

Radical Faith

It is time for us to use our Radical Faith. (If you don't have it, you can't use it.)

Slide 3. In the early 1990s, about 90% of US Adults identified as Christians. Today, about 63% identify as Christians. In 2022, 34% of Americans were Protestant. It is estimated by 2070, Christians would make up 46% of the US Population with 41% being secular.

As of 2022, 55% of those ages 18–29 are Christian (down slightly from 58% in 2021), as are 62% of those ages 30–49 (similar to 64% in 2021), 74% of those ages 50–64 (unchanged from 76% in 2021), and 77% of those ages 65 and over (unchanged from 78% in 2021).

Slide 4. 7.2% or almost 24 million of 332.4 million are homosexual in 2022. LGBTQIA+ stands for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer or questioning, intersex, asexual, and more.

Slide 5&6. The Battle has not changed. It is not against the LGBTQ folks. The Battle against Satan and his demons is out of our league. Our primary role is not to fight Satan but seek to deliver those caught up in Satan's elaborate schemes using our strongest weapon, the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Slide 7. [Isa 31:5-7 NKJV] 5 Like birds flying about, So will the LORD of hosts defend Jerusalem. Defending, He will also deliver [it]; Passing over, He will preserve [it]." 6 Return [to Him] against whom the children of Israel have deeply revolted. 7 For in that day every man shall throw away his idols of silver and his idols of gold--sin, which your own hands have made for yourselves.

Slide 8. Adrian Rogers: Do you know why so many churches today are filled with people who've never been born again? They have never had a personal faith encounter with Jesus Christ. They've met a creed, but not Christ; they've met a cause, but not Christ; they've met a code, but not Christ; they've met a church, but not Christ.

Do you know Jesus Christ? I want to tell you today that Jesus Christ is real to me. I put my faith in Jesus Christ. This faith is more than something that brings Christ in, it centers on Him. It doesn't simply mention Him or give lip service to Him; **it is all about Him.**

When your life is all about him, you can use your radical faith.

David Took on a Giant While the Army of Israel Stood By and Watched

Slide 9. What he did: Killed a Nine foot giant Philistine who had been taunting Israel.

[1Sa 17:49-51 NKJV] 49 Then David put his hand in his bag and took out a stone; and he slung [it] and struck the Philistine in his forehead, so that the stone sank into his forehead, and he fell on his face to the earth. 50 So David prevailed over the Philistine with a sling and a stone, and struck the Philistine and killed him. But [there was] no sword in the hand of David. 51 Therefore David ran and

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stood over the Philistine, took his sword and drew it out of its sheath and killed him, and cut off his head with it. And when the Philistines saw that their champion was dead, they fled.

Slide 10. Why he did it

[1Sa 17:45 NKJV] 45 Then David said to the Philistine, "You come to me with a sword, with a spear, and with a javelin. But I come to you in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied.

Slide 11. How he did it

[1Sa 17:37 NKJV] 37 Moreover David said, "The LORD, who delivered me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear, He will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine." And Saul said to David, "Go, and the LORD be with you!"

David used a Radical Faith in God

Daniel

Slide 12. What he did

[Dan 6:10 NKJV] **10 Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went home. And in his upper room, with his windows open toward Jerusalem, he knelt down on his knees three times that day, and prayed and gave thanks before his God, as was his custom since early days.**

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[Dan 6:16 NKJV] 16 So the king gave the command, and they brought Daniel and cast [him] into the den of lions. [But] the king spoke, saying to Daniel, "Your God, whom you serve continually, **He will deliver you.**"

Slide 14. How he did it

[Dan 6:22 NKJV] 22 "My God sent His angel and shut the lions' mouths, so that they have not hurt me, because I was found innocent before Him; and also, O king, I have done no wrong before you."

Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah

Slide 15. What they did

[Dan 3:12 KJV] 12 There are certain Jews whom thou hast set over the affairs of the province of Babylon, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego; these men, O king, have not regarded thee: they serve not thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up.

