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## **Thankfulness, Suffering, and Faith**

When we think of reasons to thank God  
We often think of Christ  
This is true  
But this ignores much of who God is  
And what He has done for us

For at least thousands of years  
Of recorded human history  
God has been praised without the assurance of salvation  
God's love is apparent in His creation  
Even after the Fall when sin entered the world

We have every reason to try to please God  
Just because He created us  
The God of the Old Testament was also slow to anger and quick  
to forgive

Furthermore today we have a number of other gifts from God  
That are there for all believers  
That are just taken for granted

We have God's Spirit living within us  
We have a global community of believers  
We have unique spiritual gifts from God

We understand so much more of God's plan  
And of course we have eternal life  
Most importantly we have peace with God and other people

Of all the things Christians do

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Worshipping God is the most sane and rational thing

For people throughout the vast majority of history  
And throughout the vast majority of the world today  
Religion just makes sense

The proof of the existence of God  
Is in the atheist's court  
Unless they are to say they think  
They are better than over 80% of the world  
Mostly in relatively poor nations

God is one of the things we have most in common  
Other than the Internet and computers  
And human suffering

Truly God has the right and we have earned judgement  
It is His right to do with us as He pleases

What would you do if you created something  
And it created so many problems  
It was easier just to start again  
And destroy the first creation?

God has not done that  
That is the biggest gift of all

We throw up the problem of suffering  
As if it is God's problem to solve  
Do we not have hands and feet  
Minds and hearts?

Why don't we get up and contribute positively

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To reducing the pain in the world?

Everything we can trace the origin of the problem to  
Is a people problem, not a God problem

We have this cultural hang up  
But rationally suffering is not really  
An unsolved theological or philosophical problem

Emotionally it is hard to take  
But it is also hard to say God doesn't care  
When we read about the life of Christ

There is a lot of anger out there today  
But most of the world does much more with much less

Our biggest problem today is getting rid of things  
We no longer want or use  
In a safe and responsible manner

We don't need more things  
We should be happier if we used this same energy  
To learn more about God and help those in more need than us

Thanking God is one of the greatest things  
We can do to reduce physical, emotional, and spiritual pain

We have this drive to do more  
And this hunger to consume more

We don't need to get rid of this or suppress it  
We just need to re-direct it

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Instead of being gluttons in spirit  
We need to find contentment and completeness  
In regards to our faith in God

It is ironic that so many people  
Think they need to offer factual proof  
For everything in the Bible

For instance by its very nature  
Science never finds a permanent answer to anything  
There is much of the unknown in all aspects of life

Certainly science and related disciplines  
See no need to justify themselves philosophically  
Why must God?

Why is it so hard to understand that there will just be  
Some things we will never know?  
The basis of our religion is faith after all

God is at least honest and upfront about  
How we will never completely understand anything  
Especially in regards to God  
I wish scientists were so honest

A society without faith in God  
Is not only empty but also not philosophically consistent  
As there is no basis for following any laws

So before we as Christians  
Get involved in another debate about religion

Realize that winning a debate



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Does not bring people to God

If you start with a blank slate  
It makes more sense to have an almighty God  
Than to have something come out of nothing  
Or an infinite universe

Many people do not like Jesus as He was  
For different reasons

Many people today would look down on such a person  
And be angry with the same message presented today

Some people would say He was too soft on crime  
And others would say He was too judgmental

Today we think we are at the center of the universe  
And can dictate what is right and wrong to God

We want Him to give good reasons for what He does  
Where are our good reasons for what we do?

And if God did give a perfect reason to explain everything in life  
Would non-believers start believing?

