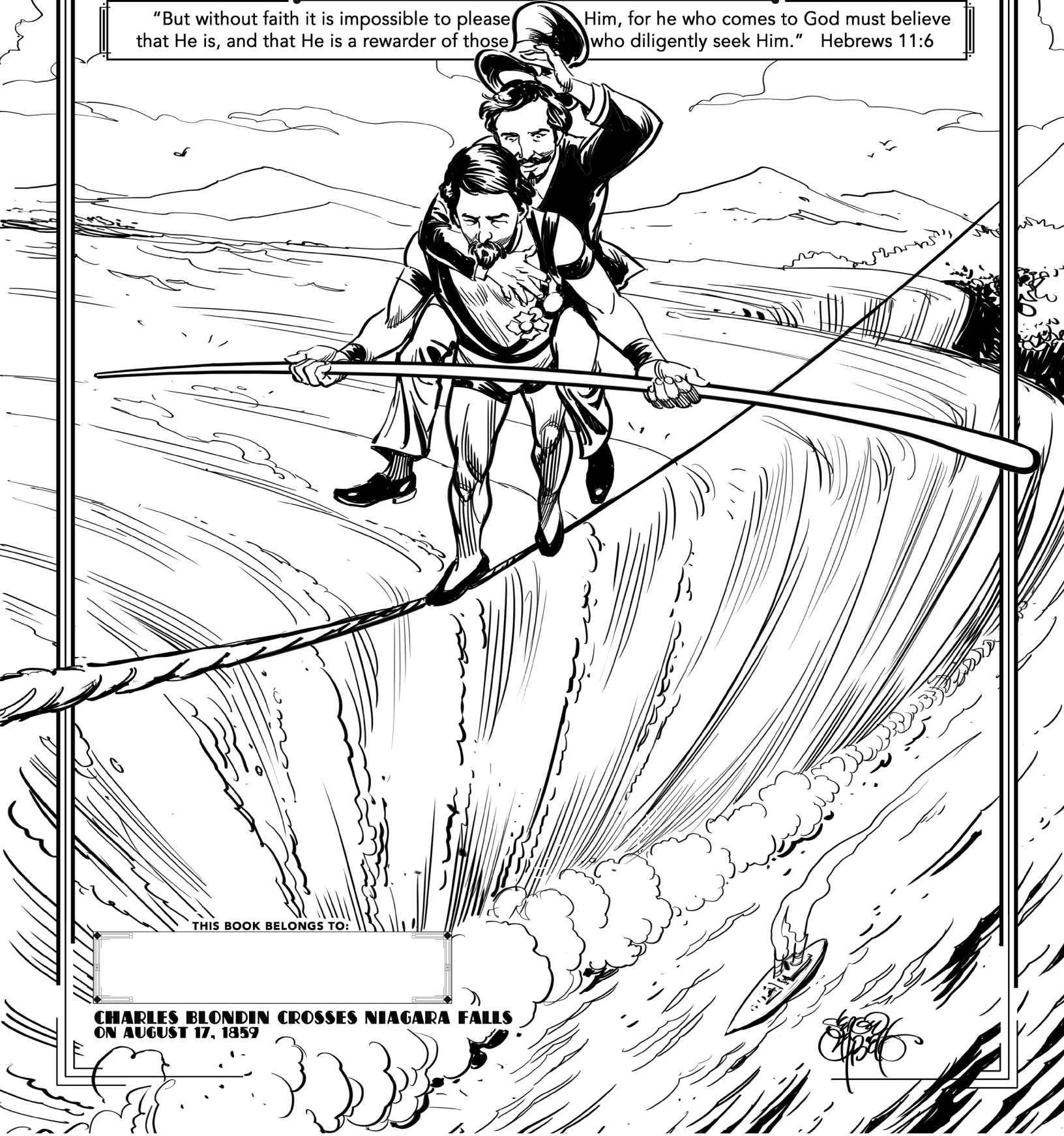


# FAITH

## PLEASES GOD

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# MY SUMMER CAMP INFO PAGE

I am in FAMILY # \_\_\_\_\_

My counselor at camp is \_\_\_\_\_

The names of the campers in my family are:

1 \_\_\_\_\_

5 \_\_\_\_\_

2 \_\_\_\_\_

6 \_\_\_\_\_

3 \_\_\_\_\_

7 \_\_\_\_\_

4 \_\_\_\_\_

8 \_\_\_\_\_



My favorite camp activity was \_\_\_\_\_

My favorite memory at camp was \_\_\_\_\_

My favorite camp meal was \_\_\_\_\_

My favorite chapel event was \_\_\_\_\_

My favorite song we sang at camp was \_\_\_\_\_

The coolest thing that happened at camp was \_\_\_\_\_

What is something I've learned about God? \_\_\_\_\_





# A LITTLE ABOUT YOU



My birthday is: (CIRCLE THE CORRECT MONTH & DAY)

MY NAME IS: \_\_\_\_\_

January	February	March	April	
May	June	July	August	September
October	November	December		

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
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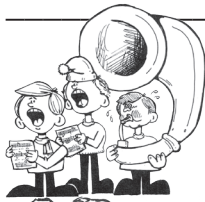
I am \_\_\_\_\_ years old.

First time here?  
 YES  NO

If I could go anywhere, I'd go to \_\_\_\_\_ What 6 words best describe Jesus?

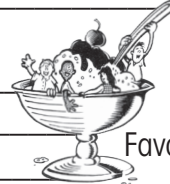
What do you think you will be doing 10 years from now?

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_



My favorite worship song is: \_\_\_\_\_

My favorite band is: \_\_\_\_\_



Favorite Ice Cream flavor?

Favorite Sport: **NBA** or **NFL** or **MLB** or **NHL** or **Soccer**

(HOT FUDGE  OR CHOC. SYRUP)

Do you play an instrument?  YES  NO **WHAT?** \_\_\_\_\_

What is the best gift you have ever been given? \_\_\_\_\_

If you could have any pet in the world what would it be? \_\_\_\_\_

What animal is pink and has a curly tail? \_\_\_\_\_

Favorite color? \_\_\_\_\_ Favorite animal? \_\_\_\_\_

Favorite place to eat? \_\_\_\_\_ Favorite game? \_\_\_\_\_

What are 3 things on your "Wish List?" 1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_ 3. \_\_\_\_\_

Which 3 people would you like to meet from the Bible? 1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_ 3. \_\_\_\_\_

If you had superpowers which 3 would they be? 1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_ 3. \_\_\_\_\_

What are your 3 favorite foods? 1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_ 3. \_\_\_\_\_

What is it that you'd most like to ask God? \_\_\_\_\_

What is your favorite story in the Bible? \_\_\_\_\_

## WOULD YOU RATHER...

- Spend a month (with no explanation) wearing a cape everywhere you go **OR** Wear an eye patch and carry a walking stick?
- Be the circus person that the knife thrower throws knives at **OR** The one who puts their head in the lion's mouth?
- Have five bottles stuck on the fingers of one hand for a year **OR** Have a bucket stuck on your foot for a year?
- Run across a hungry alligator's back **OR** Run underneath an angry elephant?
- Be a skipping hippo **OR** a dancing aardvark?
- Have everything you touch tickle **OR** have to sneeze every 10 seconds?
- Wind surf on shark inhabited waters **OR** Hang glide over a forest fire?
- Would you rather have a kangaroo **OR** koala as your pet?
- Be born with an elephant trunk **OR** a giraffe neck?
- Meet anyone from history **OR** anyone alive today?
- Be a cat named Killer **OR** a dog named Fluffy?
- Eat a stick of butter **OR** a gallon of ice cream
- Hold poison ivy **OR** a handful of bumblebees
- Sing every word **OR** always speak in rhymes?
- Be lost in a jungle **OR** in a desert?
- Be 3 feet tall **OR** 8 feet tall?
- Be Superman **OR** Batman?
- Eat spinach **OR** eat liver and onions?
- Be hungry **OR** thirsty?
- Be a soccer ball **OR** a football?

## FINISH-THE -SENTENCE

- When I grow up I will... \_\_\_\_\_
- When I think about the Holy Spirit, I have questions about... \_\_\_\_\_
- When I go to Starbucks I order... \_\_\_\_\_
- My heroes are... \_\_\_\_\_
- When I think of Jesus... \_\_\_\_\_
- When I go to heaven I hope to... \_\_\_\_\_
- When I go on vacation I... \_\_\_\_\_
- If I could own anything it would be... \_\_\_\_\_
- If I could live in any world which is in a book it would be... \_\_\_\_\_
- When I think about what Jesus did for me I think of... \_\_\_\_\_

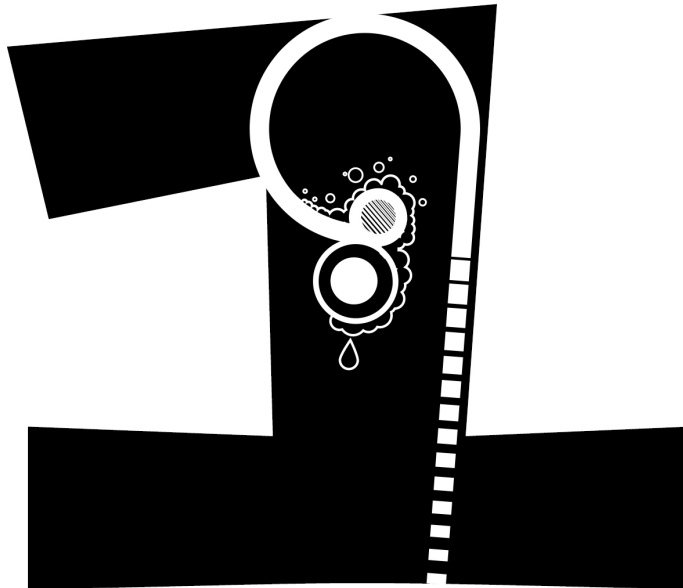
I AM A CHRISTIAN  YES  NO  I DON'T KNOW I READ THE BIBLE  NEVER  ONCE IN A WHILE  EVERYDAY  
 I PRAY TO GOD  NEVER  ONCE IN A WHILE  EVERYDAY I GO TO CHURCH  NEVER  ONCE IN A WHILE  WEEKLY  
 When God asks me why He should let me into heaven, I will say: \_\_\_\_\_



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## BIBLE STUDY







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 Hebrews 11:6



In this **1<sup>ST</sup>** STUDY, we are going to talk about why people were **CREATED**.

Do you know why people were **CREATED**?  
 Do you know why **YOU** were **CREATED**?

In these **STUDIES**, we will talk about a lot of important things, and one of the most important is **WHY** we were **CREATED**! We are going to discuss the reasons we were **CREATED** and the **PURPOSE** of being alive.



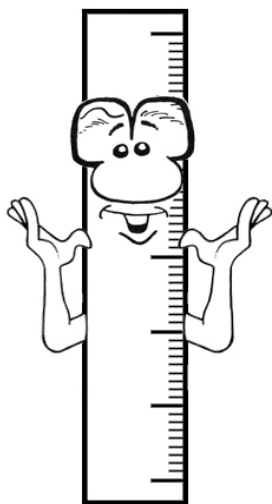
Many, many people in the world don't know why they are alive or the **PURPOSE** for their lives. *But* **YOU** can know! In these **STUDIES** we will discuss things you may have wondered about, or things you may not have thought about yet.



We will **LOOK** at what the **BIBLE**, **GOD'S WORD**, has to say about the **PURPOSE** for which we were **CREATED**. We can know **FOR SURE** that **GOD** has a reason that we are alive and that He has a wonderful plan for our lives. So, let's get started **RIGHT NOW!**

Our **BIBLE STUDIES** are about **FAITH**

We are going to talk a lot about **FAITH**; what it is and why it's important to have **FAITH**. But, before we start talking about **FAITH**, we want to talk about having the **RIGHT STANDARD** for life.



A **STANDARD** is used to measure something. If you were asked how long a certain table is, you might say it is 6 feet long or 2 yards long. In the first measurement, you used a ruler as the **STANDARD**. In the second measurement, you used a tape measure as the **STANDARD**.

We also use **STANDARDS** to measure our lives, and the good or bad things we do in our lives.



If you use bad people as the **STANDARD** for your life, then you might say, "Hey, I'm not as bad as those people! They are much worse than I am!"

But, we are not to use people as our **STANDARD**. There is only one **STANDARD** that we are to use and that is **GOD'S STANDARD**! We want other people to live by a right **STANDARD** but we do not always live under that **STANDARD** ourselves. How do we know which **STANDARD** is right? Well, because **GOD** our Creator has set the **STANDARD** or rules that we must live by. So, where do we find **GOD'S** righteous **STANDARD**?

**GOD** has given us His **STANDARD** in the **BIBLE**, His principles or rules that we are to live by. If we live according to **GOD'S** right **STANDARD** (His principles or rules) then our lives will be lived right.

But, if we live according to the wrong **STANDARD**, then our lives will be lived wrong. We will live a wrong life IF we use the wrong **STANDARD**. But, if we use the right **STANDARD** we can live a right life, a life that is pleasing to **GOD**.

So, how do we live a right life, a life that is pleasing to **GOD**? And what exactly is **GOD'S STANDARD** for MY life?

As mentioned at the beginning, we are going to talk about the **PURPOSE** or reason that we are alive. When we know the **PURPOSE**, we will know the **STANDARD** by which we are to measure our lives by. We don't want to live our lives by the wrong **STANDARD**! We want to live our lives by the right **STANDARD** - **GOD'S STANDARD**!

It's so important that we see ourselves as **GOD** sees us. **GOD** has told us in the **BIBLE** what His **STANDARD** is for our lives.

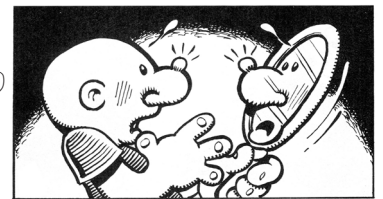
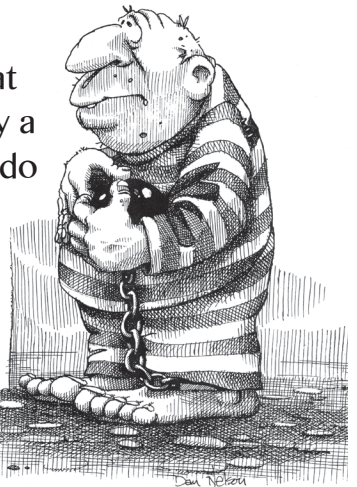
**LOOK** up and read *Colossians 1:16*,

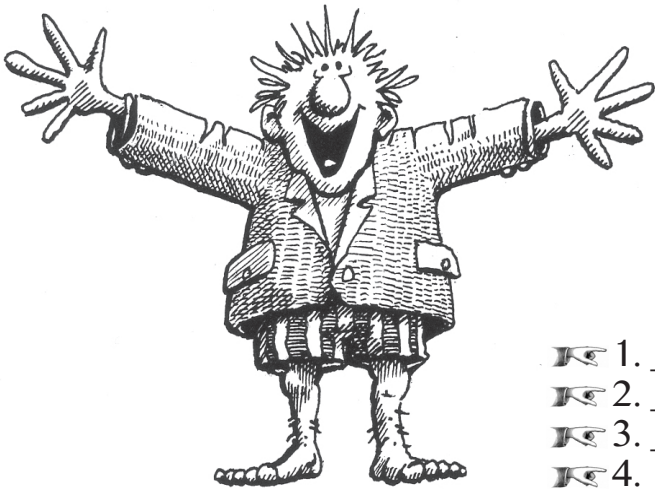
"For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him."



Now **LOOK** up and read *Colossians 1:9-10*,

"For this reason we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God."





We have been **CREATED** for H\_\_\_, and to fully p\_\_\_\_\_e Him. That is **GOD'S STANDARD** for our lives and His **STANDARD** gives us our **PURPOSE** in life. Our goal for each of our lives is to fully please Him! Can you think of some ways that we can please **GOD**?

**LIST THEM HERE:**

- R** 1. \_\_\_\_\_
- R** 2. \_\_\_\_\_
- R** 3. \_\_\_\_\_
- R** 4. \_\_\_\_\_

Now, **LOOK** up Isaiah 43:7. Let's read it together:

"Every one that is called by My name, and whom I have created for My glory I have formed him; yes, I have made him." Isaiah 43:7



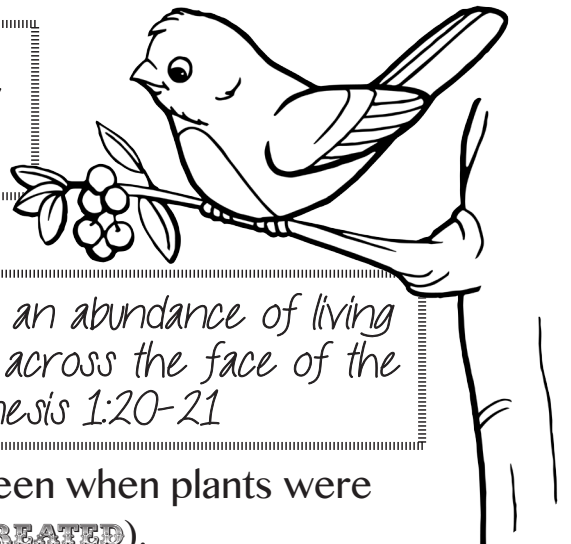
Let's **LOOK** at the words, "I have created."  
**CREATED** means "actually causing to be."

