

# The Faith and Work Page

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**When the Early Church were faced with persecution in Acts 4, their instinctive prayer was not, as we might expect, that God would take their trouble away, but rather that He would give them the boldness to continue to declare his Gospel in the face of opposition. Sometimes work can be a tough place for Christians, and we too can feel we face similar opposition or even persecution. Yet it is often through adversity that our faith and the presence of God within us is most clearly revealed. Like Jesus in the garden of Gethsemane, before we pray that this cup might be taken away, let us also ask how God may be glorified in the face of the struggle. The fire of persecution can also be the tool of the refiner.**

## A Faith and Work Moment . . .

The lobby of the corporate headquarters of ServiceMaster, one of North America's largest cleaning and service franchises is dominated by a marble statue of Jesus washing the disciples' feet. On the wall behind, the first line of the company's mission statement reads "to honour God in all we do". At this Illinois hub of a vast network of people engaged in a variety of contract cleaning roles is the image of Christ, showing that some of the most profound truth about His identity and the values of His Kingdom has been communicated through the same activity.



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