There is enough reason to believe  
Faith finally comes down to choice  
And some people do not want to make a choice

Many said they had bad experiences in the past with religion  
But this is the very definition of prejudice  
And would not be the driving force in other situations

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Most people understand when someone doesn't prepare their favorite food correctly

They don't then give up on eating it ever again

## Faith Challenged

Faith wavers at the worst possible times  
Peter abandoned Jesus  
At the worst time he could have

But Jesus had chosen him as a disciple  
And later to lead the Church  
When already knowing the betrayal that would happen

There is no faith without doubt  
Because you cannot know  
How important and powerful it is  
Unless you live for a time in doubt

Furthermore the only thing  
That Scripture requires  
Is faith in Christ  
And belief that He died  
And rose again from the dead

Christians should doubt  
Any ideas not provided in the Bible

You cannot serve two masters  
You cannot show reverence and have faith  
In Christ and America

Was the Apostle Paul  
Proud of his Roman citizenship?

If we tie our faith to politics

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When we get discouraged about people  
Then our faith falls off a cliff

But sometimes still believing  
When seeing such troubling changes  
When God appears silent to us  
It makes it hard to stand against  
What seems like the whole world alone

But this happened before  
The Arab and Mongol conquests  
Changed the Middle East profoundly  
As did the Enlightenment in Europe and America

Everyone's faith is shaken by crisis  
And even more so when pain lingers

There is little in America left  
That we can look for help  
That supports our faith in Christ  
And that little bit is obsessed  
With political solutions

Restoration of our faith  
Comes from doing the fundamentals  
Like going to church, reading the Bible, and praying

The world has always been discouraging  
This part is nothing new

Just like the patriarch Job  
Was blessed with great material wealth  
So have many American Christians

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We might be in the process  
Of losing it all as he did  
So God can test how much  
His people love Him

Some of us have had faith  
Since we can remember  
But everyone will have their faith tested  
Mostly by experiences but also  
By ideas we have trouble accepting

If and when things get so bad  
That you don't know what to do  
And you have turned  
To everyone you know  
And none can help you

God will always have your back  
This has happened to me before  
This is when miracles happen

Doubt is important  
For at least a period of time  
Because even though  
Many Americans believe  
God exists because it is rational  
To get a deeper faith  
You usually need a crisis  
And then you can only go forward  
If you are perfectly honest with God

You should always be respectful

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But if you really believe something  
Even if the idea is not promoted in the Bible  
You need to present this to God

King David was brutally honest with God  
And God appreciated it  
Later he fell into sin

When he finally ended it  
And sought forgiveness  
He was truly sorry  
And accepted punishment from God  
Without complaining

If you doubt God  
Be honest about it  
It is the first step in coming to faith

Right now it seems easier for me  
To doubt myself  
And other people in general than God

Many people have big questions  
They don't understand  
Or can't accept like suffering  
Some of these frustrations  
God might answer and some He won't

Faith means believing something  
That cannot be fully confirmed or explained  
Our society has accepted a scientific and materialist  
View of the world by large

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Most people today have been  
Unwilling to make time for God  
Most atheists do not even want to  
Talk about religion

For a deeper faith  
We need to start looking to please God  
Before doing things for ourselves

Faith in Christ is the only thing  
That will give us long lasting  
Happiness and contentment  
Without Him we will constantly  
Want more of everything

If you are an American  
And still aren't happy  
Try giving some of your money to God

This does not get you  
Something special from God  
But it is a form of worship  
Like the Lord's Supper  
It is something that will make a difference spiritually

## God Isn't Done

If you are not there yet  
Do not fear  
God is still working within you

We will never fully be  
Who we want to be  
But God will get us there  
If we would but cooperate

Personal spiritual growth  
Is in our future

With each step forward  
Our footprints will leave  
Drops of blood

You won't always like who you are  
But you will not always  
Be that person

God transforms lives  
Even when He seems far  
Or is very quiet  
He is working in the background

No one can separate  
You from your God

We aren't the ones doing most of the work  
But God will never force



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Any change on us

God was silent to Israel  
For hundreds of years

Jesus was abandoned by His Father  
When on the cross

But we have the privilege of having  
God's Holy Spirit within us

We have all we need  
To make better choices

With the Holy Spirit  
We have more power  
Than every evil spirit combined  
Than every being in every reality