**LOOK** up and read the three places in the book of Genesis where the word "**CREATED**" is used.



**1**

"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." Genesis 1:1  
(Only **GOD** can do this)



**2**

"Then God said, Let the waters abound with an abundance of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the face of the firmament of the heavens." Genesis 1:20-21

(The word "**CREATED**" appears again between when plants were **CREATED** and animals were **CREATED**).

**3**

"So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them." Genesis 1:27

(It occurs again when man was **CREATED**)

It is the essential word that indicates the original act of causing to be.

**GOD** said, "I have created."

Now, let's **LOOK** at the second **WORD** in *Isaiah 43:7*, which is the **WORD** "FORMED". This **WORD** indicates a process. This **WORD** is the same **WORD** that would be used of the potter at work at his potter's wheel.

*"Every one that is called by My name, and whom I have created for My glory I have **formed** him; yes, I have made him."* *Isaiah 43:7*



Do you know what a potter's wheel is used for? It is used to make pottery. A potter's wheel cannot **CREATE** the **CLAY** and then make a vase or bowl. The potter takes the **CLAY** that already exists, and uses the wheel to form the **CLAY** into a useful vessel.



By manipulation of things already existing, a new thing is **MADE** to be. The **CLAY** already exists. The potter just takes the already existing **CLAY** and then makes a new thing out of it.

The third word, "**MADE**", is a word that indicates the "out look" or the "result"; "I have **MADE**", "I have accomplished", "I have finished".

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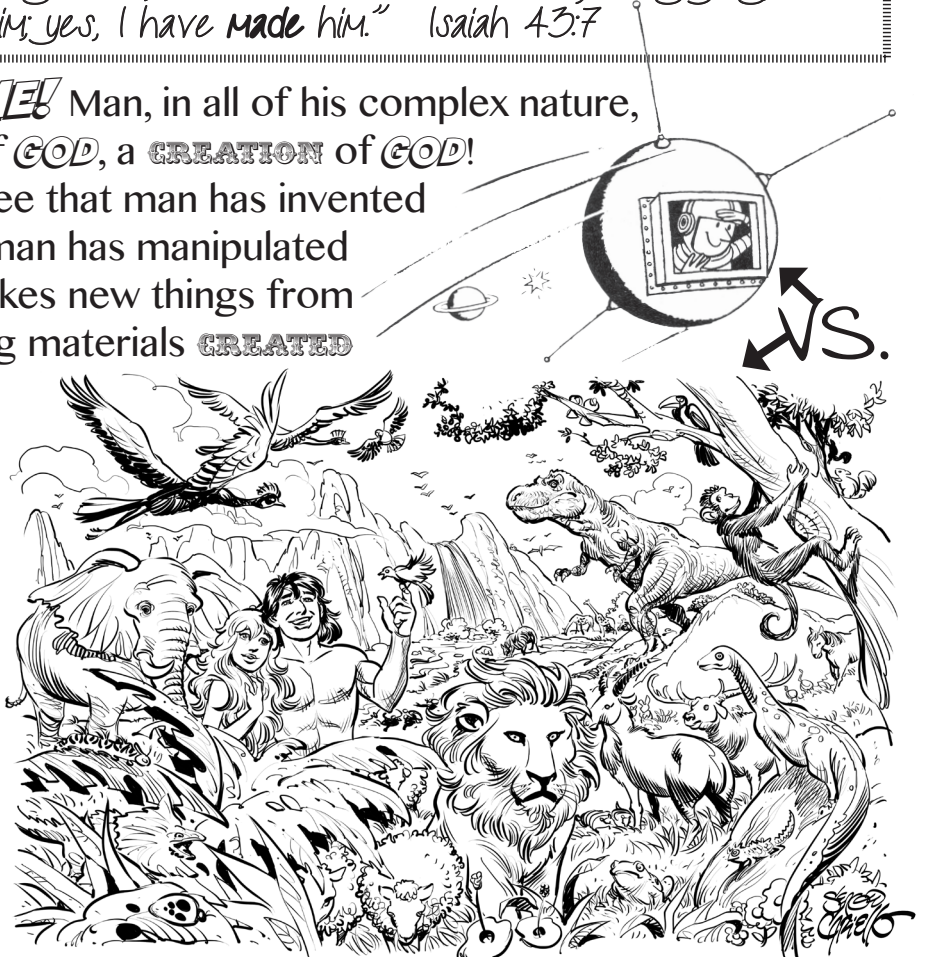


**THIS IS AWESOME!** Man, in all of his complex nature,

is a thought of **GOD**, a **WORD** of **GOD**, a **CREATION** of **GOD**!

As we **LOOK** at our world, we see that man has invented and **MADE** improvements, that man has manipulated things that already exist and makes new things from them. Man can only take existing materials **CREATED** by **GOD** and make (fashion) something new from them. But, he cannot **CREATE** something out of nothing as only **GOD** can!

The only answer we have for **CREATION** is what **GOD** has said, "I have created." **GOD** has **CREATED** us. Do you **BELIEVE** that? Only **GOD** has actually **CREATED** things out of nothing!





Now, here's the great problem in life! So many people do not understand or BELIEVE that **GOD CREATED** them and that He has a **PURPOSE** for their lives. Because of this, they don't live by **GOD'S STANDARD**; they live by the wrong **STANDARD**!



This leads us to the last consideration in *Isaiah 43:7* which tells us that **GOD** has **CREATED** us for His glory.

Many people do not know this. Do you know this? Do you BELIEVE this?

**GOD** says,  
"Whom I have created for My glory."  
So, what does it mean to be  
"**CREATED** for **GOD'S** glory"?



Go ahead and read 1 Corinthians 10:31. What are you to do?

"Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God." 1 Corinthians 10:31



WHAT ARE YOU TO DO?

SO... WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO GLORIFY GOD?

It means to bring Him **HONOR** through how we th \_ \_ k, and what we s \_ \_ y, and how we a \_ \_ t.

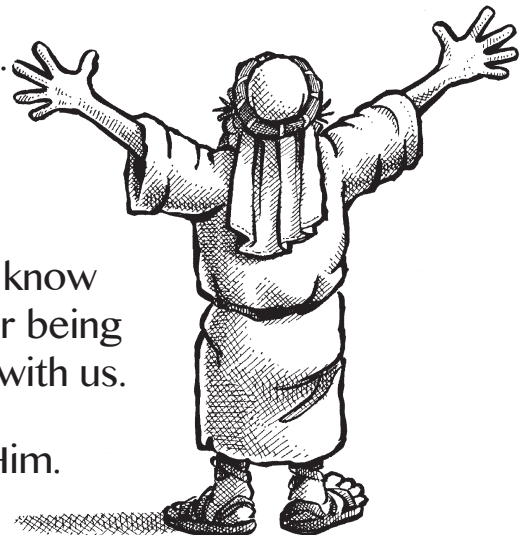


To GLORIFY **GOD** means to **HONOR** Him in our thoughts, words, and **ACTIONS** and to value Him above all things. To GLORIFY **GOD** means to have a heartfelt thankfulness to Him.

We GLORIFY **GOD** through our **FAITH (TRUST)** in Him.  
We GLORIFY **GOD** through our **LOVE** for him.  
We GLORIFY **GOD** through our *obedience* to Him.  
We GLORIFY **GOD** through our *desire* to know Him.

It's important to understand that we were **CREATED** to know **GOD**. Man has a consciousness of **GOD**, which no other being has, because **GOD** wants to have a personal *relationship* with us.

**GOD** wants us to please Him by our **TRUST (FAITH)** in Him.



Pleasing **GOD** is the very **PURPOSE** of our existence and the **BIBLE** says that we delight **GOD'S** heart through **FAITH** in Him. We are not to live to please ourselves. We are to live to please **GOD**. We were **CREATED** for **GOD'S** pleasure.

Revelation 4:11 says, "Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power; for thou hast created all things and for Thy pleasure they are and were created."



A person will never be satisfied until they fulfill the **PURPOSE** for which they were born; to please **GOD** by **FAITH** in Him.

Remember, without **FAITH** it is impossible to please **GOD**. It simply cannot be done. That's why the Apostle Paul said, "For whatever is not from faith is sin." (Romans 14:23)



WOW! **GOD** wants us to have **FAITH** in Him. (Romans 14:23)  
He wants us to **TRUST** Him.

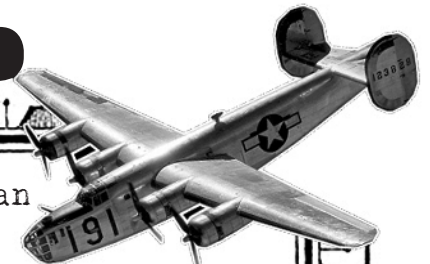
In the rest of the **STUDIES** we are going to **LOOK** closely at what **FAITH LOOKS** like in real life. We're going to **LOOK** at real people and at the choices they **MADE** to have **FAITH** or to not have **FAITH**. Some of these people lived a very long time ago. Some of them lived not too long ago. But, their choices to have **FAITH** or to not have **FAITH MADE** a HUGE difference in their lives. We can learn a lot for our lives from their examples!



Everyone *loves* to hear a good story. Make-BELIEVE stories can be fun. But a true story, one that we can really learn something important from, is very special.

### THIS IS OUR FIRST STORY... AND IT IS TRUE.

During World War II on April 4, 1943, an American B-24 bomber, took off from an air base in North Africa. It carried a crew of nine men. It was flying to drop its bombs over Italy. When its mission was completed, the plane and its crew headed back to its base in North Africa. It never arrived. For many years no one knew what had happened to the plane, and the nine men on board. Some thought it had run out of fuel and crashed in the Mediterranean Sea. But, in reality, it had plenty of fuel. It had enough to fly 442 miles PAST its



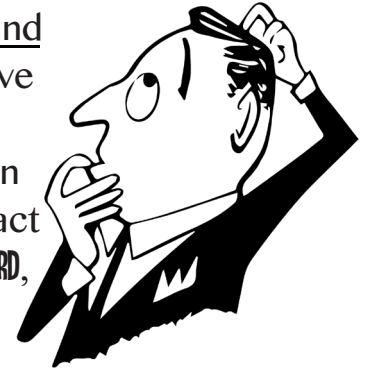
Actual pictures of the plane and crew



destination to where it was found 15 years later, ditched in the Sahara Desert of North Africa. What had happened? On that night, an unusually strong tail wind caused the bomber and its crew to reach the coast of North Africa several hours ahead of schedule. When their flight instruments indicated that they had flown far enough to reach their destination, the men just could not believe it! They thought it was simply impossible to fly that great distance in so short a time. Coming to the conclusion that the enemy was jamming their instruments, or that the instruments were just malfunctioning, the officer in charge made the decision to continue. That decision cost the crew their lives. When the plane was finally out of fuel, the crew parachuted out at night and the plane crashed in the Sahara Desert of North Africa. You can imagine what went through their minds as they looked around the next morning in the heat of the scorching sun, surrounded by sand as far as the eye could see. All they could do was try to walk out... and they died doing so.



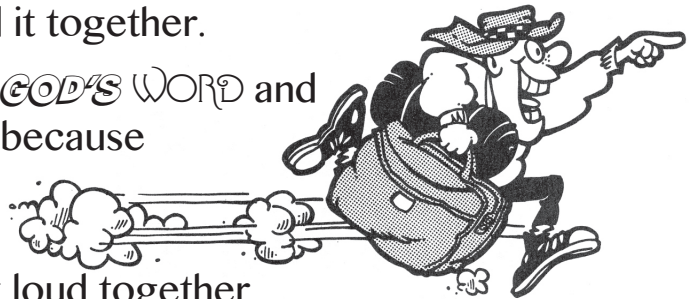
**WHAT** went wrong? Those nine men did not BELIEVE and act upon the plane's "STANDARD." The tragedy is that the instruments gave them all the signals they needed to find their way safely home while they still had plenty of fuel to get there. The information displayed on the flight instruments was true. They simply did not BELIEVE and act upon their "STANDARD." But, what about us? Will we ignore *GOD'S STANDARD*, the BIBLE, and just live any way we want to? Not living according to *GOD'S STANDARD* will never have a good outcome.



In some up-and-coming STUDIES we will talk more about the DEFINITION of FAITH in depth, but for now, let's read it together.

**DEFINITION:** "FAITH is BELIEVING *GOD'S WORD* and **ACTING** upon it, no matter how I *feel*, because *GOD* promises a **GOOD RESULT**."

The BIBLE verse for this STUDY is Hebrews 11:6. Go ahead and read it out loud together.



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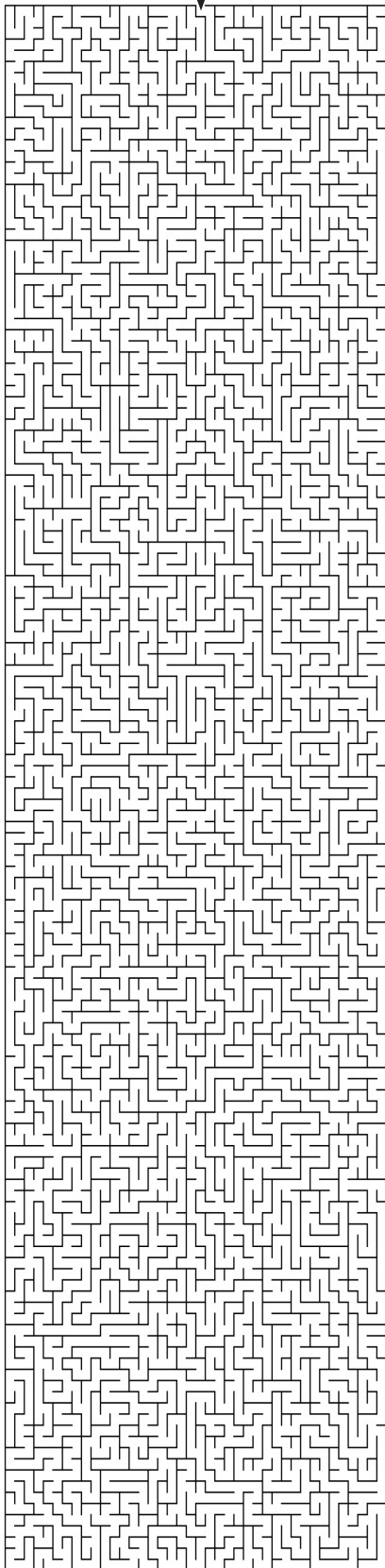




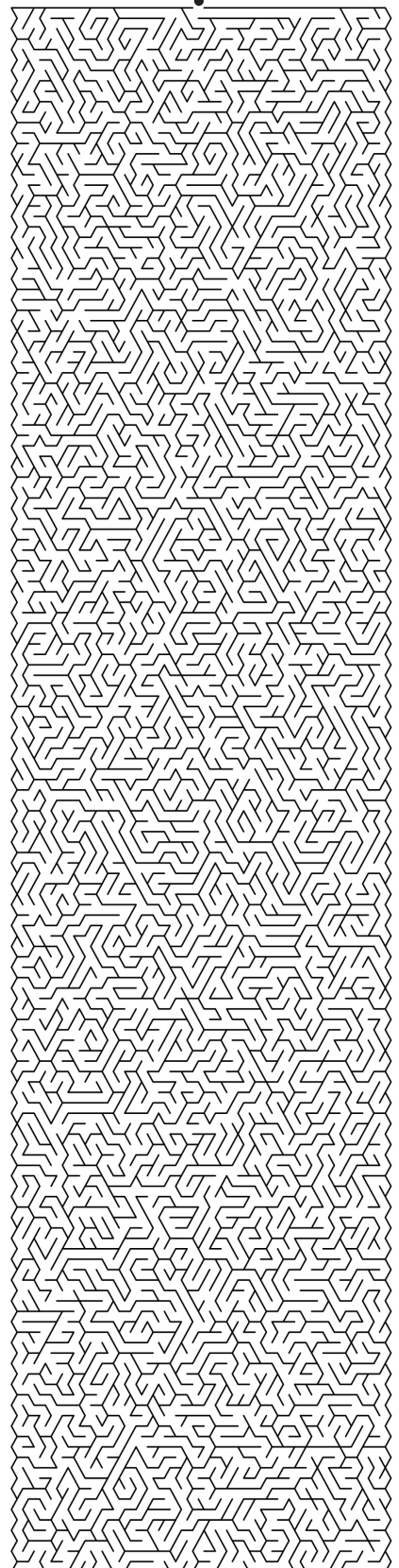
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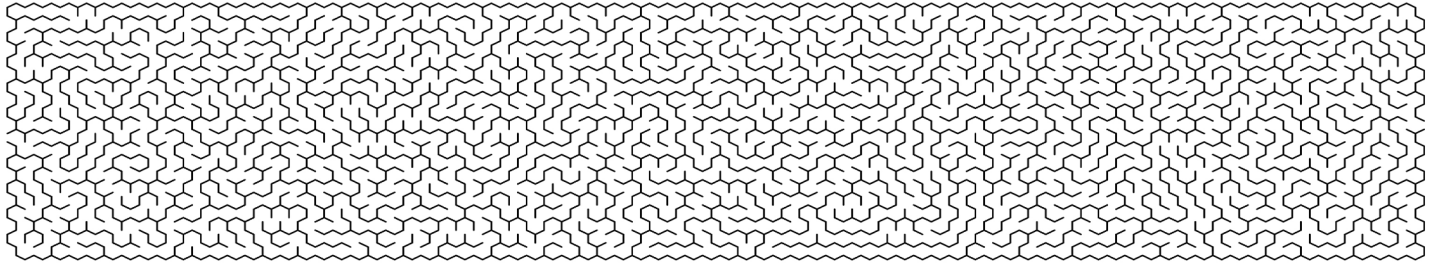
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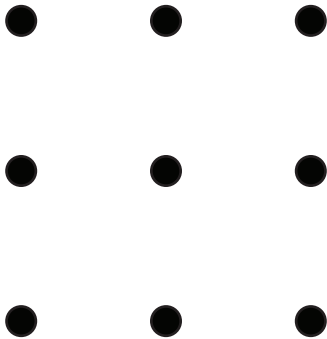


