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'O Lord, should your wrath blaze up against your own people?' Exodus 32:11b

What would it take to pick an argument with the almighty and ever-living God? Audacity? Gall? Brazenness? Nerve? Guts? Presumption?

All these words have been used to define 'chutzpah' which is the Jewish characteristic Moses exemplifies and other biblical figures embrace I their exchanges with God.

But one essential quality is lacking in that catalog of chutzpah's meanings – confidence! Confidence! Moses trusts his friendship with God so much that he's willing to put it all on the line, and voice his profound disagreement in the face of God's preferred course of action!

We do this with people we love. We trust the bond between us enough to say what we see when we suspect they'll regret their present course. Love isn't cautious. It takes risks. It speaks up, even if the result is shot down.

When we pray, we must choose the image of Jesus we find most approachable, and speak to him with the confidence Moses displayed, knowing that he is always there to listen, and, in his **infinite** wisdom, lead us through whatever we are facing to our ultimate goal of eternal life in the Father's Kingdom of true and lasting peace.