When we cannot do anything  
If we reach a point  
When we are incapable of progress  
God will make it for us

The missing ingredient  
Is that we must seek God with all our heart

If we dig in our heels  
And refuse to give up  
God will give us the ability  
To make real, measurable changes  
Once we really commit  
The rest will happen fast

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Sometimes God moves slower than we like  
But there are always good reasons

Many of us are stubborn in rejecting God's will  
We just need to redirect this tendency

Unlike being in the military  
God does not desire to break us down

If we would but humble ourselves  
Before the One True God  
There is no weakness or shame in this

Remember that as powerful as evil is  
God will guarantee that we will not fail

God has better plans  
And better ideas for us

But God is especially serious about spiritual things  
Much more serious than we often are  
God only gives the devil  
Enough rope to hang himself

Even when we are weak  
Or so discouraged that we give up  
God is then more powerful in our life  
Because we finally move out of His way

Life will knock you to the ground  
Many will never get up again  
But God can and will get us up again

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We will overcome evil in this life

Sometimes great things just take time  
We need to be patient with God  
As He has been very patient with us

We can only understand and trust God  
Through our faith in Him  
This is not surprising  
Because He sees things we don't

We have a very limited understanding  
Of a very small world

Difficult times and situations  
Will never be easy  
But eventually we find ways to cope

Sometimes we have to do scary things  
But the better we can follow God's commands  
The more pain we can avoid  
That we would have brought on ourselves

When we are about to make any decision  
Prayer is the first thing we should do  
Even better we should always be praying

Christianity for a growing believer  
Requires discipline and repetition  
To really commit to God  
We have to follow through  
And go to church, read the Bible, and pray

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Some of these simple things  
We learned long ago about God  
Are still the fundamentals of the faith  
And will always be true

There is nothing we cannot do  
If it is God's will  
We need to stop focusing on ourselves  
And change our desire to pleasing God

## The Cross was Enough

Christians should know what this title means  
But for everyone else  
When trying to overcome sin  
What a Christian calls immorality

We often think we need  
To spend more money  
Buying books, software, and trips

But what we actually need  
We already have  
As Christians  
Who have the Holy Spirit  
Living within us

But God will only change you  
If you really want to  
And you let Him  
Sometimes we just need to  
Get our preconceptions out of the way

God is creative and works  
In ways we cannot imagine  
Spiritually the most important thing is intention  
You have to resolve not to give up  
And be willing to sacrifice anything for it

When you seek God with all your heart  
You will find peace with  
Not only God but others

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This is a process not an ending  
Nobody fully stops sinning

But for those things  
We now call addictions  
Can be overcome

It is easy to say  
That maybe it is God's will  
That some people  
Never overcome their addictions

But it is never God's will  
That anyone ever sin  
God has both paid too high a price  
And knows how destructive it is

Ultimately we have to accept that  
We have to do things God's way  
We also have to be disciplined about it

In numerous religious traditions  
This generation or age of the world  
Is the most evil

We in America and its network of allies  
That want to be part  
Of the modern world system

We have this idea  
That everything should be quick and easy now

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This is because computers work really fast  
Compared to people  
And society is changing so fast

Sin is always selfish  
And we need to understand this  
To overcome it

Most sins offer temporary happiness  
But long term  
They are extremely destructive

We need to accept this with faith  
Because a big part of our society  
Thinks they can do whatever they want  
In terms of their personal lives and decisions  
And that is ok because  
It does not directly affect others

From a Christian point of view  
This is simply not true

Christianity is both the easiest  
And hardest religion to follow  
You can say a simple prayer

And if you truly humble yourself  
Before God  
You are then saved

But it is hard to imagine  
That it will stop there  
If genuine

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We should not advertise Christianity  
As being this simple