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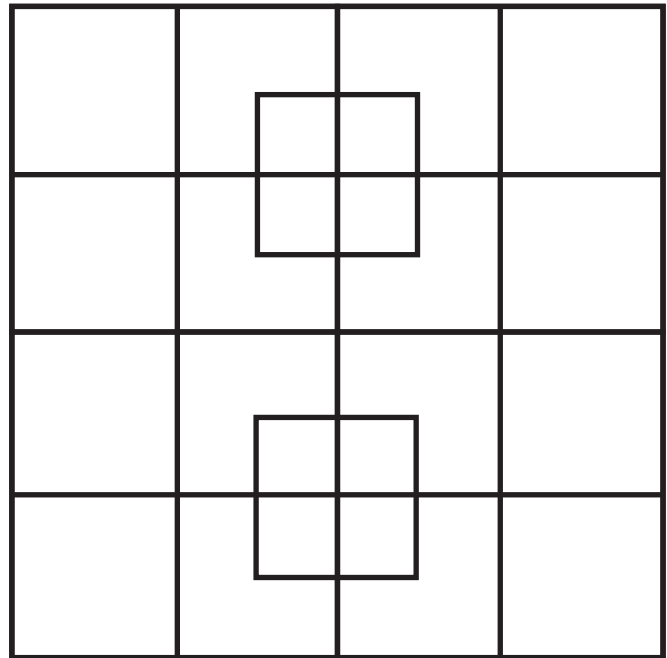
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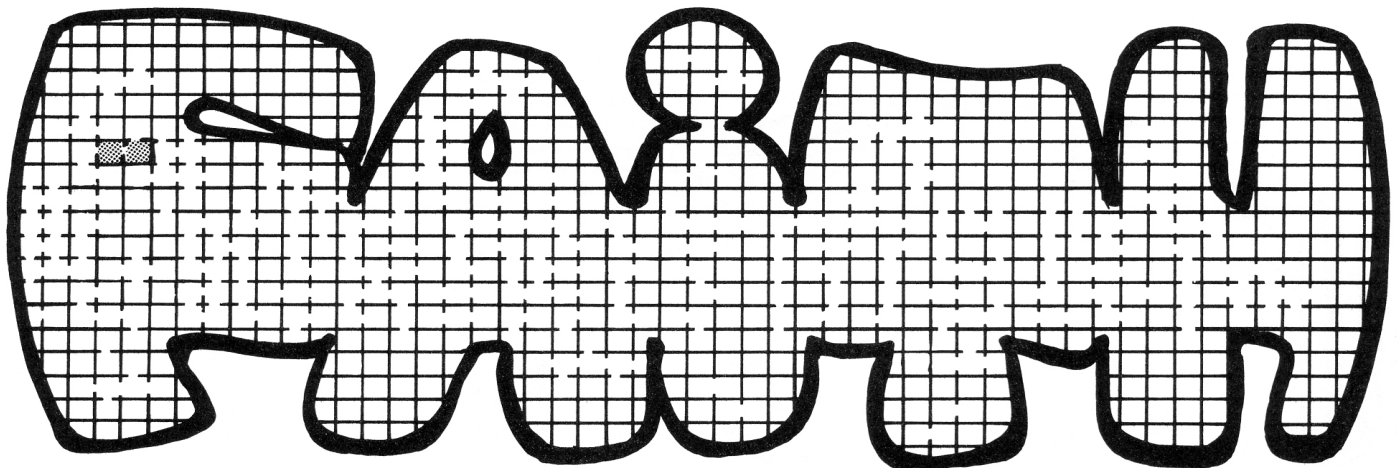


## HOW MANY SQUARES?

YOUR ANSWER



**INSTRUCTIONS:** Look closely at the tiny boxes formed by the grid lines. Some of the boxes have one or more broken edges. Use a pencil to fill in only the boxes with just two broken edges. Two boxes have been shaded as an example.





# FAITH PLEASES GOD

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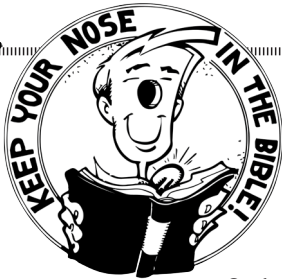
## BIBLE STUDY





Practice...

"But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him."  
Hebrews 11:6



The BIBLE is filled with a lot of practical information that is important for our daily lives. A subject that is extremely important for all of us to understand is that of **FAITH**.

**FAITH** is the message of the BIBLE, **FAITH** in a **GOD** who can be **TRUSTED!**

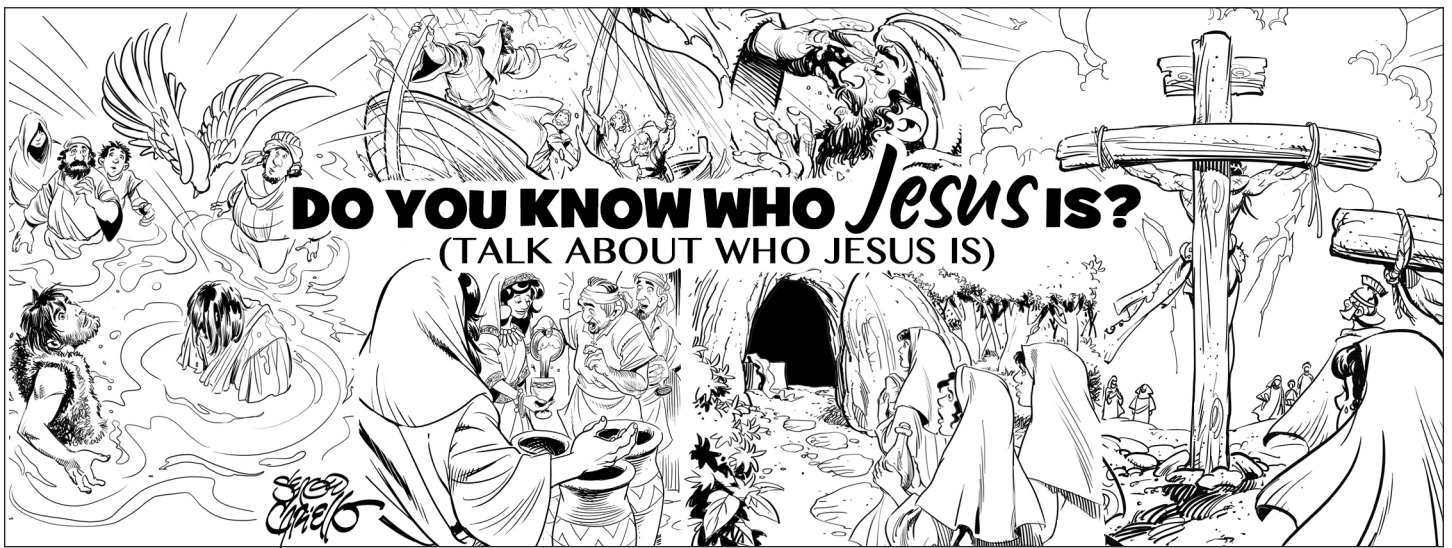
What does it mean to **TRUST**?

- **FIRM RELIANCE** (what does firm reliance mean?)
- Placing **CONFIDENCE** in someone
- **BELIEF**
- **FAITH**
- **TRUSTWORTHINESS** or reliability of a person (what's that mean?)
- **Dependence**
- **BELIEVING** things will turn out well in the end.



These are some different meanings of **TRUST**.  
Can you think of any more? \_\_\_\_\_

Isn't it wonderful that **GOD** can be **TRUSTED**? Perhaps you don't **BELIEVE** that anyone can be **TRUSTED** because of things that have happened in your life, but there is someone who is absolutely **TRUSTWORTHY** and you can **TRUST** Him!  
He is *Jesus the Christ*.



Have you discovered that He is **TRUSTWORTHY**? How?

Sometimes it is hard to **TRUST** people, because often we get let down, lied to, and we can't depend on what people tell us.

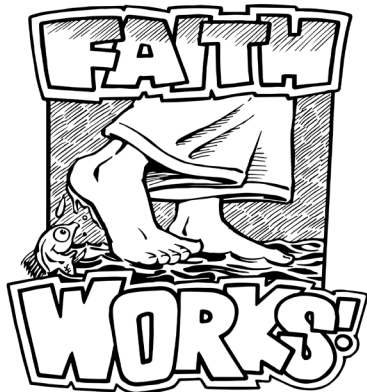
*But*, the BIBLE says in Titus 1:2, that “GOD 1. \_\_\_\_\_ cannot lie.” This means GOD ALWAYS tells the 2. \_\_\_\_\_ truth. GOD can be **TRUSTED**! What are some 3. \_\_\_\_\_ ways that you have **TRUSTED** GOD? 4. \_\_\_\_\_

Lets **LOOK** carefully at our memory verse. Go ahead and read it out loud together.

“But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.”  
Hebrews 11:6



Now, let’s examine the first part of the verse; “But without **FAITH** it is impossible to please Him..” What does this part of the verse mean?



It seems pretty obvious that what is meant is that we cannot please GOD apart from **FAITH**.

Let’s read it again. “But without **FAITH** it is impossible to please Him...”

There are times when we read or hear something and think it says something different than what it says. We need to be careful to understand what GOD is saying here.

GOD says that without **FAITH** it is impossible to please Him. By impossible it does not mean it is difficult to please GOD. And it does not mean it’s hard or unlikely to please Him.



It is very clear and plain that without **FAITH** it is impossible to please GOD!

Yet, some people have a very hard time **BELIEVING** that without **FAITH** it is impossible to please GOD.

*But*, without **FAITH** you can’t please GOD.



So, do you know what they try to do instead of **FAITH**? They try to please GOD in other ways, by works, which means they try to do things for GOD to try to please Him.

*But*, you can’t please GOD by works! Can you think of ways that people try to please GOD without **FAITH**?

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

It’s **IMPOSSIBLE** to please GOD apart from **FAITH**.  
GOD loves the fact that you **TRUST** Him and have **FAITH** in Him.

We read about **FAITH** everywhere in the BIBLE.  
Let's read some verses from the BIBLE about **FAITH**.

Acts 16:31 says, "...Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved..."



If we put our **TRUST** in *Jesus Christ*,  
then we will be saved from the penalty of **SIN**.

**FAITH** is the way to salvation, to begin a *relationship* with **GOD**.  
Do you have a *relationship* with **GOD**?



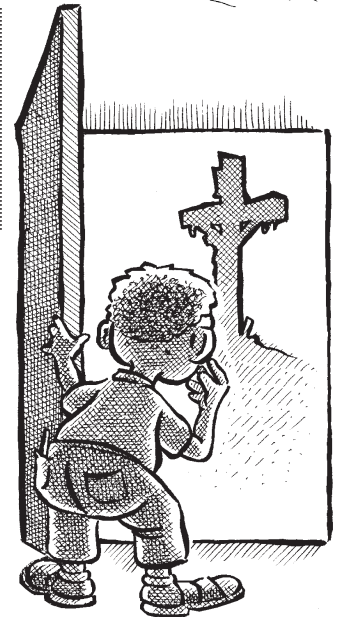
Galatians 2:20 tells us that **FAITH** is the way to live your life with **GOD**:

"I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live,  
but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the  
flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me  
and gave Himself for me."

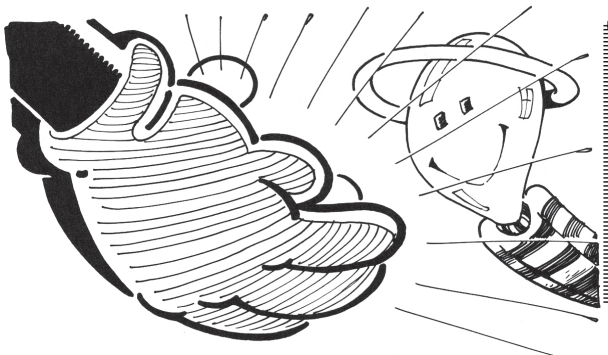


How did *Jesus* give Himself for us?

Romans 11:20 says that **FAITH** is the way to stand in the  
Lord. Stand is used here to mean "unshaken". So, when  
difficult things happen in your life you stand in **FAITH** by  
**TRUSTING** in **GOD**. Have you had a time in your life when you  
**TRUSTED** **GOD** in a difficult situation?



In 2 Corinthians 5:7 it says, "For we walk by faith..." **FAITH** is the way to walk  
with **GOD**, which means a day-by-day *relationship* with the Lord. How can we have  
this day-by-day *relationship* with **GOD**? We have it by walking by **FAITH** (**TRUSTING**  
in **GOD**). What are some ways that enable us to daily walk with **GOD**?



"For by grace you have been saved  
through faith, and that not of yourselves;  
it is the gift of God, not of works,  
lest anyone should boast."

Ephesians 2:8



Do you realize how wonderful  
**GOD'S** gift of salvation is! We cannot work to get it. It is **GOD'S** gift  
to us when we have **FAITH** in Him and **TRUST** Him with our lives.

1 John 5:4 says that **FAITH** is the way to overcome the world. The way to  
overcome the difficult issues in our lives is to **TRUST** **GOD**. Have you or someone  
you know ever overcome a difficult situation by **TRUSTING** **GOD**?

**GOD** wants us to come to Him by **FAITH**.

**GOD** wants us to **TRUST** Him.

**GOD** wants us to **TRUST** Him every day.

**GOD** is pleased by our **FAITH** in Him.

Can you think of any people in the **BIBLE** who put their **TRUST** in **GOD**? How did they **TRUST GOD**? Go ahead and talk about some of those people who put their **TRUST** in **GOD**.



Now, let's **LOOK** at what **FAITH** is **NOT**:

**1** **FAITH** is not wishful thinking, just hoping something will work out.

**2** **FAITH** is not positive thinking. It's not just thinking something will work out fine.

**3** **FAITH** is not a "feeling" about something.

**4** Some people talk about having a "blind **FAITH**". What does that mean? A "blind **FAITH**" would be **BELIEVING** in something we know nothing about. So that would not be true **FAITH**.

**5** People talk about "**BELIEVING**." They say you just need to **BELIEVE** in yourself. But "myself" is often the problem!



So, what is **FAITH**? **FAITH** is **BELIEVING** that I can't do it, but **GOD** can do it!"

*Hebrews 11:1* is not a **DEFINITION** of **FAITH**; it is what **FAITH** is (the substance). So, let's read *Hebrews 11:1*.



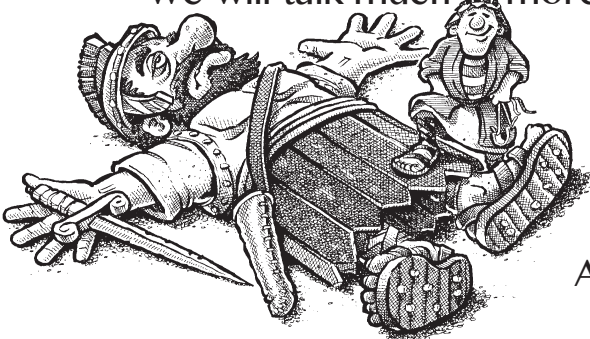
"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen."

So **FAITH** is active confidence in **GOD**. Let's say that again, "**FAITH** is active confidence in **GOD**."

We will talk much more about what **FAITH** is in the **STUDIES** to come.

But isn't that great?

"**FAITH** is active confidence in **GOD**."



We need to think carefully about that. We need to **LOOK** at this idea of **FAITH** very thoughtfully. And that's what we will do in the upcoming **STUDIES**.

"**FAITH** is active confidence in **GOD**." People have confidence and **TRUST** in all kinds of things. Can you name some things that people put their confidence and **TRUST** in besides **GOD**?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.





Think about these questions: What is your confidence in? What are you **TRUSTING** in? Here's a much fuller **DEFINITION** of **FAITH**:

**"FAITH** is **BELIEVING** *GOD'S* WORD and **ACTING** upon it, no matter how I *feel*, because *GOD* promises a **GOOD RESULT**."

