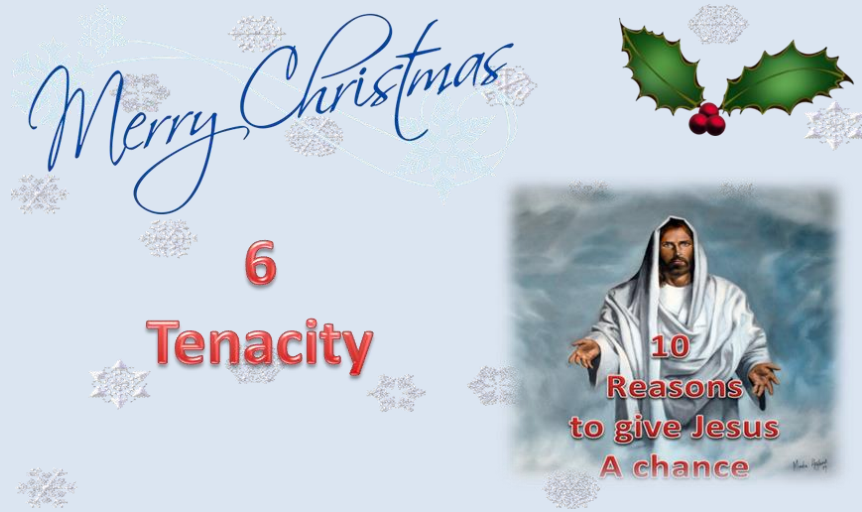


10 Reasons to give Jesus a chance



1. Tenacity (Matthew 4:10)

“Jesus said to him, "Away from me, Satan! For it is written: 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.'”

We need an edge in life. If I had a dime for every movie that had people looking for something more I'd be very rich. We all want to be special. Not too many people desire to live in a box. We idolize those brave enough to think outside the box. Why? I believe it's because we were made for so much more. My rule is that we are given 10% of ourselves in life. If we want the other 90% all we have to do is ask. God wants us to be incredible. He desires us to have tenacity like we've never experienced.

In Matthew 4 Jesus has a good old fashion battle with Satan in the wilderness. This Jesus is one tough cookie. We tend to make him fluffy and weak. How often do Christian men come across as soft and clean? That is not our Jesus. He walked 50 miles many times, slept outside, ate what he could, and confronted opposition all the time. Jesus was a real man. If we are made in God's image and Jesus God in the flesh, then why do we imitate the passive side of life? It makes no sense except for one thing. Satan is called a liar. If that were true then he just might lie to us about who we are and who Jesus is. He tried to do that to Jesus in the wilderness.

Life sometimes is hard, I get that. I want to curl up under a blanket just as much as the next person. There is one difference that Jesus has made for me: its tenacity. Jesus told me I was more than I thought. I took that bet and lost. Jesus was right I am more than I think. It's still me but turbo charged. My tenacity level has gone through the roof. I take chances; I am bold; I don't give up because of one statement. God will never give me anything that I cannot handle, and I for one believe him.

You see being a Christ follower is much more than church and the Bible. It's about discovering your purpose and who you really were meant to be. Jesus pushed the authorities to be honest with themselves and they killed him for it. He pushed his disciples to be more than just fishermen. A small boy David became king. A poor girl became the mother of God's son. A religious leader became a rebel among his peers all in the name of God. God said you are special and each of them believed it. This Christmas why not invite belief into your heart. Aren't you the least bit curious what Jesus has to offer?