Christianity (in terms of comparable world belief systems)  
Is a path of devotion like  
Bhakti Hinduism, Sufism, or Philosophical Taoism

By moderns standards  
We are to live like monks

One of the most important and effective ways  
Christian can cope with  
Being in pain, in sin, or other problems

Is to praise God both  
For what He has done for us  
And for who He is  
And to listen  
To what He wants to say to us

If we want to live forever  
With God in Heaven  
If we do not like Him  
We won't be happy in Heaven

We have your whole lives to make a decision  
But none of us know how long we will live  
And not even Jesus knows when He will return

This is why we have seen Christians  
Throughout history get so excited about  
How there is one way



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To reconciliation with our Creator

That they come across  
As aggressive and obnoxious  
In spreading this Good News

We don't even need  
A command from God  
To spread the Gospel

As we would truly  
Be bad people  
If we did not care

I believe personally  
That God will  
Give us all enough time  
To make this decision  
Of whether or not  
To follow Him

So we don't need to rush  
Someone through baptism

We need to follow  
The example of Jesus  
And meet people's immediate needs  
So that they can  
Start to think about  
Their long term spiritual needs

But Christianity is a journey  
It does not stop at salvation

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And Christians might suffer greatly  
When we become Christians

The world never fully accepted  
The ideas Jesus really talked about  
And demonstrated  
With the choices He made

Because most societies throughout history  
Had pagan values  
Of beauty and strength

And not the values of Christianity  
Which should be  
Humility and compassion

## Joyful Experiences

I think many people today see God  
As angry with them for no good reason

For some reason in our culture  
The people often drawn to the Church  
Are the same people who see God  
As vindictive and judgmental

Even Jesus who suffered greatly on the cross  
Did experience joy in His human existence  
The Apostle Paul while living in prison said he experienced joy

Some people may think they were masochists  
But I don't think this was how they thought

I have incredible drive and so I am a workaholic  
And in addition I suffer from  
Constant fear, exhaustion, and now hunger  
(I am now diabetic as well)

But I have enjoyed much of my current life  
And I am still doing better  
Than at least 80% of the world

It took me years with constant help  
From both God and my family  
But even being mentally ill  
Does not stop a Christian from being happy

Severe mental illness is truly devastating

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But in some ways it brings a person closer to God  
And helps a person better understand  
Some spiritual things

I have found that there is no vice  
That gives a person constant joy

We all have a part of our brain  
That desires more and more  
And is only satisfied and at peace  
Through direct interaction with God

The closest thing we know in the human brain  
Appears to be the brain chemical called dopamine  
Not surprisingly a person with Schizophrenia  
Has a high amount of dopamine in their brain

This brain chemical drives our anticipation  
The real antidote to addiction is faith

This is because a person can never fully understand God  
So the anticipation never fades  
Our hunger for God can give us peace and fulfillment

We often oversimplify Christianity  
But most people see our lives as complex  
Faith is complex as well

There are some arguments that split the Church  
About whether we should consider  
What we have learned from Church history  
To influence current church policies  
And whether or not faith without action

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Produces saving faith

In the Bible these things a  
Are never separated in any way  
Whenever the Bible talks about faith  
It is always connected to  
And completed in good works

Christ talks several times about people  
Without good works going to Hell

The Church actually started  
Before the Bible was complete  
And the letters the Apostles wrote  
To the early churches  
Were a mix of theology and policy

This kind of puts the debate  
Over tradition on its head

Christianity always was  
And always will be revolutionary  
More than any other reason  
Than a humble God  
Was hard to understand and accept

It is not surprising why this is not  
Fully understood or accepted  
By today's Church members

If you read the Bible carefully  
It is full of surprises  
In some ways it is full of sex and violence

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Although never promoting violations of  
God's law on these subjects