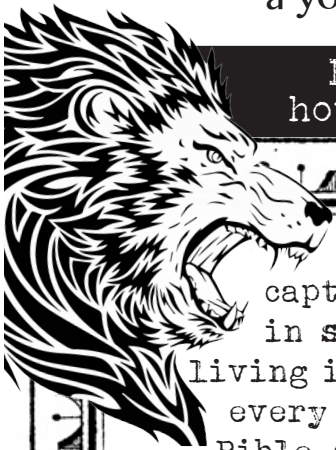


*But*, what about when I *feel* sad because of what is happening in my life?



Well, we know that everyone has troubles. Even children have troubles. We read in the **BIBLE** about a man named Daniel who **TRUSTED** *GOD* very much, even in troubles. In fact, Daniel had learned to **TRUST** in *GOD* when he was a young person. You can learn to **TRUST** in *GOD* too!

Here's a **TRUE STORY** from the **BIBLE** about how Daniel **TRUSTED** **GOD** who is **TRUSTWORTHY**!



Daniel was a man who loved God. He had been taken captive to a foreign country many years before. But, in spite of the hardships of being stolen and now living in a new and different land, he still trusted God in every part of his life. One such time is recorded in the Bible so that we can learn from his Godly example. The king of the country, King Darius, liked Daniel and saw that he was **FAITHFUL**. The Lord blessed Daniel by prompting King Darius to set him over part of the kingdom and giving him more authority and power. The other governors were jealous of Daniel. These governors looked for something wrong in Daniel in order to trap him, but they could find nothing wrong.

They finally decided that the one area of his life they could trap him in was "concerning the law of his God." They knew he would not back down from his belief in God, so these men found a way to get the king involved in their evil trick. They came to the king and asked him to sign a law which stated, "that for 30 days no one could petition (ask anything of) any God or man except for the king, and if they did they would be thrown into the den of lions." Well, you guessed it; the king signed it! But, the Bible says that when Daniel knew that the



writing had been signed, he went home, opened his window as usual, knelt down on his knees and prayed three times that day and gave thanks to God. No paper that the king had signed and no threat of being killed in a lion's den changed Daniel's FAITH and TRUST in God. He BELIEVED God's Word and acted upon it, no matter how he felt. When the king realized the governors had tricked him he was greatly displeased, but even the king could not change the law! Down went Daniel into the lion's den. The next day the king came to the den to see if there was any chance that Daniel's God had saved him, and to his great joy God had saved him from the lions! God had been FAITHFUL to Daniel. Then, the king commanded the evil governors to be thrown into the lion's den, and no, God did not save them. The king made a new law that the people could worship only the God of Daniel. Wow! How easy it would have been for Daniel to stop praying for 30 days or even just to pray in secret. But, Daniel's TRUST in God enabled him to stand strong in the Lord and to do that which pleased God, and God used Daniel to accomplish His purposes.



Maybe you've been faced with the challenge of not **TRUSTING** GOD and to not continue obeying His **WORD** because people are pressuring you and trying to trick you in some way. Maybe you've been tempted at school or somewhere else when you sit down to eat lunch, not to pray and give thanks to GOD because of what others might think. When you are tempted in an area like that, remember Daniel and his example of **TRUSTING** in GOD. Remember GOD promises a **GOOD RESULT** to those who place their **FAITH** and **TRUST** in Him!

So, **FAITH** is active confidence in GOD.

Daniel had active confidence in GOD.

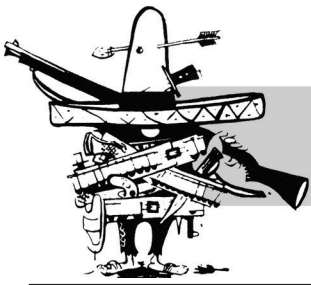
**"FAITH** is BELIEVING GOD'S WORD and **ACTING** upon it, no matter how I feel, because GOD promises a **GOOD RESULT**."

OK. Do you remember from our 1<sup>ST</sup> BIBLE STUDY why you were **CREATED**? What's the answer? Many people don't know why they were **CREATED**. You need to know. You've been **CREATED** for GOD'S glory.



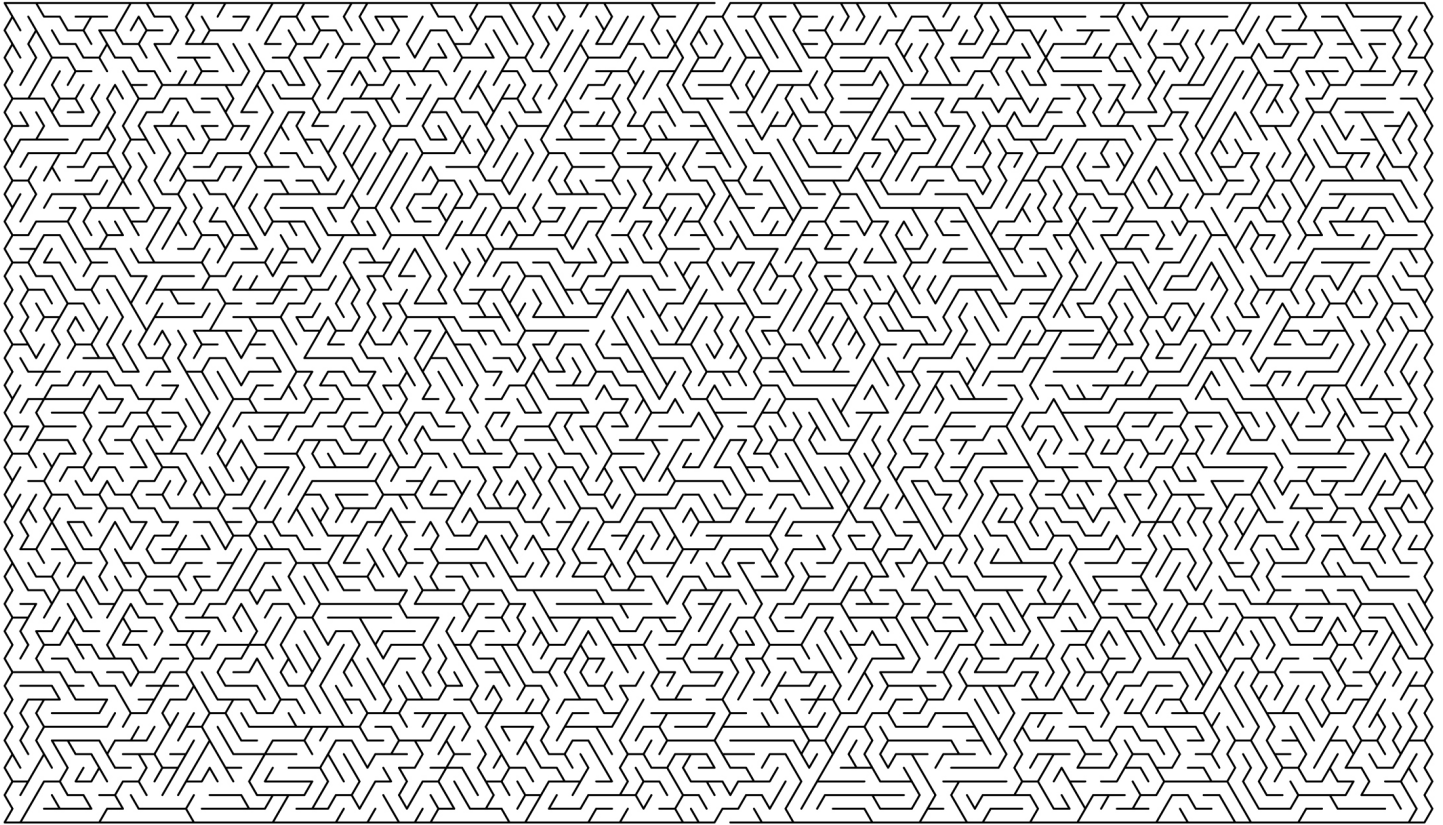
*"Every one that is called by My name, and whom I have created for My glory I have formed him; yes, I have made him." Isaiah 43:7*





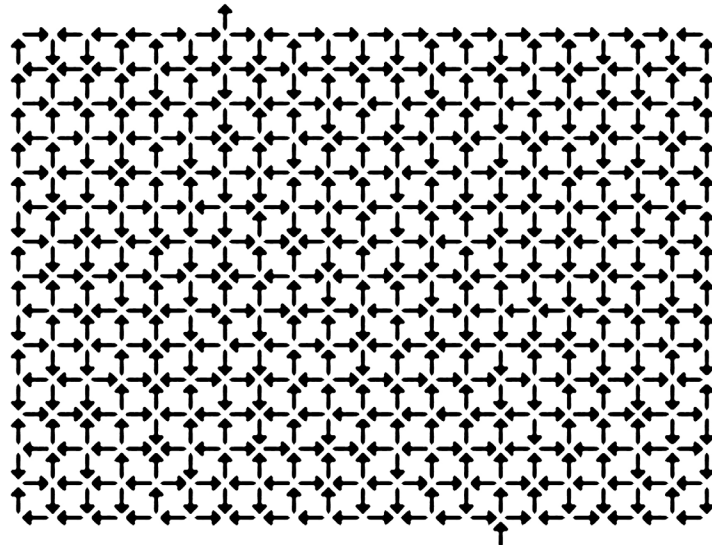
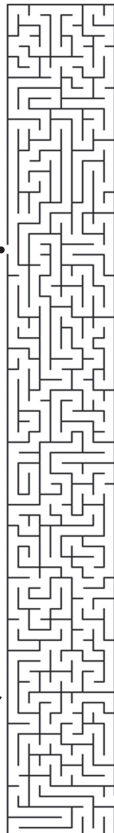
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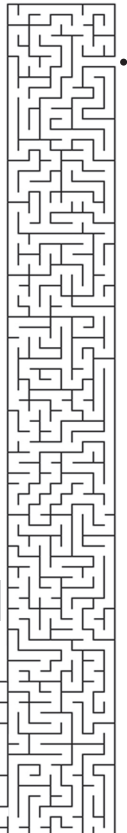


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**YOU CAN ONLY GO THE DIRECTION IN WHICH THE ARROW INDICATES**



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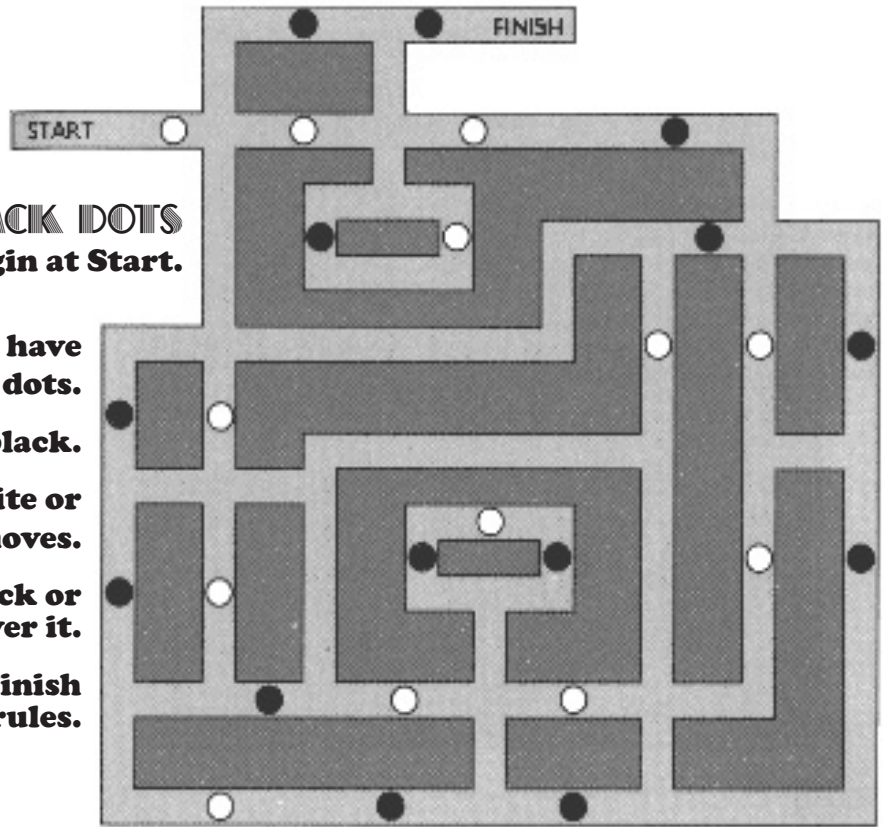
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## WHITE & BLACK DOTS

**1. Begin at Start.**

- 2. As you go through the maze, you have to jump over the white and black dots.**
- 3. You must alternate white and black.**
- 4. You may not jump over a white or black dot twice in consecutive moves.**
- 5. You cannot go around a black or white dot, you can only go over it.**
- 6. The objective is to reach the finish following these rules.**



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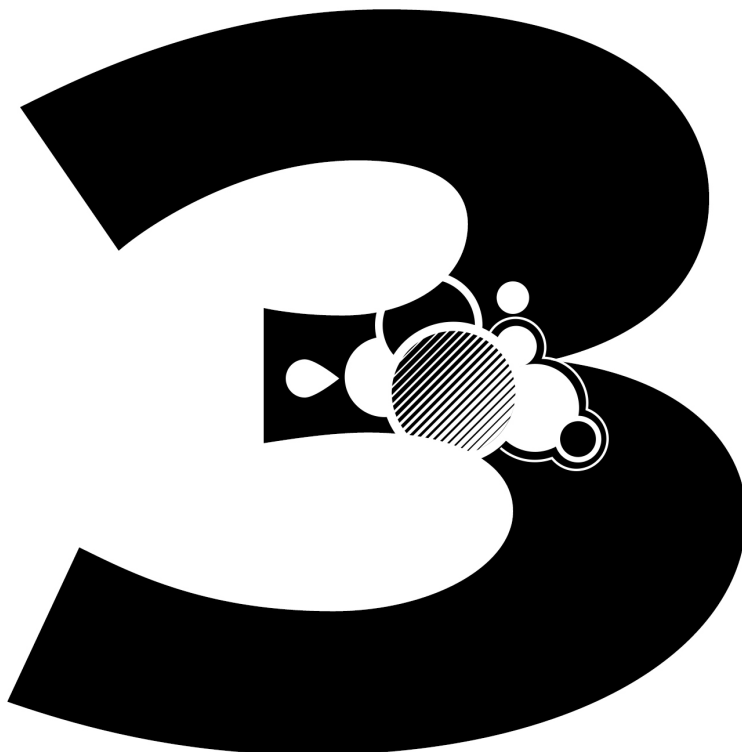
- 1. Start at top left by moving three squares to the right or down.**
- 2. The number in a square indicates how far you must move.**
- 3. You may move horizontally and vertically, but not diagonally.**
- 4. The square you are in is not included in counting how many places to move.**
- 5. The objective is to reach the finish following these rules.**

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## BIBLE STUDY





Let's say our memory verse together!

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Hebrews 11:6



In the last **STUDY** we stopped with the first part of a **DEFINITION** of **FAITH**. What was it? **FAITH** is **A \_ T \_ \_ \_ C \_ N F \_ \_ \_ C E** in **GOD**. Did you remember the answer? What is your confidence in? Who or what do you put your full **TRUST** in?



A person of **FAITH** is someone who depends upon the Lord *Jesus Christ* to do what he can never do for himself.

We must be convinced that in our own strength we can do nothing that will count for eternity.

What does John 15:5 say? Read it together. Now, fill in the blanks!



"I am the vine, you are the branches. He who \_\_\_\_\_ in Me, and I in him, bears much \_\_\_\_\_ for without Me you can do nothing."

(When it says "nothing" it means which will count for eternity)

Read Philippians 4:13 together. Fill in the blank and discover how amazing it is.

"I can do \_\_\_\_\_ things through Christ who strengthens me."



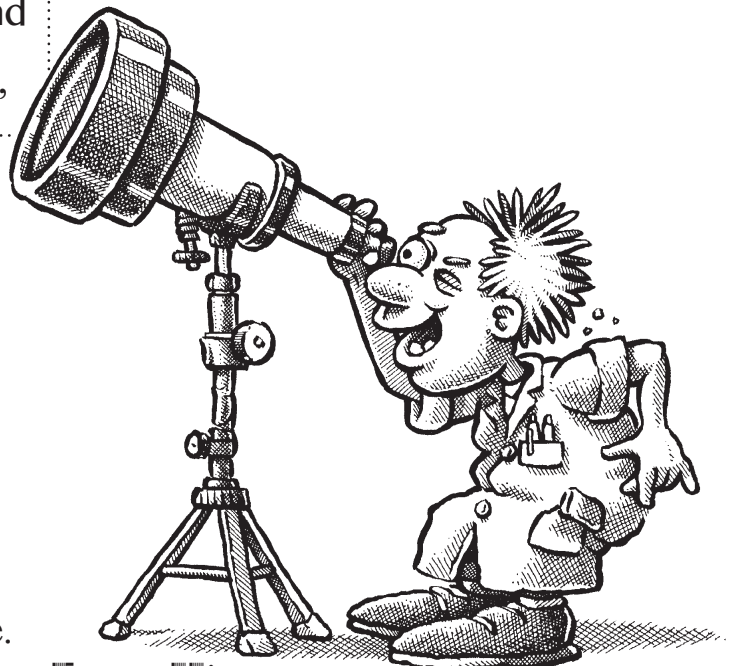
Do you remember the whole **DEFINITION** we learned about **FAITH**?

