

TSUNAMI

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A few months ago, Toyota announced the name of its new sports car: the “Tsunami”. They said it would be, “the new wave of bold style.” What a catchy slogan. Then came December 26, 2004, and a real tsunami. In a few minutes the world learned there is nothing fun or attractive about a tsunami. Its awesome, unyielding power demands respect, even fear. Needless to say, Toyota renamed its new car.

But it makes one wonder if we don’t do the same thing with God. We throw in some god-talk when it will make us sound more sincere, or use his name as an expletive, when it will make us sound tough. We sprinkle him in lightly to season special occasions, or even invoke his name to market some of our personal projects. Like Toyota’s use of “tsunami” we assume a mention of the LORD might add a little pizzaz to life.

But God is not willing to be reduced to a catchy slogan. He refuses to be tamed and used to serve our purposes. “Should you not fear me?” declares the Lord. “Should you not tremble in my presence?”