The Bible even has whole books  
Dedicated to suffering, nihilism, and sex

But one of the hardest parts  
For people to accept  
Both inside and outside the Church  
Is that God is both just and merciful

The reconciliation of this paradox  
Was the exact reason Christ  
Came to earth as a baby

We see nothing like this in our lives  
Seldom is there an justice  
And even less seldom is there mercy

The fact that Jesus actually would  
Forgive someone like Hitler  
Is hard for most of us to imagine

But it is even harder to imagine  
That He would suffer  
For such a person that is so cruel

And many people find it insulting to  
Be put in the same group  
As others they consider evil  
Many people think they are too good for  
Or don't need God

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This is because although many people  
Manage to follow most human laws  
Christian laws could be seen as more invasive

Christian ethics have no separation  
Between us and them  
Everything we do affects everyone else

This is why sins  
Such as lying, meddling, gossiping, lusting, and doing drugs  
Are considered serious

This is not convenient and is not easy  
It has and will continue to disrupt society  
In unforeseen ways

The supernatural world we live in  
Works very differently than the physical one  
The intention and spiritual decisions  
Are the biggest driving factors

But it may only be when we enter Heaven  
That we realize how devastating sin is

But just as Christ used the same term  
To describe both heaven and the Church  
We can surely have joy and peace on earth before we die  
But it will be a mixed bag

As Christians we need to find  
Spiritual separation from the world  
And refuge in Christ's protection  
To be the basis of our joy and peace in this lifetime

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A Gospel message that delays any joy until Heaven  
Is not only unbiblical  
But is corrosive for evangelism

It is hard to get people excited about  
A primarily negative view of reality

This is one of the big issues  
That keep many people today  
From faith in Christ



## Radical Honesty

There is a strand running through Christianity today  
Where many have a hostile view of unbelievers

Many in the Church are so focused on legislating their morality  
And proving their ideas are correct  
Society is not interested in more arguing or more divisions  
It is hard to see where some Christians are coming from

Just like Scientists, many Christians have a hard time  
Separating their culture from the Bible  
Much of what many Christians consider essentials of the faith  
Are not very clear in the Bible

Many people in society today  
Are unwilling to accept that the world has changed  
And that you cannot go back to a previous era  
Or pick and choose what you want or don't want society  
To incorporate into common culture

The first step in getting people to God  
Is the same as what we need to start with  
In our own personal faith journey  
Radical honesty

If we want to be effective  
We need to invest more into each person  
And then fight the battle with them  
One person at a time

Christ never asked us

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To change the government or culture  
We are first to meet people's immediate needs like food or  
healing  
Then we are to tend after their spiritual needs

But for now most Christians would be wise  
To be quiet and reflective  
We have been way too aggressive in our evangelism techniques  
Which seem eerily familiar to how businesses sell us things

We need to stop doing big things  
Like trying to convert stadiums of people  
Or trying to get big donors  
Or trying to change the direction of culture

We are to both obey and pray for the government  
We need not and should not embrace or spread their ideas

The devil has various schemes to separate us from God  
But one of the most effective is to distract us  
From what is most significant in an eternal perspective

Keep your political opinions  
You do not need to change them  
It is not that you are wrong politically  
But that the whole idea of politics  
Runs contrary to everything Jesus said and did

This goal of proving we are right  
Or that thinking we can settle an age old question  
In one sentence or even in one book  
Will not change someone's heart

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Do we want them to follow us or God?  
Do we want their loyalty to be  
To our traditions or to the Christ?  
We cannot have everything

There is a huge generational difference  
That is reflected in our worldviews  
Many idealize the Cold War era  
Because things were simpler for white rural Americans

Now that we have to share the wealth a little more  
We cannot accept that others have  
Just as much a right to wealth as we do

Our culture is changing faster and faster  
But this is a challenge  
And an exciting and enjoyable one

There will always be battles in the Church  
But to win this one we need to think small

If we can solve a problem everyone faces  
In just one person's life  
Many will immediately turn to Christ