"**FAITH** is **BELIEVING GOD'S WORD** and **ACTING** upon it, no matter how I *feel*, because **GOD** promises a **GOOD RESULT**."

Say this **DEFINITION** again together, out loud.

Do you understand that **FAITH** isn't just a belief in your mind, but is active confidence in **GOD**?

The words belief and **TRUST** are synonymous with **FAITH**.



What does synonymous mean? The s \_ me.

So, **B \_ \_ \_ F** and **T \_ \_ T** mean the same as **F \_ \_ ITH**!



**FAITH** starts with a choice. My mind thinks about information I have. My will chooses where to place my **TRUST**. Everybody **TRUSTS** in something or someone. Think about that! We all **TRUST** in something. We all have **FAITH** in something or someone.

Can you think of something or someone that you **TRUST** in?

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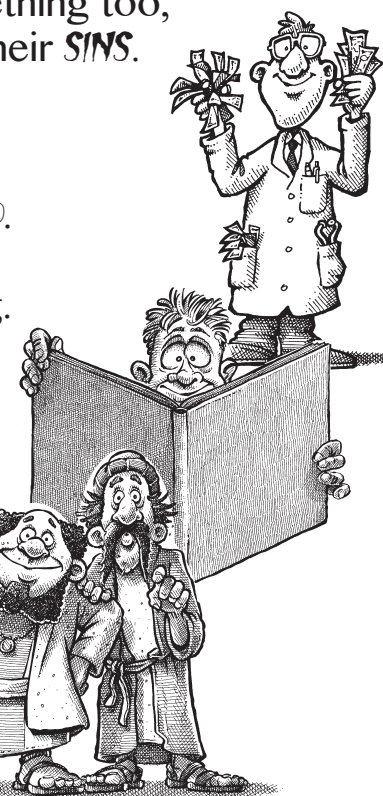
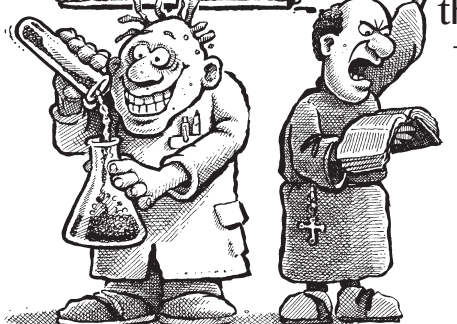
We use **FAITH** all the time. People who don't **TRUST** **GOD** still **TRUST** in something. They just unfortunately (for them), put their **TRUST** in something other than **GOD**. But, they still have **FAITH** in something too, just not the one who can save them from their **SINS**.



People who don't **TRUST** in **GOD** often make fun of those who have **FAITH** in **GOD**, who **TRUST** in **GOD**.

It doesn't make sense, because they too have **FAITH** in something. They also **TRUST** in something for their lives. They **TRUST** in money, power, science, education, church, family, and friends, etc.

Talk about how we show **TRUST** and **FAITH**.



List ways we show **TRUST** and **FAITH**:

- 1.
- 2.

This may help you – what do you rely upon? What do you depend on? What do you **BELIEVE** in? What do you put your confidence in? What are you committed to? **THIS IS WHAT YOU TRUST!**

This is what happens when we show **FAITH**.

Our mind thinks about the possibilities;  
what will I put my **TRUST** in?

My mind thinks, “Who or what is worthy of my **TRUST**?” Then my will chooses, and the emotions follow. If it was a good choice, then good emotions follow. If it was a bad choice, then bad emotions follow.

So **FAITH** is **A \_ T \_ \_ \_ C \_ N F \_ \_ \_ C E** in **GOD**;  
we choose to **TRUST**, we choose to **BELIEVE**.



So, why is it sometimes hard to **TRUST** **GOD**, to have **FAITH** in **GOD**?  
Why do you think?

Stop and talk about it! Was one of your answers, because I can't see **GOD**? Think about that, how many other things you can't see, but still **TRUST** them. Talk about the things you **TRUST** in, but can't see.



Let's **LOOK** at our memory verse again.



"But without faith it is impossible to please Him..."

Question: What is it specifically that pleases **GOD**?  
What pleases **GOD** is **C\_M\_G** to **H\_**.

"...for he who comes to God..."



**GOD** has told us in this verse that there is a means (a way to come) and an end (a goal). The means (the way to come) is **FAITH** and the end (the goal) is coming to **GOD**. The thing **GOD** likes about **FAITH** is what follows; we come to Him!



**GOD** knows that people who really **BELIEVE** in Him, come to Him.  
And people who don't **BELIEVE** in Him, don't come to Him.

This is why **GOD** is pleased by **FAITH**. He wants us to come to Him.  
He wants to have fellowship with us. This brings glory to Him.

1 Corinthians 1:9 says;

"God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of His Son, Jesus Christ."



Then we read in 1 John 1:3;

"...that which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ."



**GOD** wants us to walk in **FAITH** because He knows what happens in our lives. **FAITH** produces good things in us.

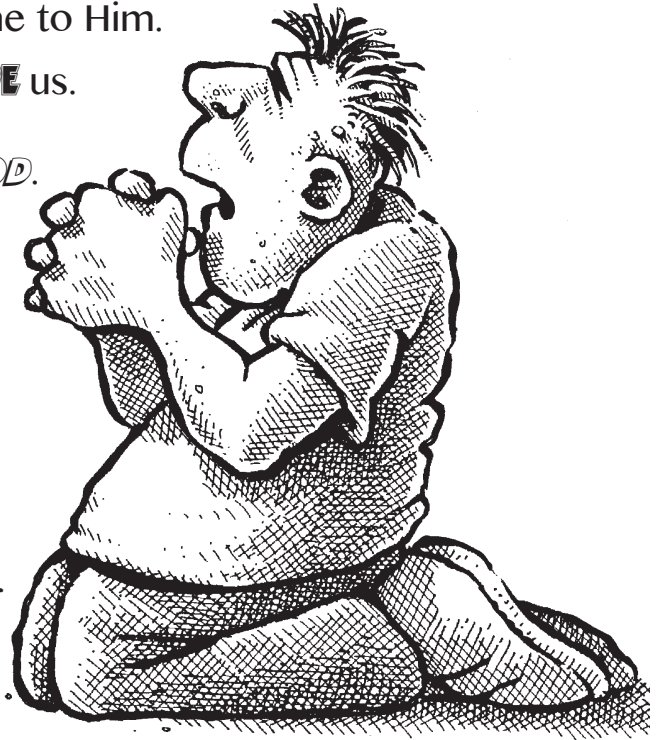
**GOD** knows that when our **FAITH** in Him is strong, we come to Him.  
And when our **FAITH** in Him is weak, we don't come to Him.

**GOD** wants you to have **FAITH**. **GOD** loves you so much and He knows that if you don't **BELIEVE** in Him and **TRUST** Him and have **FAITH** in Him, you will not come to Him.

In the **1<sup>ST</sup> STUDY** we considered why **GOD MADE** us.  
It was to **GLORIFY** Him, to know Him and to fellowship with Him, to come to **GOD**.

And if you don't walk by **FAITH**, then you won't come to Him. If you don't come to Him, then that means you're **TRUSTING** in something else to help you through life.

*But*, we know that **GOD** is the **ONLY** One that can really help us get through life because **GOD** has the power to work in our hearts and in the circumstances of our lives.



Think carefully about things that prove **GOD** loves you and wants a personal *relationship* with you.

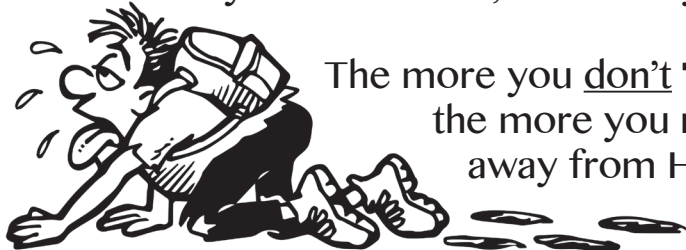


List them:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

**FAITH** is so important with our *relationship* with **GOD** and here's why; You cannot have a close *relationship* with **GOD** if you don't **TRUST** Him.

The more you **TRUST** him, the more you move toward Him.



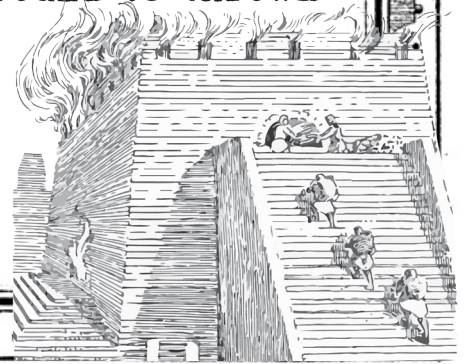
The more you don't **TRUST** Him, the more you move away from Him.

"But without faith it is impossible to please God, for he who comes to God must believe that He is."



Here's a REAL LIFE example of three young men who proved their FAITH in God by their active confidence in Him.

You might have heard of them: Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. Although they were in a foreign country as slaves, they were three friends who loved and served God. The time came when a law was made that everybody had to bow down and worship a huge gold image (statue) of the king, and if they didn't, they would be thrown into a fiery furnace. Well, that's a problem because that law went against God's command not to worship any other God but Himself. Would these friends' Faith in God, be active at this time, or not?



The answer is yes! They BELIEVED GOD'S WORD to worship only GOD. They acted upon it by standing while everybody around them bowed down.

They did this even when they didn't feel like it. You can be sure they didn't feel like being thrown into fire! They did this because GOD promised a **GOOD RESULT** that He would be FAITHFUL to them, and He was! He saved them and didn't allow them to be hurt by the fire. Don't you want your FAITH in GOD to be active like that of these three young men?

Considering the new DEFINITION of FAITH we are learning about, can you find the different ways the Hebrew boys were living it out in their own lives?

Remember,

"FAITH is BELIEVING GOD'S WORD and ACTING upon it, no matter how I feel, because GOD promises a **GOOD RESULT**."



List the different ways:

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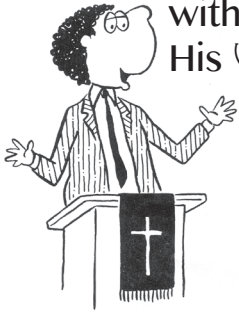
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Hebrews 11:6



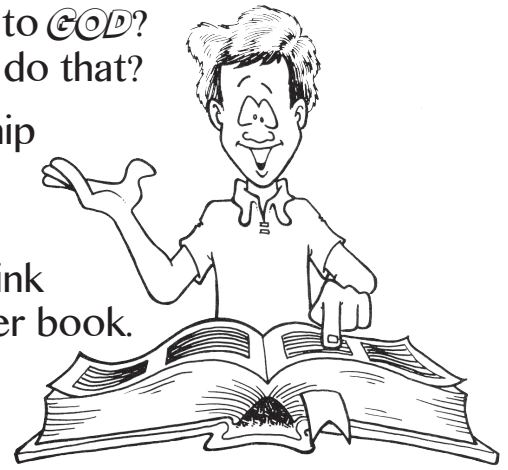
Now we're going to talk about an important part of this verse:  
coming to GOD.

“...for he who comes to God...” so how do we come to **GOD**? **GOD** wants to have fellowship with us. How do we do that?

The primary way we come to **GOD** and have fellowship with Him, is through reading or listening to His **WORD**, the **BIBLE**.



When we read the **BIBLE** we need to think differently than when we read any other book. We need to understand that the **BIBLE** is a Spiritual book.



The **BIBLE**, the **WORD** of **GOD**, claims to be alive. Read Hebrews 4:12

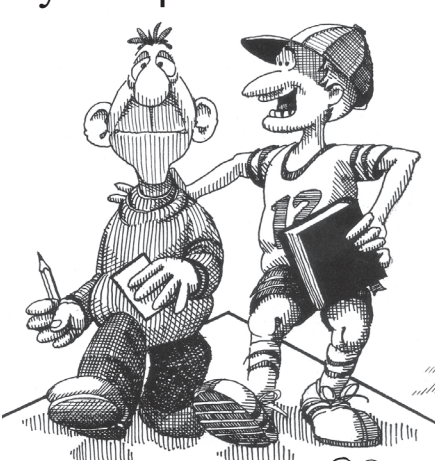
“For the Word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.”



**GOD** wants us to know and understand this about the **BIBLE**.

Now, we know what reading the **BIBLE** means. So, how do we do that?

One of the best ways to read **GOD'S WORD**, the **BIBLE**, is to respond to what **GOD** says. Respond means to “send back.”



So, how do we respond to what **GOD** says in His **WORD**? It's like talking to a friend. Your friend says something and then you say something back in response to what was said. So, when you read the **BIBLE**, **GOD** is telling you something He wants you to know and you can respond back to Him like a friend.

**LOOK** up and fill in the blanks, then read out loud Proverbs 3:5-6.

“\_\_\_\_\_ in the Lord with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall \_\_\_\_\_ your paths.”



Below is an example of responding to **GOD** about what He said in His **WORD**.

You might respond,



*“Lord, help me to trust and depend on You more and not to think I have all the answers. Help me to talk to You about everything in my life. Thank you that you will show me the right ways to go and the right things to do.”*

That's responding to **©OD** and what He said in His **WORD**, the **BIBLE**.

You can ask yourself the question, "What did God say in what I just read in the Bible that I can respond back to Him?" You can also answer questions like, "Is there a promise to claim?" And, "Is there a warning to heed?" Other questions would be, "Is there a command to obey?" or "Is there a good example to follow?" You can respond back to **©OD** in prayer every time you read the **BIBLE**. That way you and **©OD** are having a **TWO-WAY conversation!**

**Don't forget!** **©OD** wants to have fellowship with you!  
**©OD** wants to talk with you.

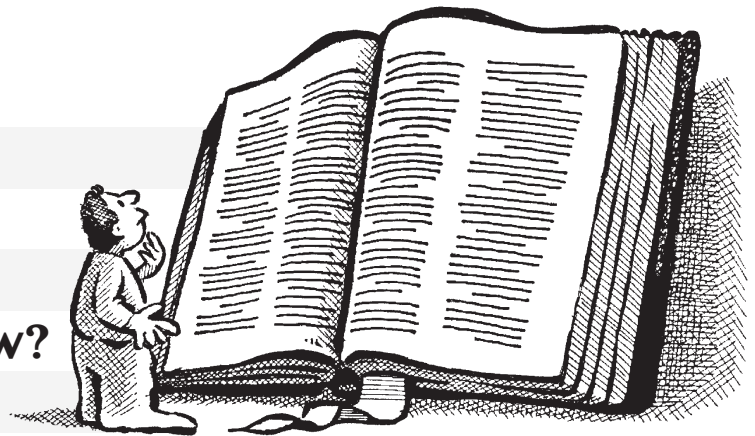
When you read the **BIBLE** and respond to what **©OD** has said, you need to respond personally and correctly; personally, like responding to what a friend has just said to you, and correctly, not changing anything that the **BIBLE** says, but responding to what was said.



Try using questions like these. Go ahead and try responding to Psalm 95.

**In this verse is there a:**

- **Promise to claim?**
- **Sin to avoid?**
- **Warning to heed?**
- **Command to obey?**
- **Good example to follow?**
- **Bad example to shun?**
- **New thought about God the Father?**
- **New thought about God the Son?**
- **New thought about God the Holy Spirit?**
- **Fresh insight into the person of Satan?**
- **Fresh insight into Satan's cruel goals?**
- **Fresh insight into Satan's subtle devices?**



In our **4<sup>TH</sup>** **STUDY** we will be discussing the three things we need to do to come to **©OD**. Can you guess what they are? We will talk about them in our next **STUDY**.



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*"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; In*



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# 2

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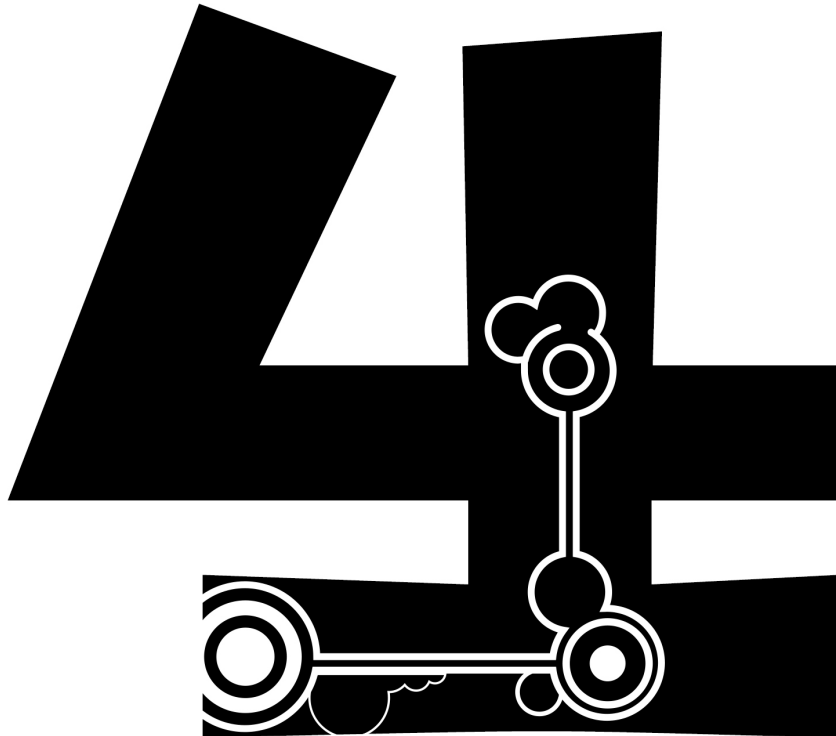




# FAITH PLEASES GOD

"But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him." Hebrews 11:6

## BIBLE STUDY





Practice saying the memory verse together!

