



conviction

BELIEVE IN SOMETHING. EVEN IF IT MEANS
SACRIFICING EVERYTHING

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They came to him and said, "Teacher, we know that you are an honest man. You are not afraid of what other people think about you, because you pay no attention to who they are. And you teach the truth about God's way.

-Mark 12:14 NCV





What is conviction?

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A conviction is a belief you hold onto firmly. It is something you will not change despite what you might feel or what others might think of you.



Why do you need conviction?

God can give you convictions of steel, so that you can keep going no matter what you face.



What are some things you have convictions about?

Hint: think about things you do, even when you don't want to



What are some areas where you need conviction?

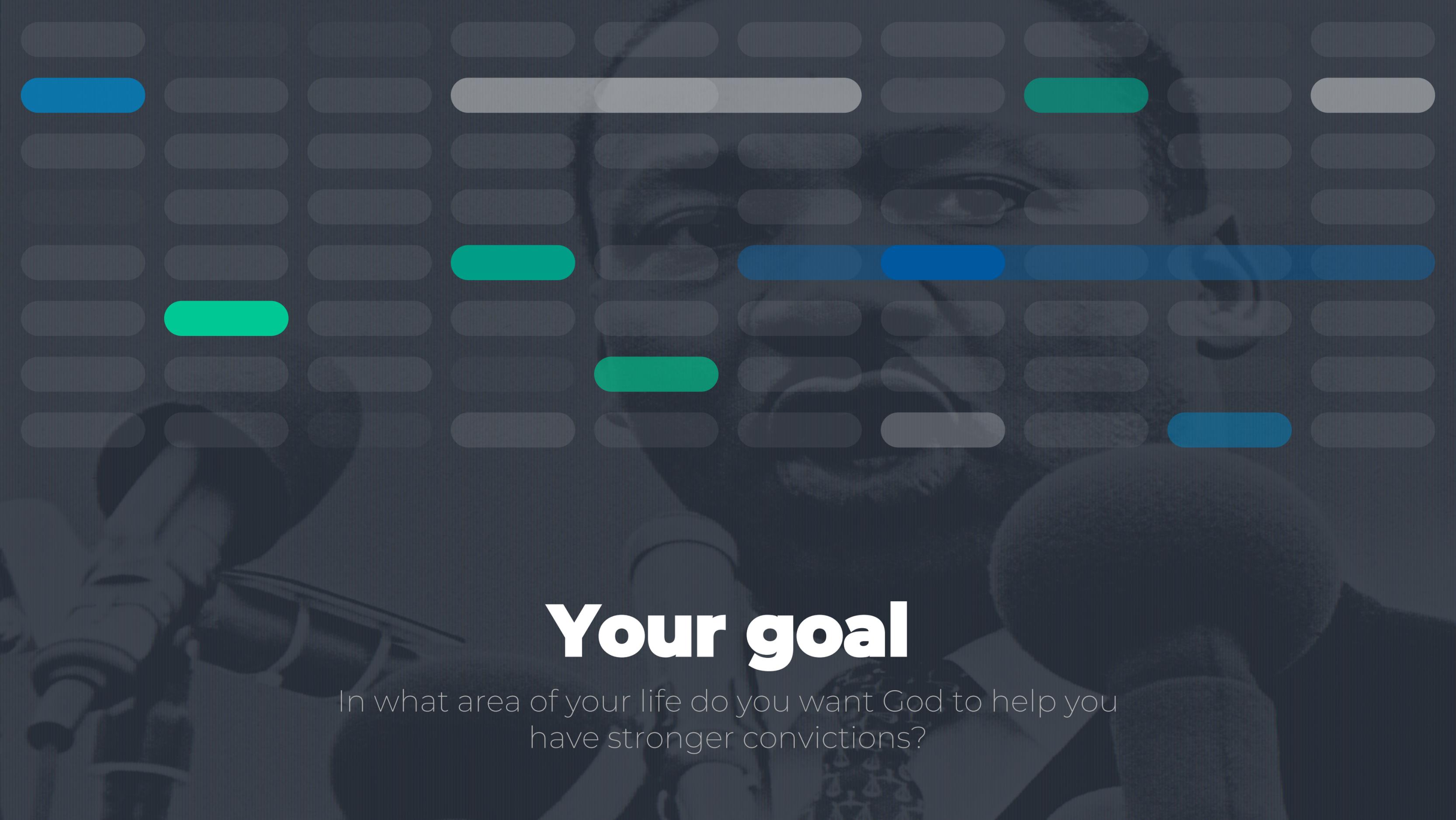
Hint: Think about areas you want to do the right thing but have a hard time doing it



Believe in something.
Even if it means sacrificing everything.