But we need to meet the culture where it is  
And prioritize what is most important

Our traditional cultural ideas have merit  
But we need to accept  
We have a new world culture now  
And we need to bring the Gospel to this culture

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Battles we had in the past  
Are no longer relevant to a large degree  
What worked in the past for evangelism  
Is likely not going to work today

The world today has so many ads to wade through  
And so many businesses stalking them  
We need too form personal relationships with unbelievers

And not speed them so fast through conversion  
That they do not realize the gravity  
Of what they are committing to

When someone asks a difficult theological question  
Don't be afraid to just listen  
We have to accept many things about God and life  
That we will never fully understand

But we are not asked to understand  
Faith means believing without full knowledge  
Just like being brave first requires a person to be afraid

Maybe the best answer to these questions  
About God and the Bible  
Does not need to be answered by us  
And giving a good answer  
Likely will not bring them to God

In fact it is God who brings people to Himself  
If we do get to experience a person turning to God  
This means that someone else did most of the work for us

## Personal Relationships

We describe faith as a  
Personal relationship with God  
Maybe to spread the Gospel  
We need to have a personal relationship  
With unbelievers as well

Jesus did not try to spread the Gospel  
By Himself or by angels  
He valued the people He created so much  
That He used them to spread His word

Following the example of Christ  
We need to build up a small group of Christians  
Who may in turn only affect  
A slightly bigger group of unbelievers

It may take a number of generations  
God has given us a lot of time to spread the Gospel  
Maybe He will give us a lot more time

We cannot ignore the changes  
In the culture of unbelievers  
That provide unimagined opportunities

Many American Christians see the future of the faith  
As a sad time full of persecution and suffering  
I don't believe this will happen in any of our lifetimes  
The tribulation is not exactly clear from Scripture

As God is the one who is guiding history

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There must be a good reason for computers and the Internet  
Ultimately if God allows them to last long enough  
They will be there to serve the purposes of the Lord

We need not fear the future  
We should fear our own sin and rebellion  
A large part of our problem in America  
We have created for ourselves

Instead of trying to make America great again  
Maybe we should focus on the Church

It is much wiser  
And has a much higher chance of success  
To put our efforts into things we have control over  
Then the things that we do not

Society is going through a lot of pain  
Largely due to addictions and other spiritual battles  
People need real help  
And they will go to great lengths for it

But they have been promised so much  
And put so much time and effort in  
They are now very discouraged

There is a whole industry devoted to this endeavor  
What we call self help or popular psychology  
A major part of this is helping with various addictions  
But the only real solution involves Christ

If we could solve just one person's problem  
And have Christ be their victory

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Unbelievers would flock to the Church

People already know human solutions don't work  
All we need to convince them  
That God's solutions do work

We need to focus on what we have been given  
And really make the best use of that  
Before we try to take on more  
We need an end to Generic Christianity

When asked what must someone do to be saved  
Christ always gave a different answer to everyone  
When in Hebrews it talks about the faith of the Patriarchs  
The expressions of faith were all different  
Every instance of God's interaction with people  
In Scripture was always unique

People are all very different and have different needs

Microsoft Office has too many features  
How did this happen?  
They just added 2 features for everyone  
And now they have 20,000 features  
People all use it differently

We need to fight for every single person  
Many people are leaving the church now  
They need real change before they return

What we have been doing over the last hundred years  
Is no longer effective  
If it ever was

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We cannot expect people to be coming in crowds to the altar

There is no one solution  
To what will bring people back to the Church  
There is no silver bullet

It will be a lot of work happening over a long time  
We need to prove Christianity solves peoples' problems

Ultimately it is in God's hands  
We will inevitably not be as effective as we could  
Because of our stubbornness  
And unwillingness to do things God's way

We currently have everything we need

We literally have God living inside of us  
We have a global network of believers  
We have a guarantee of eternal life with God  
We have been given special spiritual gifts