"But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him."  
Hebrews 11:6



In our last study, we gave a **DEFINITION** of **FAITH**.

Who can say it? Can you fill in the blanks?

"**FAITH** is \_\_\_\_\_ **GOD'S WORD** and \_\_\_\_\_ upon it, no matter how I \_\_\_\_\_, because **GOD** \_\_\_\_\_ a **GOOD RESULT**."

So, what are three things that we need to do to come to

**GOD?**



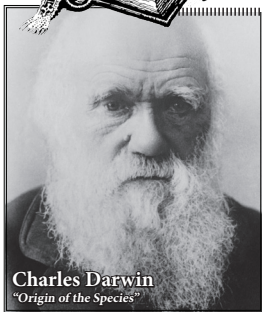
Okay, here they are! The first one is an easy one!

# **1** **BELIEVE** that **GOD** is

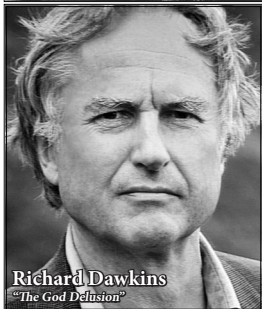
This means that you have to **BELIEVE** that **GOD** really does exist.

Psalm 14:1 says,

"The fool has said in his heart, 'there is no God.'"



Charles Darwin  
"Origin of the Species"



Richard Dawkins  
"The God Delusion"

Do you know what a "fool" is? The dictionary explains that a person who is a fool has no sense or judgment and is someone who acts unwisely. Also, a fool is someone who does what he wants to do and who prefers temporary pleasures instead of serving **GOD** or being eternally happy in heaven.

It's no wonder that in the **BIBLE**, Psalm 14:1 says "The fool has said in his heart, 'there is no God.'" This person, the fool, doesn't really **BELIEVE** that there is no **GOD**, he just says it to himself in his heart. He just keeps trying to convince himself over and over again that there is no **GOD**.

Everyone knows that there is a **GOD**, a **CREATOR**. Even the person who has had no contact with a missionary or anyone to explain what the **BIBLE** is or what it says, **KNOWS** there is a **GOD**!

Just **LOOKING** up at the sparkling stars in the night sky convinces them that there is a **CREATOR**.



Do you know what an atheist is? Atheists say that they don't **BELIEVE** that there is a **GOD**, but atheism is a learned behavior. People must be taught to **BELIEVE** something so foolish.

So, again, what does Psalm 14:1 say? The \_\_\_\_\_ has said in his \_\_\_\_\_, "there is no \_\_\_\_\_."

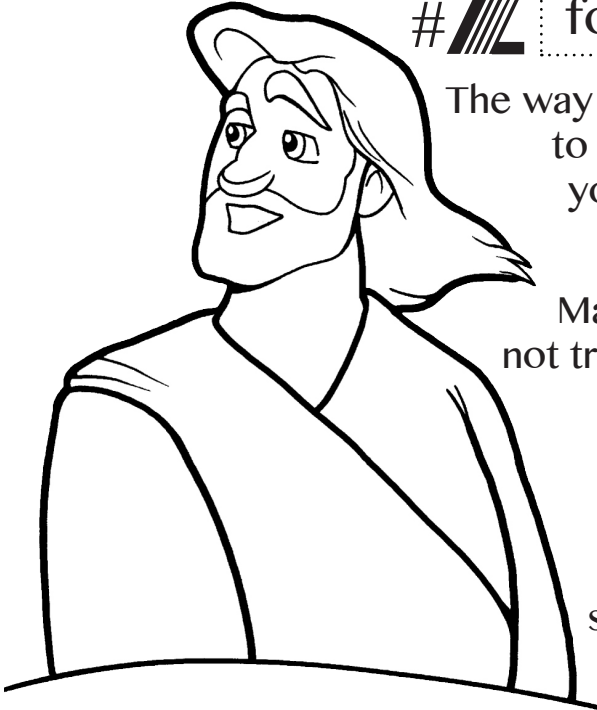
We don't want to be fools, do we? You don't want to be a fool, do you? So, the first thing you have to do is to **BELIEVE** that **GOD** exists.

The next thing you need to do is:

#2

**BELIEVE** in **GOD** for who He really is

You may have **WRONG** views about **GOD**.



The way you think about **GOD** may cause you to not want to spend any time with Him. It's not **GOD'S** fault, it's your wrong thinking! Your views may be so wrong about **GOD** that you don't want to know Him.

Maybe someone has said things about **GOD** that are not true, which causes you to not care about **GOD**. And because of what someone says that is wrong, that causes you to not want to come to **GOD**.

If you have a wrong concept about **GOD**, you probably won't come to Him. You don't want to spend time with "your idea" of **GOD**. But that's not the way **GOD** REALLY is, just the way you **THINK** He is.

So, what are some of the wrong ideas about **GOD** that people might think? We often **BELIEVE** other people's ideas about **GOD** because we have not **LOOKED** to see what **GOD** says about Himself in His **WORD**, the **BIBLE**.

Think about this. Would you want to go to **GOD** with any of these wrong ideas about Him?



**IDEA #1**

**GOD IS MEAN:** Rules, rules, rules, and if we don't obey His rules we'll get in trouble. **GOD** is no fun, He has no joy, and He never smiles. He is always serious and harsh.

Do any of you think that **GOD** is like this?

**IDEA #2**

**GOD IS NO FUN:** He never wants anyone to have fun or enjoy themselves. He always goes around **LOOKING** for anyone who is having fun and tries to stop them.

Would you want to go to **GOD** if He was like this?

**YES**  **NO**





### IDEA #3

**GOD HAS FAVORITES:** He likes some people more than others, and treats some people more special than other people.

Would you want to go to a **GOD** like this?

### IDEA #4

**GOD HAS LIMITED POWER:** **GOD** can only do certain things and cannot do other things. **GOD** can help some people, but cannot help you. Why talk to **GOD** about your problems, if you're not sure that He can really help you.

Would you find it hard to pray to **GOD** if He was like this? Why? Does He really care about people and their problems?

### IDEA #5

**GOD IS UNINVOLVED:** It's as if **GOD MADE** this wonderful world, but now doesn't get involved and He is not available to help us.

Would you find it difficult to pray to **GOD** if you **BELIEVED** these wrong ideas about Him?



Do you have any of these wrong ideas about who **GOD** is?

Well, if you think **GOD** is like any of these ideas, you probably won't want to come to Him. Who would? Those are wrong ideas that people have come up with about **GOD**. *But GOD'S WORD*, the **BIBLE**, tells us the truth about who **GOD** really is and what He is really like.

We will not come to **GOD** if we doubt His existence.

Again, Hebrews 11:6 states, "But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is..."

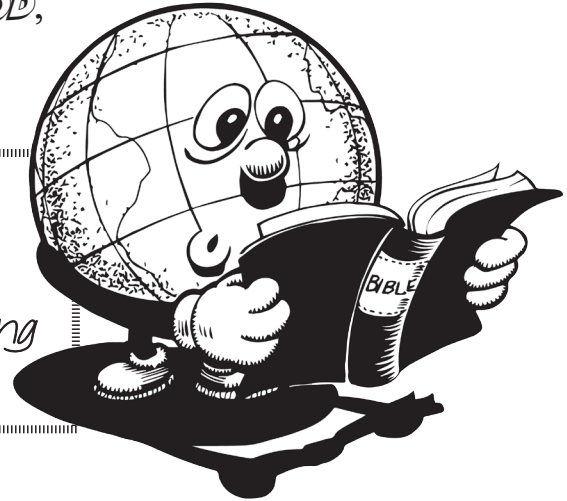
This means you must **BELIEVE** that **GOD** is who the **BIBLE** reveals Him to be. **FAITH** holds on, **BELIEVING** that **GOD** is!



Let's **LOOK** at some verses that tell us a little about **GOD**, and the truth about who **GOD** is.

Read & Fill in the Blanks of Psalm 90:1-2

"Lord, You have been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the \_\_\_\_\_ were brought forth, or ever You had formed the \_\_\_\_\_ and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, You are God."



**GOD** is from everlasting to everlasting. This means He is "the eternal **GOD**." This means He is without limitations, without beginning or ending. It means He will be **GOD** forever and ever! Isn't that amazing?



Read & Fill in the Blank of Malachi 3:6

"For I am the Lord, I do \_\_\_\_\_ change; Therefore you are not consumed, O sons of Jacob."



This means that **GOD** doesn't change! Can you think of anything else that doesn't change? It seems that everything else is always changing. *But* **GOD** never changes!

Read & Fill in the Blank of Hebrews 13:8

"Jesus Christ is the \_\_\_\_\_ yesterday, today, and forever."



Read & Fill in the Blank of Psalm 119:89

"Forever, O Lord, Your word is settled in heaven.."



This means that **GOD'S WORD** will not change. Many people say things that they do not mean. When **GOD** says something, He means it and will not change.

When **GOD** says He will never leave His children, (those who follow Him) He means it.



Hebrews 13:5 says

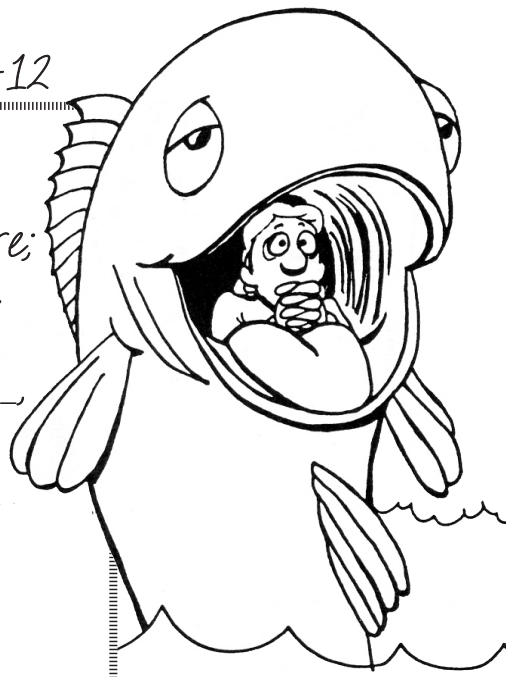
"Let your conduct be without covetousness; be content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, I will never leave you nor forsake you."



Here is more about who **GOD** is; the **BIBLE** tells us that the Lord is with us and is everywhere at all times. Talk about what it means that **GOD** is with you and He is everywhere.

**LOOK** up, read, & Fill in the Blanks of Psalm 139:7-12

"Where can I go from your \_\_\_\_\_?  
Or where can I flee from your presence?  
If I ascend into \_\_\_\_\_, you are there;  
If I make my bed in hell, behold, you are there.  
If I take the wings of the morning,  
And dwell in the uttermost parts of the \_\_\_\_\_,  
Even there your hand shall lead me,  
And your right hand shall hold me.  
If I say, Surely the darkness shall fall on me,  
Even the night shall be light about me;  
Indeed, the darkness shall not hide from you,  
But the night shines as the day  
The darkness and the light are both alike to you."



Read Jeremiah 23:23-24

"Am I a God near at hand, says the Lord,  
And not a God afar off? Can anyone hide himself in  
secret places, So I shall not see him? says the Lord: Do  
I not fill heaven and earth? says the Lord."

**GOD** claims to be everywhere.

**GOD** is everywhere!

Isn't this the kind of **GOD** you want to come to,  
a **GOD** who sees you and cares for you? **GOD**  
also tells us He will abundantly pardon us, when  
we have done wrong.

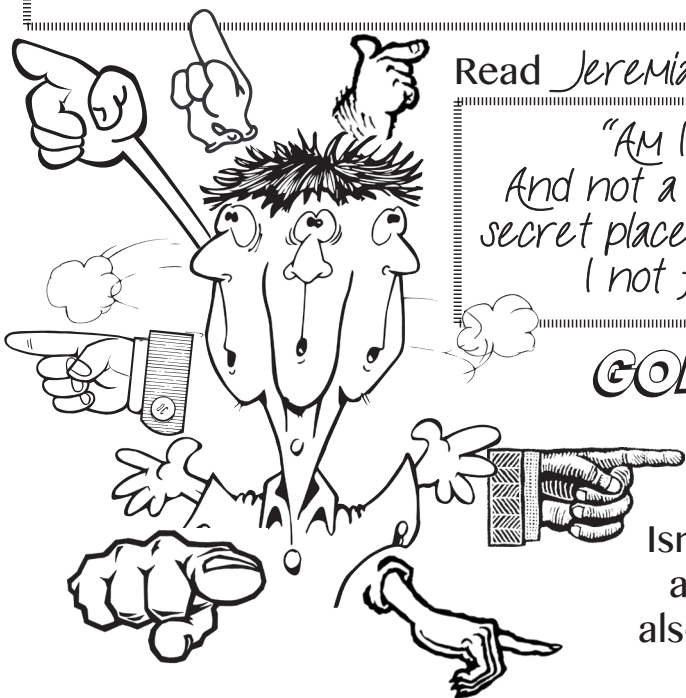
Read Psalm 103:12

"As far as the east is from the west,  
So far has He removed our transgressions from us."

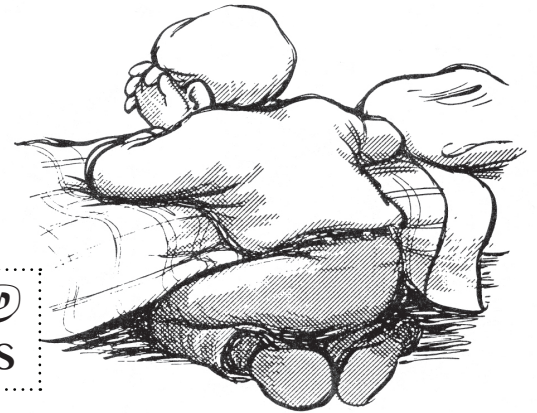


That is, if we do what  
1 John 1:9 says...

"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our  
sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."



**REMEMBER**, there are 3 things we need to do to come to **GOD**.



**THE FIRST ONE IS...**

# 1

**BELIEVE** that **GOD** is

**THE SECOND ONE IS...**

# 2

**BELIEVE** in **GOD** for who He really is

**AND HERE IS...**

# 3

**BELIEVE** **GOD** can be found

You must **BELIEVE** **GOD** can be found or you will not go to Him. If you

don't **BELIEVE** **GOD** can be found, it is no wonder you don't go to Him. Do you **BELIEVE** **GOD** can be found? **GOD** is a **GOD** that can be found!



### Read these Scriptures:

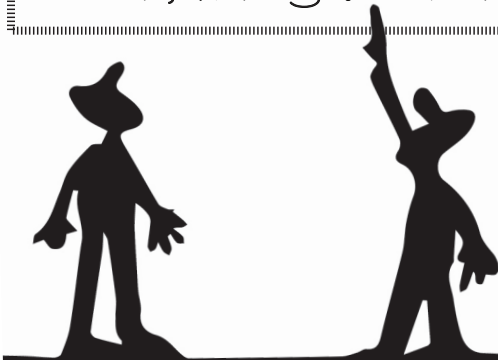
(this is what **GOD** says about those who seek Him.)



"As for you... know the God of your father, and serve Him with a loyal heart and with a willing mind; for the Lord searches all hearts and understands all the intent of the thoughts. If you seek Him, He will be found by you, but if you forsake Him, He will cast you off forever." 1 Chronicles 28:9

"I love those who love me, and those who seek me diligently will find me." Proverbs 8:17

"For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope. Then you will call upon Me and go and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart." Jeremiah 29:11-13



So, are you willing to seek **GOD**?  
What does **GOD** say?

- You'll never find Me.
- If you seek Me you might find Me.
- You will find Me when you seek for Me with all your heart.

So...

"Without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him."

What is the reward? We'll talk about this in the next study.