Just do it.



Your goal

In what area of your life do you want God to help you have stronger convictions?

Convictions from God Give You Courage

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And now, compelled by the Spirit and obligated by my convictions, I am going to Jerusalem, not knowing what will happen to me there,

- Acts 20:22 AMP



Conviction gives you courage

Convictions give you the courage to do things that no one else told you to do.



Conviction comes from God

Paul's convictions were spiritual- meaning he got them from God, not from what another person told him. Do you have any convictions that come straight from your own time reading the Bible?



What most often motivates you?

Are you more motivated by fitting in, getting people to like you, not getting in trouble, or convictions from God?



Faith is a Conviction, not a Feeling

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Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

- Hebrews 11:1 NASB

★ Conviction > emotion

A conviction is something you deeply believe, regardless of what you can see or feel.

★ Faith is a conviction, not a feeling

You can decide to believe God is real and the Bible is true, no matter what you feel on a given day.

★ What do you think will happen if you try to have faith without conviction?

Faith that is based on emotion won't last very long.

God Can Give you Steel Convictions

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It is clear to us, friends, that God not only loves you very much but also has put his hand on you for something special. When the Message we preached came to you, it wasn't just words. Something happened in you. The Holy Spirit put steel in your convictions.

- 1 Thessalonians 1:2 MSG

- ★ **Steel convictions come from God**
If you want to have strong conviction, you need to spend time listening to God's Word.
- ★ **A steel conviction is hard and strong**
You know you have steel convictions if they are tough and unswayed by your emotions.
- ★ **In what areas of your life do you need steel convictions?**
God can help you become someone with convictions of steel, so you aren't swayed by your feelings or other people's opinions.

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If a man has not
discovered something
that he will die for, he
isn't fit to live.

-Martin Luther King, Jr



Talk it through

What is one area you will decide to let
God help you have steel convictions?

Take action

What are you going to change with God
to become a man or woman of
conviction?

Next steps

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These follow up actions will help you put into practice the decisions you made, and allow God to start shaping your character.



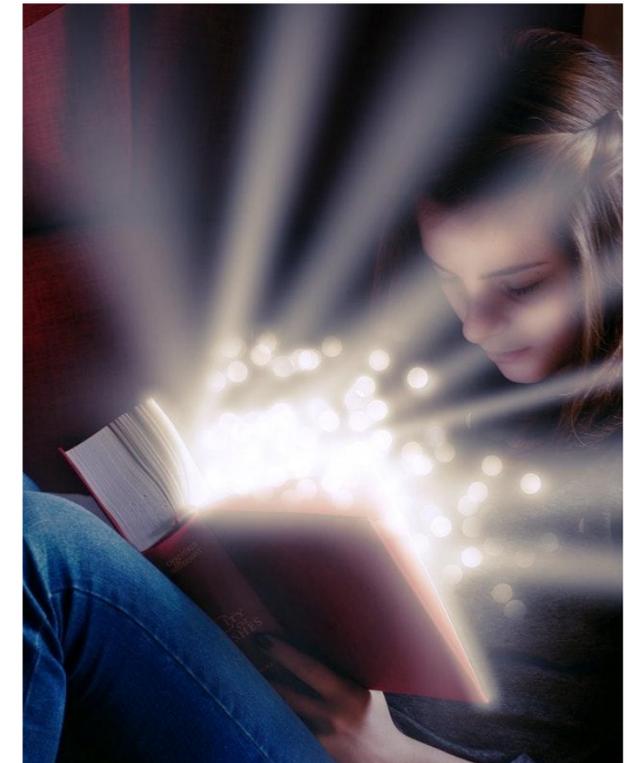
Read together

The book of Daniel. What are some convictions Daniel stood up for? What good things happened when he did?



Watch together

Selma. What happens when just one person has steel convictions?



Do together

Find at least 5 scriptures on your own that are about the area you want to build conviction.

Further study

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1

Joshua 14:7

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Acts 4:13

Voice

3

1 Timothy 4:12-16

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4

Proverbs 31:8-9

NIV

5

Luke 9:23-26

NCV