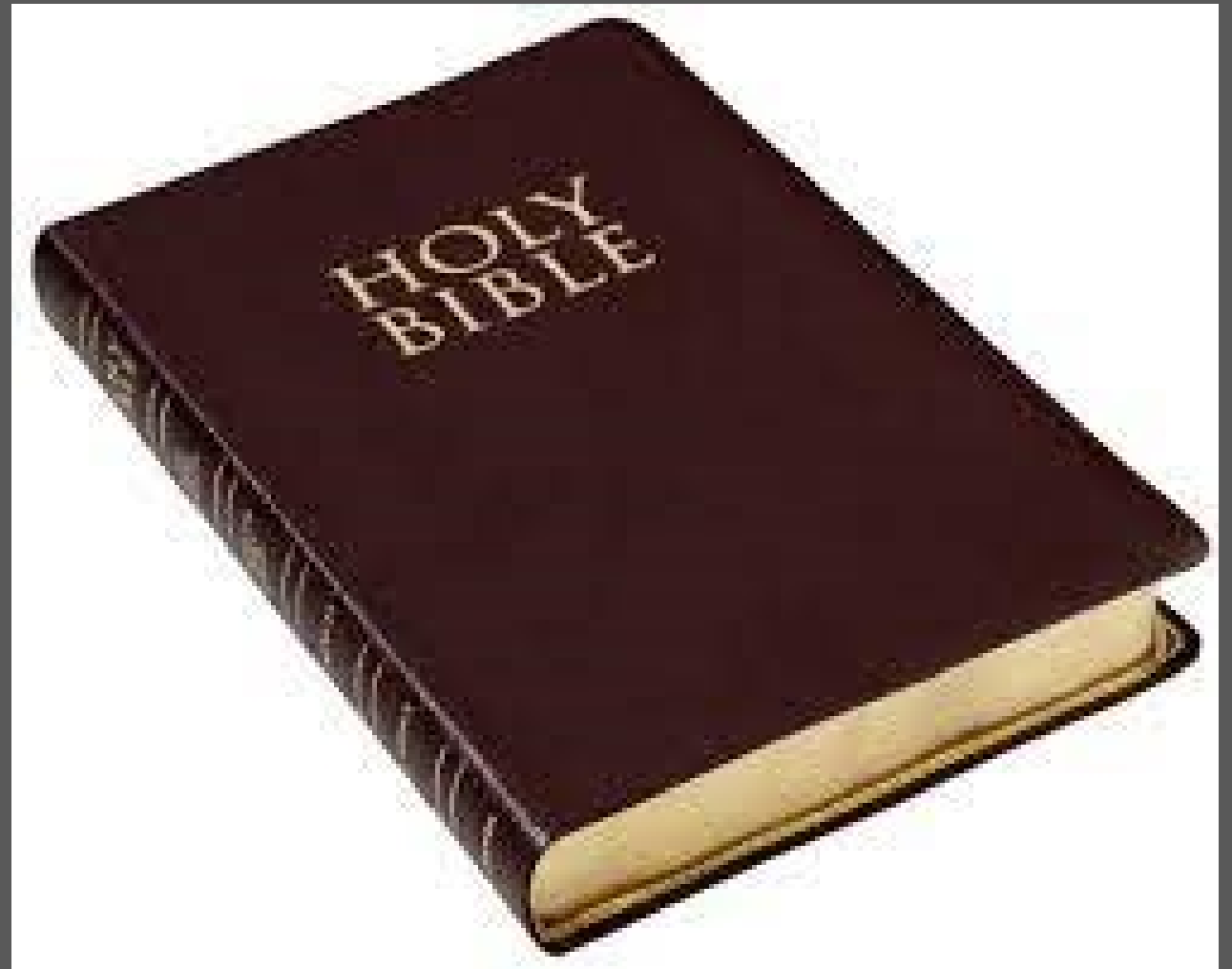
Abide in Jesus

- Abide = to live in
- “If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you.” John 15:7, NKJV

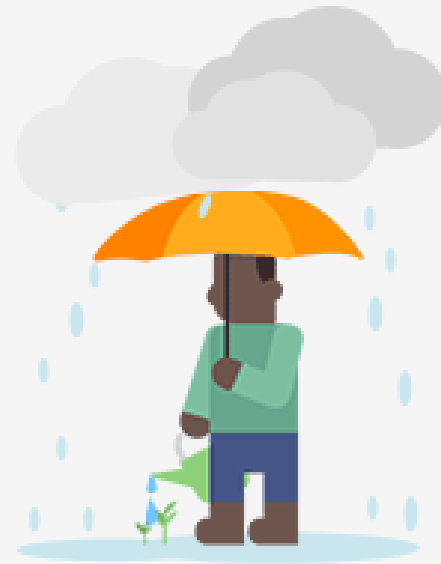
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Pray for Rain?



Me? A Basketball Player?



1 John 5:14-16, NIV

“This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know that he hears us—whatever we ask—***we know that we have*** what we asked of him.”

James 1:5, NKJV

“If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who *gives to all liberally and without reproach.*”

Job 22:27, NIV

“You will pray to him, and *he will hear you.*”

Hebrews 5:14-16, NLT

“We have a great High Priest who has entered heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us ***hold firmly*** to what we believe. This High Priest of ours understands our weaknesses, for he faced all of the same testings we do, yet he did not sin. So let us ***come boldly*** to the throne of our gracious God. There ***we will receive*** his mercy, and ***we will find*** grace to help us when we need it most.”

David

“He will call on me, and *I will answer him*; I will be with him in trouble, I will deliver him and honor him.” Psalms 91:15 NIV

“I prayed to the Lord, and *he answered me*. He freed me from all my fears. Those who look to him for help will be radiant with joy; no shadow of shame will darken their faces.” Psalms 34:4-5 NLT

“I praise your name for your unfailing love and faithfulness; for your promises are backed by all the honor of your name. As soon as I pray, *you answer me*; you encourage me by giving me strength.”
Psalms 138:2-3 NLT

Jesus

“If you sinful people know how to give good gifts to your children, **how much more** will your heavenly Father give good gifts to those who ask him.” Matthew 7:11 NLT

“Keep on asking, and **you will receive** what you ask for. Keep on seeking, and **you will find**. Keep on knocking, and the door **will be opened** to you. For everyone who asks, receives. Everyone who seeks, finds. And to everyone who knocks, the door will be opened.”
Matthew 7:7-8 NLT

Jesus

“I tell you the truth, you will ask the Father directly, and **he will grant your request** because you use my name.” John 16:23 NLT

“You haven’t done this before. **Ask, using my name**, and you **will receive**, and **you will have** abundant joy.” John 16:24 NLT

“You can ask for anything in my name, and **I will do it**, so that the Son can bring glory to the Father.” John 14:13 NLT

Jesus

“*Yes, ask* me for anything in my name, and *I will do it!*” John 14:14 NLT

YES!

ASK!

Believe and Receive! Don't Doubt and Do Without!



Have Faith! Shine the Light!