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[Dan 3:16-18 KJV] 16 Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, answered and said to the king, O Nebuchadnezzar, we [are] not careful to answer thee in this matter. 17 If it be [so], our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver [us] out of thine hand, O king. 18 But if not, be it known unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up.

[Dan 3:19-20 KJV] 19 Then was Nebuchadnezzar full of fury, and the form of his visage was changed against Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego: [therefore] he spake, and commanded that they should heat the furnace one seven times more than it was wont to be heated. 20 And he commanded the most mighty men that [were] in his army to bind Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, [and] to cast [them] into the burning fiery furnace.

Slide 17. How they did it

[Dan 3:23-25 KJV] 23 And these three men, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, fell down bound into the midst of the burning fiery furnace. 24 Then Nebuchadnezzar the king was astonished, and rose up in haste, [and] spake, and said unto his counsellors, **Did not we cast three men bound into the midst of the fire?** They answered and said unto the king, True, O king. 25 **He answered and said, Lo, I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire, and they have no hurt; and the form of the fourth is like the Son of God.**

Jesus Christ

Slide 18&19. What He did

[Jhn 6:51 KJV] 51 I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.

[Jhn 17:5 KJV] 5 And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was.

[Jhn 16:28 KJV] 28 I came forth from the Father, and am come into the world: again, I leave the world, and go to the Father.

[Luk 24:5-6 KJV] 5 And as they were afraid, and bowed down [their] faces to the earth, they said unto them, Why seek ye the living among the dead? 6 He is not here, but is risen: remember how he spake unto you when he was yet in Galilee,

Slide 20. Why he did it

[Jhn 5:36 KJV] 36 But I have greater witness than [that] of John: for the works which the Father hath given me to finish, the same works that I do, bear witness of me, that the Father hath sent me.

[Mar 10:45 KJV] 45 For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.

Slide 21. How he did it

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Trust. [Jhn 17:1 KJV] 1 These words spake Jesus, and lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, Father, the hour is come; glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee:

[Luk 6:12 KJV] 12 And it came to pass in those days, that **he went out into a mountain to pray**, and continued all night in prayer to God.

[Luk 9:28 KJV] 28 And it came to pass about an eight days after these sayings, **he took Peter and John and James, and went up into a mountain to pray.**

[Luk 11:1 KJV] 1 **And it came to pass, that, as he was praying in a certain place**, when he ceased, one of his disciples said unto him, Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples.

You

Slide 22. What Radical Action are you Gonna take for Jesus?

David killed a giant as a young, small shepherd boy. Daniel continued to pray even though he knew the lions den would be his punishment. Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego accepted a fiery furnace for not bowing to Nebuchadnezzar's Gods or idol. Jesus left Heaven, took upon himself, a robe of flesh and died for us to give us life.

[Jhn 20:21 KJV] 21 Then said Jesus to them again, Peace [be] unto you: as [my] Father hath sent me, even so send I you.

Slide 23. Why should you Believe Him?

[Jhn 3:36 KJV] 36 He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.

Slide 24. How Can you Demonstrate a Radical Faith

[1Co 15:10 KJV] 10 But by the grace of God I am what I am: and his grace which [was bestowed] upon me was not in vain; but I laboured more abundantly than they all: yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me.

[1Ti 4:10 KJV] 10 For therefore we both labour and suffer reproach, because we trust in the living God, who is the Saviour of all men, specially of those that believe.

Love your wife and kids. Serve your family and friends. Pray for your family Church, and community.

[Pro 1:15 KJV] 15 My son, walk not thou in the way with them; refrain thy foot from their path:

[2Jo 1:6 KJV] 6 And this is love, that we walk after his commandments. This is the commandment, That, as ye have heard from the beginning, ye should walk in it.

[Psa 71:1 KJV] 1 In thee, O LORD, do I put my trust: let me never be put to confusion.

[Psa 73:28 KJV] 28 But [it is] good for me to draw near to God: I have put my trust in the Lord GOD, that I may declare all thy works.