

Kendrick Lamar

"Faith"

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[Verse 1: Kendrick Lamar]

I take a sip of Hennessy and then get pissy drunk
I ain't a drinker, I'm a thinker, call it what you want
But if you turn your back, know that you just missed
your chance
To witness the realest sh*t that's ever been told to man
I found myself losing focus at a Sunday service
Embarrassed so I start questioning God, "What is my
purpose?"
He said to live the way he did, that's all he want from
me
Spread the word and witness, he rose on the first
Sunday
I said alright, enthused that my Lord gave a listen
I opened my Bible in search to be a better Christian
And this from a person that never believed in religion
But sh*t, my life is so f*cked up, man; I can't help but
give in
I'm giving testimonies to strangers I never met
Hopped on the pulpit and told them how I was truly
blessed
Felt like I'm free from all my sins when the service was
over
Walked out the church, then got a card that my homie
was murdered
Then lost my faith again

[Hook: BJ The Chicago Kid]

What am I gonna do
Gotta have faith
Life is too much (?)
Where is your faith?
Faith, all you need is the size of a mustard seed

[Verse 2: Kendrick Lamar]

Single black parent from Compton raising children of 4
That's 4 innocent bastards cause Papa, they don't know
Her day consists of working back and forth with
babysitters
Can't find no one to watch her kids, so she pay her
sister

Her baby daddy ain't 'bout sh*t, that n*gga ain't 'bout sh*t
Spilt his daughter milk just to cop a new outfit
She pray to God every night hoping that he'll mature
And maybe one day his kids, something that he'll live for
Baby wanna go back to school but she need some help
Because it's hard trying to pay the bills when you're by yourself
She thought about credit card scams, until she heard a voice
It said the Devil is a lie, make a better choice
And so it's back to McDonald's and every month dealing
With those crazy ass people at the county building
Looked to the heavens and asked them to make a better way
Then got a letter in the mail, lost her section 8
Then lost her faith again

[Hook]

[Verse 3: Punch]

I had dreams of holding a 9 milla to raise killa
Ask him why, my eyes fill up
Each day it gets more realer, orangutan's bang like gorillas
It's jungle when the n*ggas ensue
The rat's lurking, the vulture's circling the surface
Cats lying through they teeth, my n*gga didn't deserve it
I flirted with the ideal of caressing the steel
To make karma come faster than she normally will
It's ill, to see my faith try and leave me
It's so hard to get it, to get rid of it is easy
I'm tryna reach cloud 9, that's what my n*ggas 'bout
But it never rain in California, unless the pistols out
Until then, my feet planted on the ground,
shadowboxing my conscience
Til my faith start responding, and if I get no answer,
just know I tried
I should have never looked into his son's eyes
Ray Charles voice

[Hook]

[Verse 4: Kendrick Lamar]

This for my people that stressing whenever times is hard
Your mind's slipping, wondering, "Is there really a God?"

Knowing you shouldn't think that way and trying to
freeze your brain
But whenever there's pain, that feeling forever remains
We can't believe what we can't see and reality seems
stronger than prayer
Cause you tried to change your life, and now you live in
a wheelchair
And your son was born with cancer and he live in
urgent care
At the tender age of 12, and you feel that no one cares
Searching for answers, that's human nature, you ain't
in the wrong
Just know when you feeling that way spirit's in the room
I watched people I know pray and catch the Holy Ghost
And wonder why I ain't ever caught that feeling before
Maybe they know him better, or I don't know no better
But what I do know, is that he's real and he lives
forever
So the next time you feel like your world's about to end
I hope you studied because he's testing your faith
again

[Outro: Kendrick Lamar]

I'd rather not live like there isn't a God
Then die and find out there really is
Think about it

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