**Know this... GOD can be found!**





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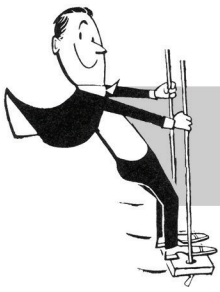
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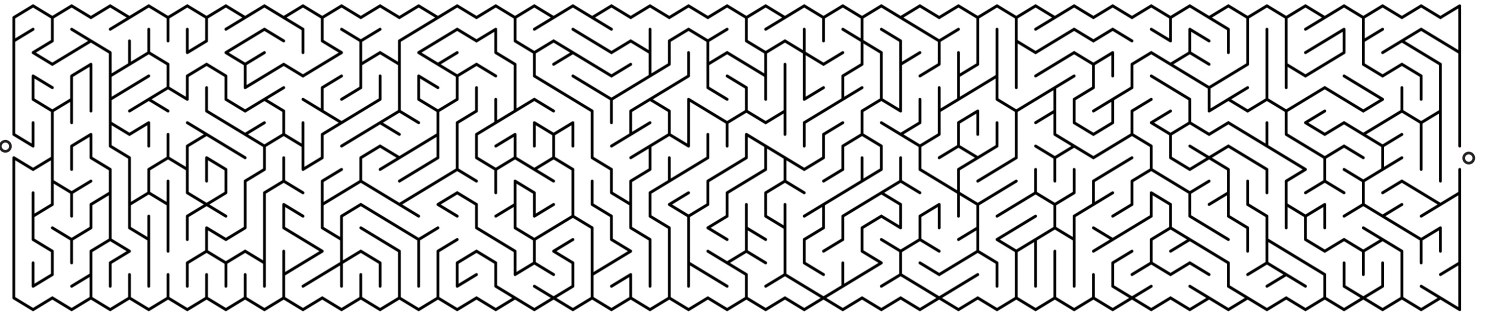
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"For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope. Then you will call upon Me and go and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart."  
 Jeremiah 29:11-13



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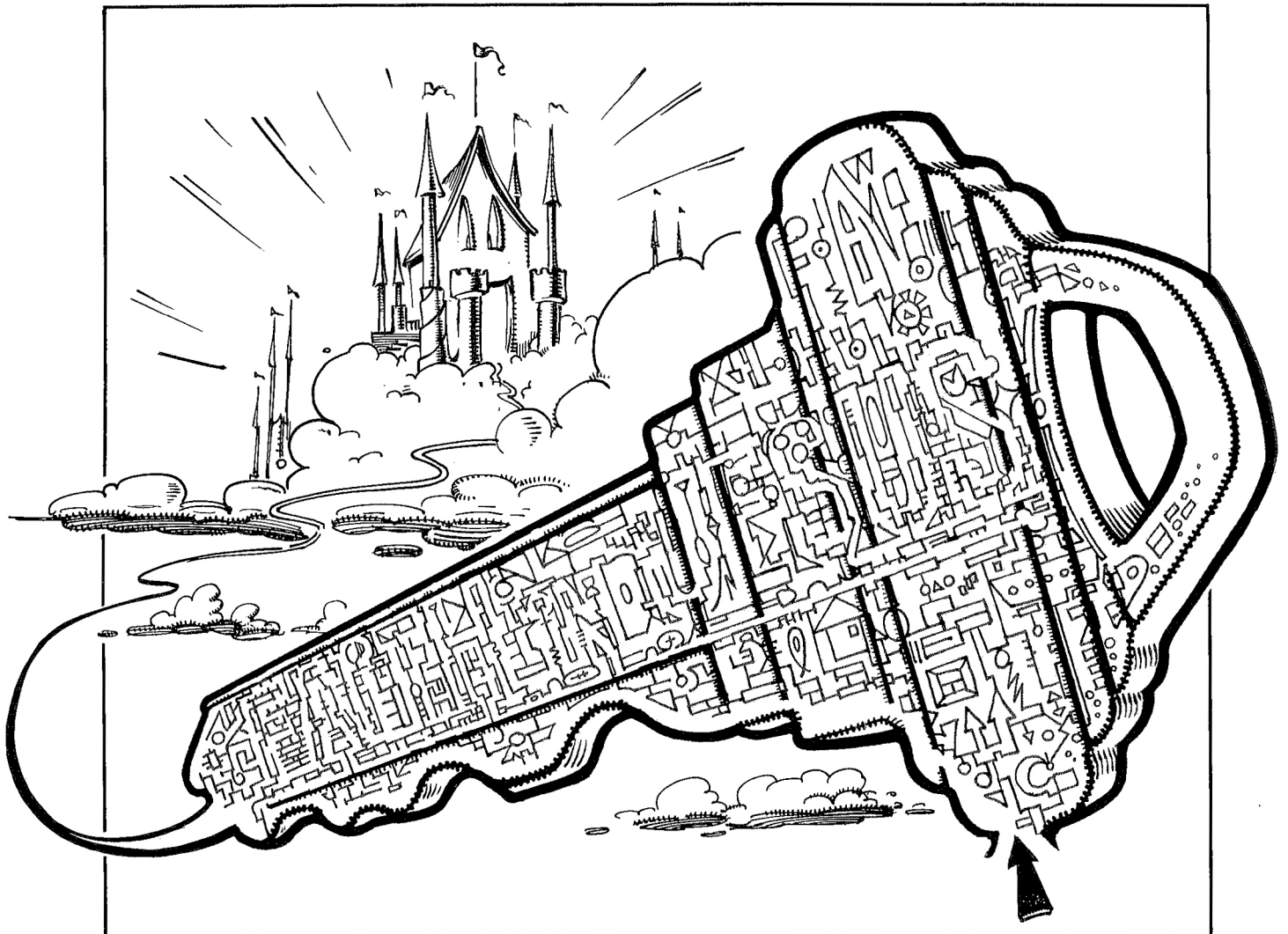
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Jesus is the door between God and humanity. But, according to the Bible, there is one thing Jesus expects of us before He allows us to pass through, one all-important key to the door. Do you know what that key is? You'll find out when you play:

## THE KEY TO THE KINGDOM

**INSTRUCTIONS:** The answer will be revealed if you follow the proper path through the maze.



# FAITH PLEASES GOD

"But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him." Hebrews 11:6

## BIBLE STUDY





Practice saying the memory verse together!

"But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him."

Hebrews 11:6



**REMEMBER**, in the last **STUDY** we said that we would talk about what the reward is for seeking **GOD**.



**WHAT IS A REWARD?**

**LOOK** up and fill in the blanks, then read out loud *Genesis 15:1*

"After these things the word of the \_\_\_\_\_ came to Abram in a vision, saying, Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your exceedingly \_\_\_\_\_ reward."



Well, the reward is Him! He is the reward. If you come to Him and say, *"God I trust You, I want You to be part of my life. I want to know Your strength. I want to fellowship with You and understand the reason why You placed me here on this earth."*

Then **GOD** says, *"You will know Me, I will be found."*

You must **BELIEVE** this or you will not come.

**GOD** can be known personally as a friend.

He wants fellowship with you, but this is done by **FAITH**.

There is nothing about **GOD** that makes it impossible for people to **BELIEVE**.

The difficulty is with the human will.

**Are you willing?**

If you haven't come to **GOD** by **FAITH**, now would be a good time to do that.



Would you like to start a *relationship* with **GOD** **RIGHT NOW**?

In *Acts 16:31* we read that we need to **BELIEVE** (**TRUST** and have **FAITH**) on the Lord *Jesus Christ*, and you will be saved.

(**LOOK AT "GOSPEL PAGE" IN THE LAST PAGE OF THIS LESSON**)

What are we saved from? We are saved from our **SIN**. **SIN** causes spiritual death (separation from **GOD**). But, *1 John 1:9* states that "if we confess our sin God is faithful to forgive us the sins we commit".

Asking **GOD'S** forgiveness, by **FAITH BELIEVING GOD** has forgiven us, and committing our life to the Lord, to guide us and help us through life is what is called being "born again."

(*John 3*) This is what **TRUSTING** in **GOD** is all about.



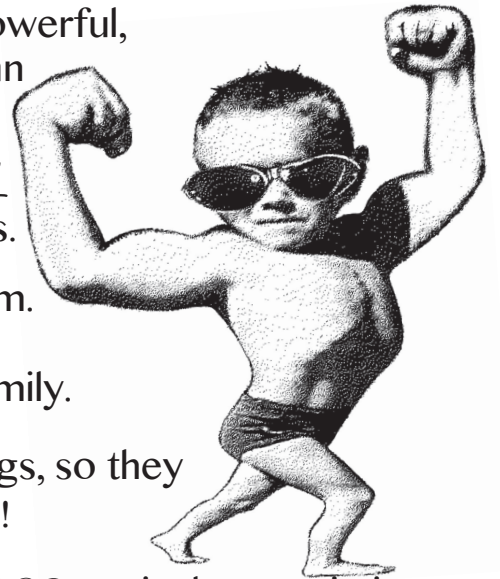
Do you think you have to be super knowledgeable, powerful, or spiritual to have **FAITH** in **©OD**? Sometimes we can think that it's only superior people who have **FAITH**.

*But*, that's not so! The people named in Hebrews 11 were ordinary people who accomplished great things.

**GIDEON** was a frightened farmer when **©OD** called him.

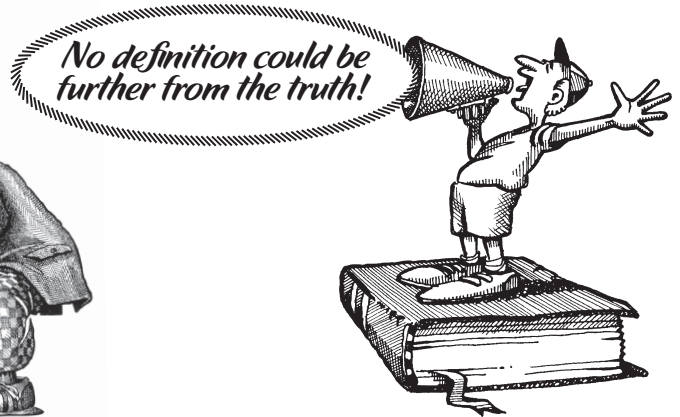
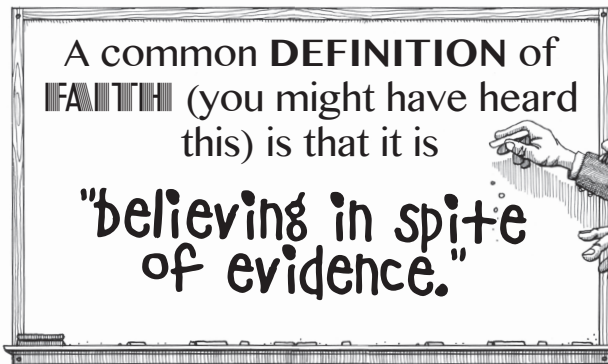
**MOSES** was a fugitive from justice.

**JEPHTHAH** was an illegitimate son, unwanted by his family.



They are there because they could not do great things, so they **TRUSTED** **©OD** to do great things for them!

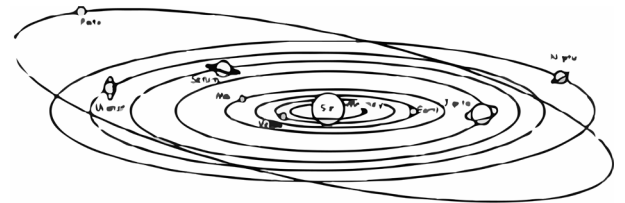
**FAITH** is confidence in the **TRUSTWORTHINESS** of **©OD**. It is the conviction or belief that what **©OD** says is true and that what He promises will come to pass.



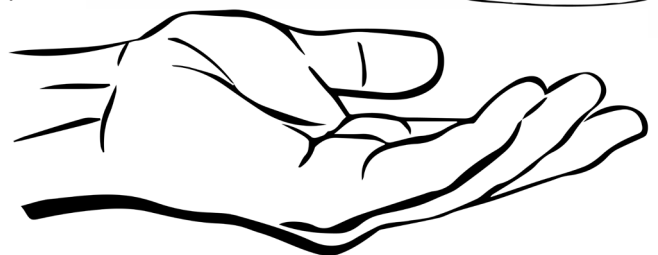
To **BELIEVE** in spite of evidence is really superstition, not **FAITH**, because **FAITH** is only as good as the object (what then are you **TRUSTING** in?).

And the object of a **©HRISTIAN'S** **FAITH** is *Jesus Christ*, in who He is, and what He did on earth.

Think about this... we have **FAITH** in the one who is the Creator, the One true **©OD**, the One who can do anything, and the One who *loves* us! The One who is **TRUSTWORTHY**!



**OUR FAITH IS IN JESUS CHRIST.**



**©OD** has said that there is only one **©OD**

and One Mediator between **©OD** and man, the Man Christ *Jesus*.

"For there is one **GOD** and one Mediator between **GOD** and men, the Man Christ *Jesus*." 1 Timothy 2:5

And *Jesus* said,

"I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me." John 14:6

Hopefully you BELIEVE this and have come to GOD.

Let's LOOK closer at our DEFINITION of FAITH:

"FAITH is BELIEVING GOD'S WORD and ACTING upon it, no matter how I feel, because GOD promises a GOOD RESULT."



This is a great DEFINITION of FAITH. We have already learned that FAITH is active confidence in GOD, but this DEFINITION will help us understand even more what FAITH is.

Let's work on this DEFINITION together. There are 4 parts:

Let's use Romans 8:28 from GOD'S WORD to explain how this DEFINITION of FAITH works.

"And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose." Romans 8:28

#1

FAITH is "BELIEVING GOD'S WORD..."

Now, write it out. " \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ "  
\_\_\_\_\_ "



We must BELIEVE what GOD has said and that it's true. We must have confidence in what GOD has said. You can know absolutely that all things are working together for good because you love Him (Do you love Him?) and have been called according to His PURPOSE.

That's what His WORD says. Do you BELIEVE GOD'S WORD? Some people BELIEVE the WORD of GOD and some people don't BELIEVE it. Their non-belief or belief will determine where they will spend eternity, either with GOD in Heaven or away from GOD in Hell. And away from GOD would be a bad choice. Now LOOK at the 2<sup>ND</sup> part of the DEFINITION of FAITH.

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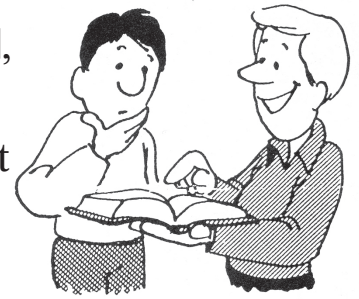
"...and ACTING upon it..."

Write it out.

"... \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ "

**ACTING** upon it means that we **BELIEVE** what **GOD** has said, and live according to what He has said in His **WORD**, the **BIBLE**.

When we **BELIEVE** it then we will act upon it. We will do what His **WORD**, the **BIBLE**, tells us to do. So, the way we know we **BELIEVE** is because we act upon what the **BIBLE** says.



And if we don't act upon what the **BIBLE** says, then we really don't **BELIEVE**.



Many people agree in their mind with what the **BIBLE** says but because they don't act upon what He says, it means that they really don't **BELIEVE** with their heart.

So, do you **BELIEVE** what the **BIBLE** says that, "all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose?"

If we do **BELIEVE** that, then we will act upon it and live according to what **GOD** has said.

Let's **LOOK** at #3.

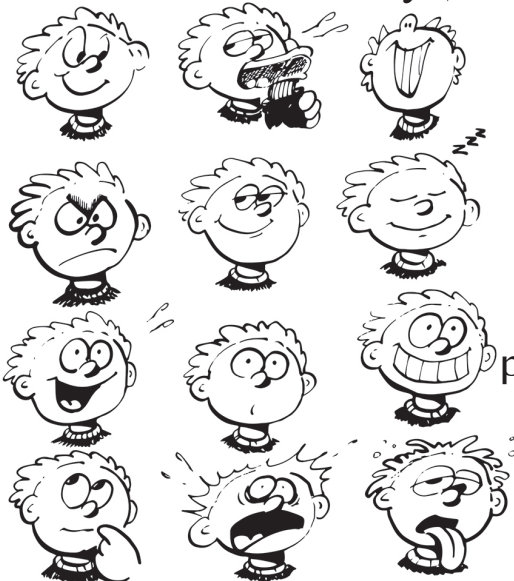
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#3

"...no matter how I *feel*..."

"....."

There will be times when we are confused, scared, sad, happy, sick, discouraged and the list could go on and on. We cannot depend on just how we *feel* to help us make a decision to obey **GOD**.



*Feelings* should not influence our choices as we walk in **FAITH** with **GOD**. Sometimes we don't *feel* like doing what it says to do in the **BIBLE**, but we will still act upon what **GOD** has said and do it.

That's called living by **FAITH**, **TRUSTING** **GOD**.

Many people live by *feelings* and if they don't *feel* like doing something, they won't. And there are many people that won't act in **FAITH** because they depend on their *feelings* to guide them in their decision to obey or not to obey. That is a great hindrance to walking by **FAITH**. **GOD** wants us to **TRUST** in Him and walk by **FAITH**, no matter how we *feel*.

There are many stories in the **BIBLE** of people who had to make a decision to **TRUST** the Lord in spite of how they felt.

Now, the last part of the **FAITH** DEFINITION is...

Now, write it out.

#4

"...because **GOD** promises a **GOOD RESULT**."

"....."