And we have been given power over evil spirits  
And we can even raise people from the dead

None of this is metaphoric

We need to use some of the stubbornness  
That we have been given by God for His purposes  
We just need to combine this with compassion

There is a lesson we can get from the Army  
When you are given an order  
They don't just post it on a board somewhere



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You are told very specifically what to do  
You are then reminded of it  
And then when it needs to happen

There is a Sergeant who is responsible for you doing it  
They personally come with you to make sure it happens  
Maybe we need to invest more into each person

## Making Christ Our Lord

When I feel afraid  
I call on the Lord  
But at my most difficult moment  
God was silent

But in the background He was working  
I would have been forced  
To make a terrible decision  
But God worked a great miracle

And I was saved from  
Having to repeat this nightmare  
3 more times

And God protected me  
From a similar but continual nightmare as well

For some it might not have been so bad  
Sometimes training is so good  
That the person does not rise to the occasion

But the real scary thing  
Was what we were training for

Modern warfare is very cruel  
In a multitude of ways  
We fight those who are unwilling to follow our rules  
But use the same kind of weapons we designed

They are very angry at what they see as injustice

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They also feel they have no ability to fight back

In many ways our enemies are like us  
They do not fear death  
They believe their religion is just  
They believe our society is immoral  
And they believe God will come back soon

They have different theology  
And a very different culture  
But those are not what they see as defining them  
Or the most important aspects of who they are  
Just as we feel as well

The best warfare technique  
Is to not fight the war in the first place

We cannot fight this enemy effectively  
Because they have little infrastructure to destroy  
And they will never allow occupation long enough  
To let us then rebuild the infrastructure

Our wars against them are absurd  
We win almost instantly

But they bleed us out financially  
The videos and pictures of our occupation  
Give unbelievable value in swaying public opinion  
And they get to take their anger out  
On those willing to volunteer

The enemy is not on the other side of the planet  
The enemy is our own selfishness

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If we want to be a Christian nation  
We must accept this

God never talked about limited government  
In His revelations from Scripture  
Some problems can only be solved  
When the entire society is willing to sacrifice  
And support each other to avoid a worse outcome

We cannot keep promoting the American Dream  
And argue about our rights  
And still pretend we are following Christ  
These are pagan values not Christian ones

Scripture is like a double edged sword  
It cuts to our very core  
And make us continually choose  
God above all else or something else

We either choose the Scripture in its entirety  
Or we do not  
There is no middle ground  
We cannot have 2 loves or serve 2 masters

There is a direct connection between our sin  
And the situation in the world today  
The problem with human solutions  
Is that we are the problem

So we can never get past or overcome  
If we are unwilling to pursue God alone  
In not just our lives but also our empire

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The ethics of Christianity  
Are not about being the opposite of unbelievers  
They are about doing what is right  
If we can work with unbelievers this is even better

The Bible does talk about environmental disasters  
They are called prophecy and the apocalypse

We have a hard time understanding  
Why God would inflict this kind of judgement on us  
Again we understand God's plan poorly

We are creating a literal hell on earth  
By the sins we are committing

We are fixated on sexual immorality  
But there are other commands in the Bible as well  
Greed and gluttony are also rebellion against God

Sometimes we get so mad at people  
Who disagree with us  
That we do not act much like Christ  
We have to accept that we are not always  
Going to get what we want

This is the downside of having a human government  
That decides things based on popular opinion  
What is popular is not always right  
And what is right is not always popular

We get upset when we see injustice  
This is good but think how Christ feels  
He had to suffer for our arrogance and cruelty

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We have to remember that this faith we say we love  
Embraces everyone regardless of their past  
This means even serial killers  
Could potentially end up in Heaven

If we are not in agreement with this  
Maybe we picked the wrong faith  
This is exactly why the world will always hate us  
And why Christianity is truly unique and revolutionary