Faith Exercised
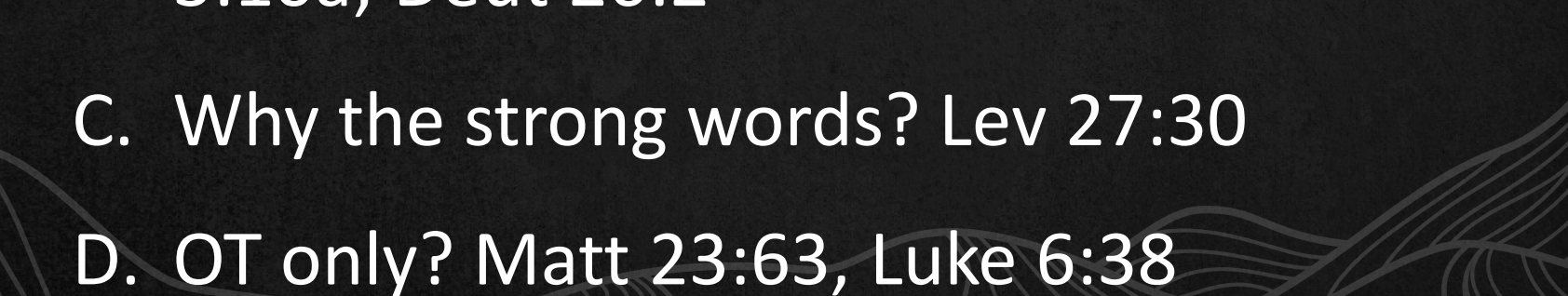
Putting Your Faith Into Action

"Discovering God through
My Giving"
Malachi 3:6-11

1. Tithing is something you do. So lets figure out what it is and how to do it.

    A. The 10th part (1/10) of one's net increase. (Multiply my income by 10%). Lev 27:30-32

    B. From first into my hands. Prov 3:9-10; Mal 3:10a; Deut 26:2

    C. Why the strong words? Lev 27:30

    D. OT only? Matt 23:63, Luke 6:38

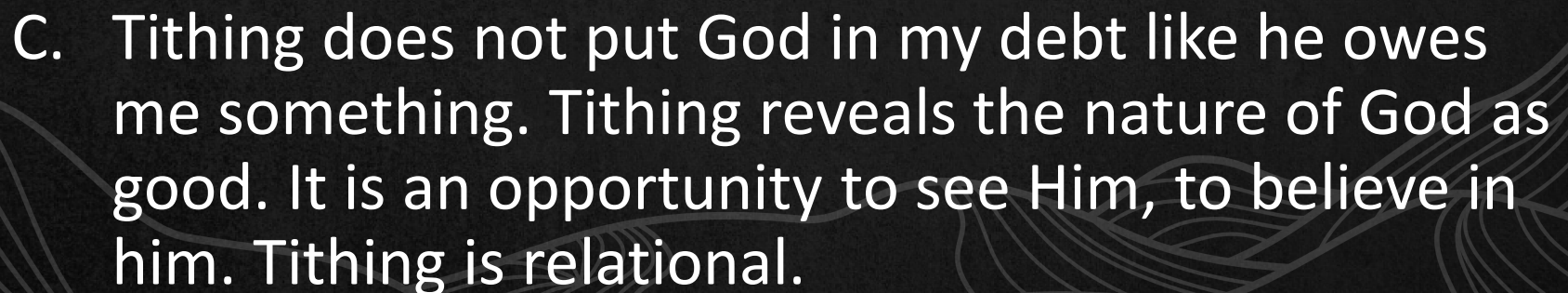|		
1. Net pay (after 600 taxes)	**3,000**	100%
2. Rent (housing), utilities	1,140	38%
3. Necessities (food etc)	600	20%
4. Bills (student loans, credit cards, auto loans)	900	30%
5. Savings	100	5%
7. Retirement/medical ins	300	10%
8. Tithe	300	10%
9. Recreation	90	6%
Total expenses	3,430	

2. Tithing is a faith-builder. It is God's teaching tool to build my faith, an ongoing reminder that He can be trusted regardless of the depth of my "well."

A. Tithing builds my "faith-muscle" because tithing requires me to trust God.
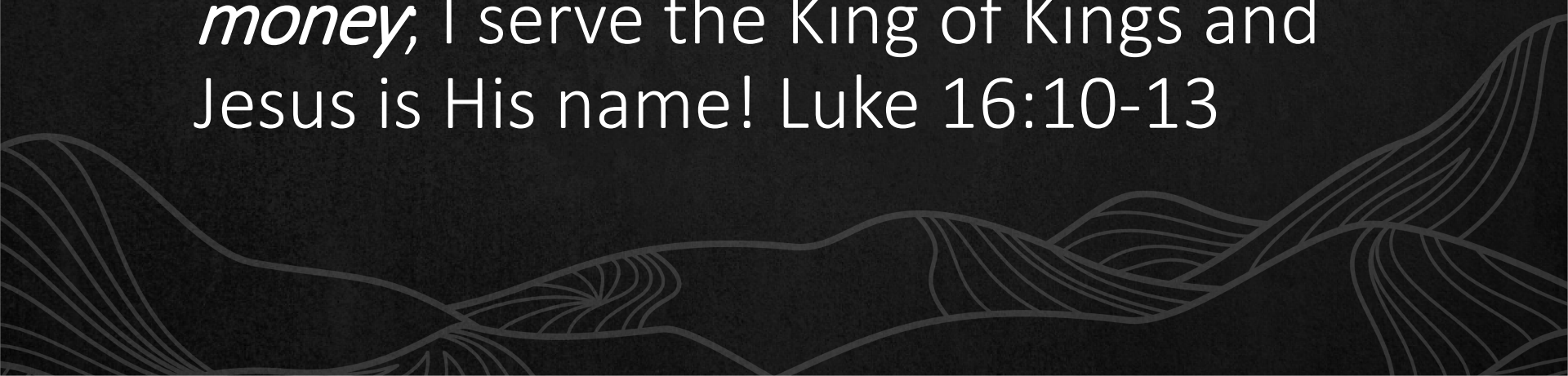
B. Tithing is not a fail-safe transaction for irresponsibility on my part. It is to be a life-habit.

C. Tithing does not put God in my debt like he owes me something. Tithing reveals the nature of God as good. It is an opportunity to see Him, to believe in him. Tithing is relational.

3.	Tithing is an evidence that I have experienced the good, merciful, steadfast love of God. My tithe reminds me that I have discovered that I can do more with 90% and Jesus than I can do with 100% and me. *I do not serve my money;* I serve the King of Kings and Jesus is His name! Luke 16:10-13

Next Steps

A. **20 in 24**
   - Take 20 minutes a day to read the Bible and pray in 2024. Think of words/verse that revere the Father.

B. Prepare a monthly budget similar to our worksheet. What are your amounts and the %? Pray about what God would have you do differently.

C. Ask God to help you see the connection between your heart and his as it relates to the extent of generosity in your giving; as it relates to the your sensitivity to the needs of those around you.