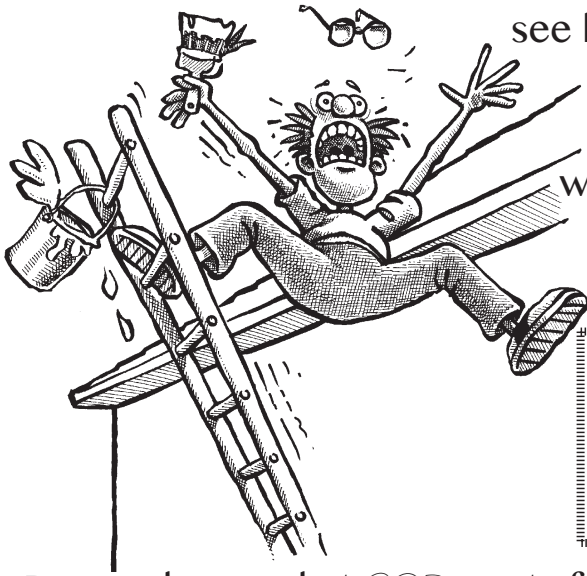
We **BELIEVE** that what **GOD** says is true. **GOD** cannot lie, so when He tells us something in His **WORD**, we can **BELIEVE** it.

We will do what's right because we **BELIEVE** the **WORD** of **GOD** and we're **ACTING** upon it, when we *feel* like it and when we don't *feel* like it, because **GOD** promises a **GOOD RESULT**.

**GOD** promises that all things work together for the good for those who *love* Him. Do you *love* Him? If you *love* Him, then this promise is meant for you!



*But*, that doesn't mean that all things will be good in our lives; bad things do happen. But if you *love* Him, He promises a **GOOD RESULT**, that good will come from those bad situations that happen in our lives. And if we have patience we will see how **GOD** causes the bad things that happen in our lives to work for the good, because He *loves* us!



**WOW**, isn't this simple? This is so simple that, if we're not careful, we'll miss it! This is the **CHRISTIAN** life, this is what following **GOD** is all about.

Again we read in Hebrews 11:6,

"But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him." Hebrews 11:6

Do you know what **GOD** wants from you? **F** \_ \_ \_ \_ !  
Where does **GOD** want you to have **FAITH** in Him? \_\_\_\_\_

- At school
- At home
- At church
- At our friend's house
- Wherever we go



**GOD** wants one thing from you!  
He wants you to **BELIEVE** His **WORD** and **ACT** on it, even when you don't *feel* like it, knowing that **GOD** promises a **GOOD RESULT**. That is what **FAITH** is.

The last thing we will do in this **STUDY** is to practice again this **DEFINITION** of **FAITH**.  
Practice all four parts together.

Hey, **LOOK** at this! Another translation states Hebrews 11:6 like this:

"And without faith it is impossible to please Him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that He exists and that He rewards those who seek Him." Hebrews 11:6

**ISN'T THAT GREAT?** Go ahead and say the faith definition found on page 55 together.



# HOW CAN I BECOME A PART OF GOD'S FAMILY? (Gospel Page)

LOOK up and talk about these **SCRIPTURES**.



**God loves you, and He sent Jesus Christ to show you His love!**

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." John 3:16



**All have sinned!**

"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."  
Romans 3:23



**Christ died for us!**

"But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." Romans 5:8



**Sin causes (spiritual) death!**

"For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." Romans 6:23



**Confess with your mouth!**

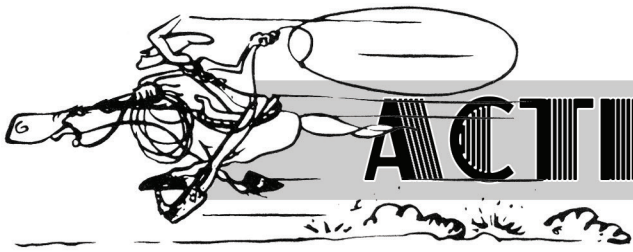
"That if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved."  
Romans 10:9

**Dear God,**

I know that I am a sinner. I've made wrong choices and have done bad things. I'm sorry. Please forgive me. I know that Your Son, Jesus, died for my sins and I believe that You raised Him from the dead. I want Jesus to be my Lord. Thank you for loving me and making me a part of Your family. Now, please fill me with Your Holy Spirit, so I'll have all the strength I need to obey You. **AMEN**

**PRAYER**





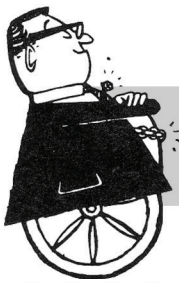
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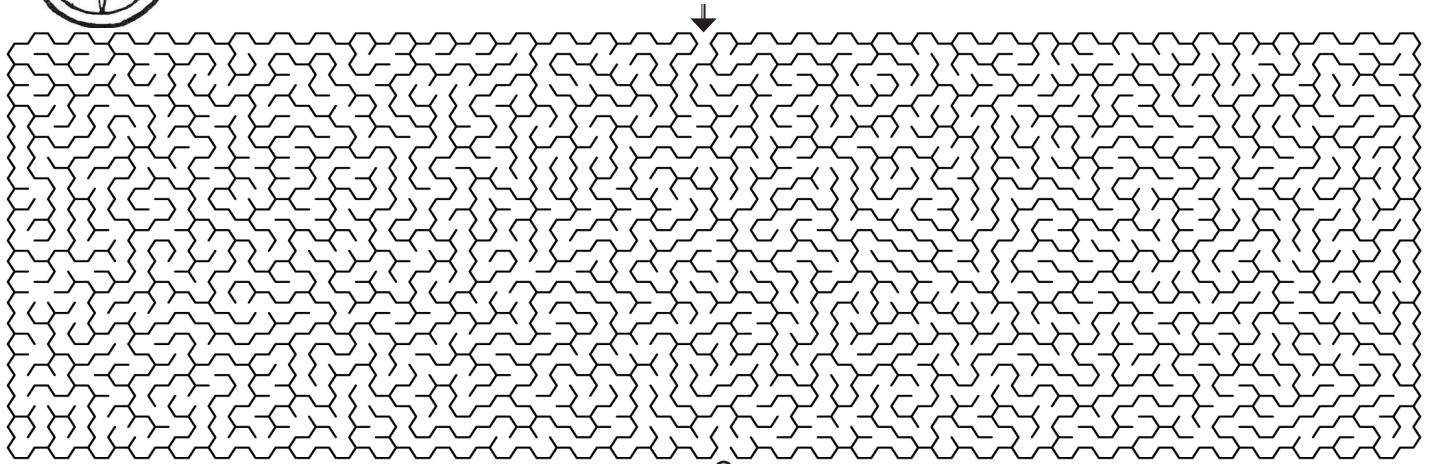
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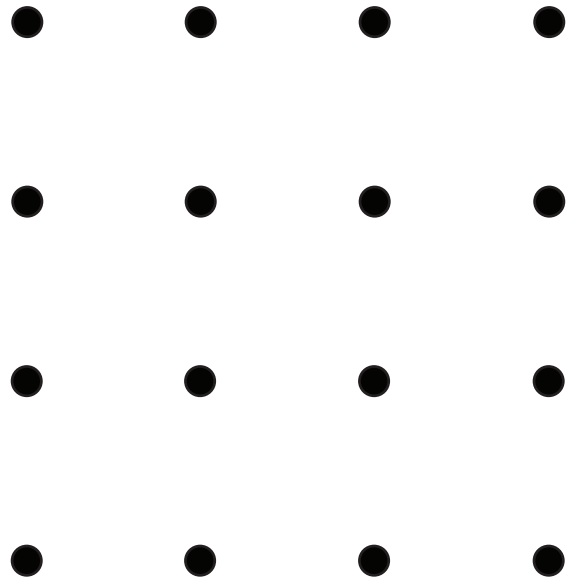
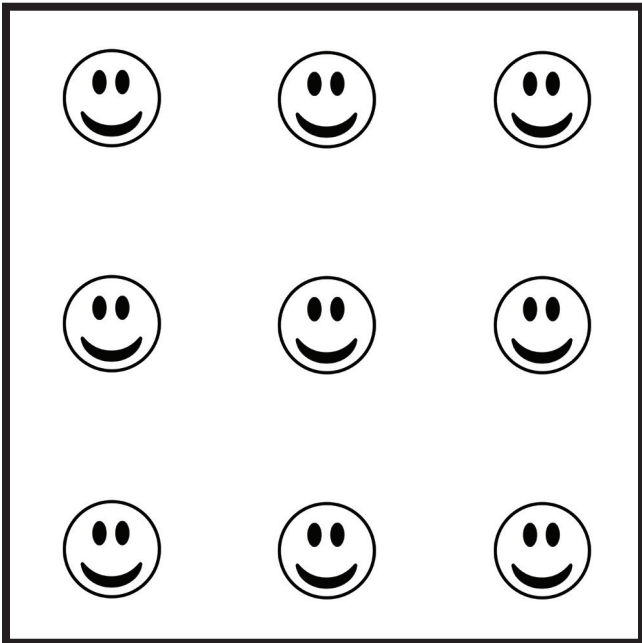
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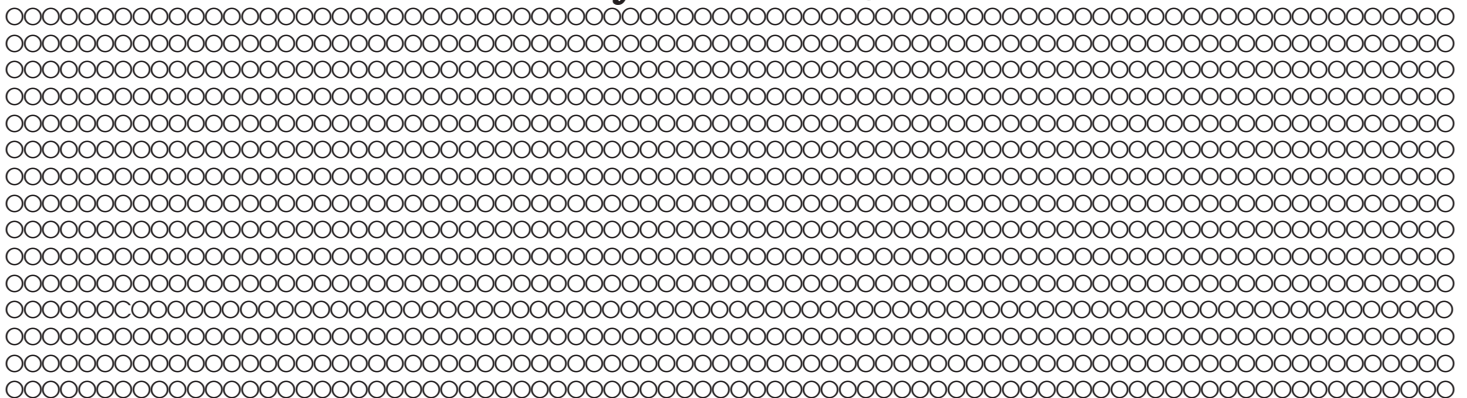


**SEPARATE THE SMILEYS**  
Separate all 9 Smileys by adding just 2 squares inside the big square.

Try to connect the dots by drawing the fewest number of lines possible. Only straight lines are allowed and you may not lift your pencil off the paper.



Can you find the "C?"



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## BIBLE STUDY





Let's practice:

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Hebrews 11:6



## THE TRUE NATURE OF SAVING

# FAITH

Because the word "BELIEVE" is used in many ways and can mean different things, we are going to examine three beliefs of the various ways that people say that they BELIEVE in **GOD**.

The **FIRST** belief is:

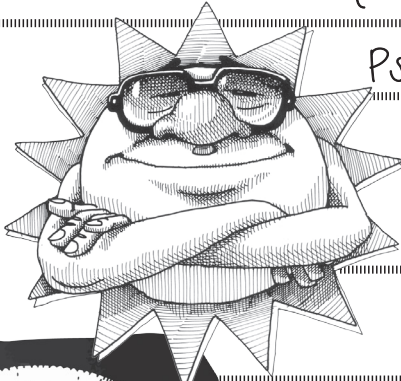


The belief that there is a possibility that **GOD** may exist.



The very first verse in the BIBLE says

"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." Genesis 1:1



Psalms 19:1 states,

"The heavens declare the glory of God; And the firmament (expansion of heaven) shows the work of his hands."



And later in Romans 1:20 it says

"For since the creation of the world His (God's) invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse."



People may **LOOK** around at the world and say to themselves, "There must have been something that made all of this, it couldn't have just happened. Well, maybe there's a God out there. But I'm not sure, but I think it's possible. Maybe there's a God."

Some people are taught that **GOD** doesn't exist, but they **LOOK** around and realize that someone must have **MADE** the world.

All people have to do is to **LOOK UP** into the heavens to see the evidence of a Creator; the evidence that there is a **GOD**. Even people in the remotest parts of the world have **BELIEVED** in a creator **GOD** by thinking about what they see in **GOD'S CREATION**. **GOD** tells us in the **BIBLE** that we can know that He exists simply by observing the things He **CREATED!**

When you **LOOK** at a phone, you know someone **MADE** (CREATED) the phone; or a watch, someone had to have **MADE** it, it didn't just happen.



Do you **BELIEVE** that He is, that **GOD** exists?

We should not find it impossible or difficult to **BELIEVE** in **GOD**. This belief that **GOD** exists is the very least that is expected of those whom **GOD** **CREATED**.

The **SECOND** belief is:

**2** The belief that **GOD** is real, but not following what He wants, not committing our lives to Him, and just doing what we want to do and really not caring about what **GOD** says is right or wrong (in the **BIBLE**).

Some people **BELIEVE** in **GOD**, but they don't give their lives to Him. They don't *love* Him. They agree that there is a **GOD** that exists, but they don't **BELIEVE** in a way that actually changes their lives because they don't **BELIEVE** in their hearts.



Deuteronomy 6:5 says,

"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength."



So, it is possible to have a belief of **GOD** in your head, but not in your heart.



Many people **BELIEVE** that if they have the correct belief, all is well, all is right. But it can be a **BIG** mistake to think, "all is well" if I just have the correct belief!

In James 2:19 it says,

"You believe that there is one God. You do well. Even the demons believe—and tremble!"





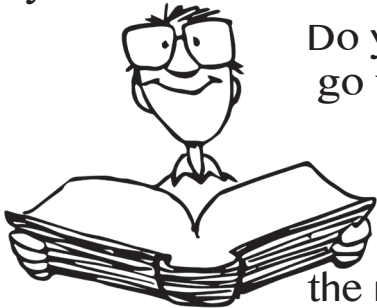
Why do you think the demons “tremble”? To tremble means to be troubled by fear. These creatures **BELIEVE**, not only in **GOD’S** existence, but also in His power. They do not *love* and serve **GOD**. They have an understanding of who **GOD** is and that causes them to tremble!



So it is with many people! They may have a “head” belief about who **GOD** is, but they haven’t given their lives (hearts) to Him and do not serve Him.

James is trying to communicate that head-belief is good, but it is heart-belief that is necessary for salvation. Let’s think about that!

**THINK ABOUT THIS!** Do you think that because you’ve memorized some **BIBLE** verses, that makes you all right with **GOD**?



Do you think that because you go to church, that makes you all right with **GOD**?

That would be like saying that because you stand in the middle of your garage that makes you a car. **OR** because you go to McDonalds that makes you a “happy meal.”



Not so! Your life will show what you really **BELIEVE**. Your **ACTIONS** will show if you only **BELIEVE** in your head or you really **BELIEVE** in your heart.

Answer this question quietly to yourself. “Do I show by how I live that I have: **A**) a head belief or **B**) a heart belief.” You may want to talk with **GOD** about this.

The **THIRD** belief is:

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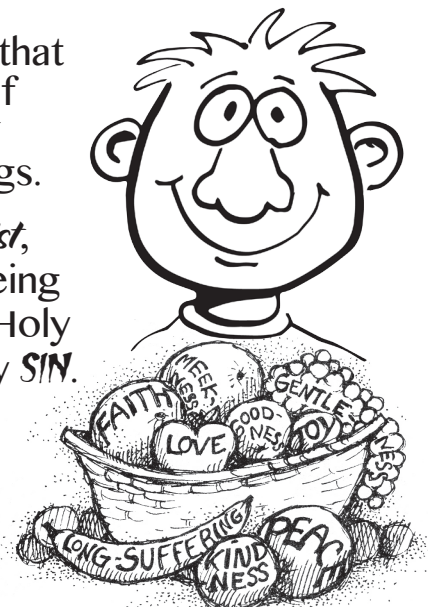
The belief that causes a person to give his or her life to the **LORD**.

This is someone that is a follower of *Jesus Christ* and His teachings.

When a person truly **BELIEVES** in the Lord *Jesus Christ*, that person receives forgiveness for his **SINS**; the result being a spiritual birth (being “born again”), being indwelt by the Holy Spirit and receiving His enablement to not be controlled by **SIN**.

If we have really given our lives to the Lord, there will be the proof or evidence in our lives.

Answer this question quietly to yourself...  
“Is there evidence in my life that I am a **CHRISTIAN**?”





Some evidence in a person's life is that they treat others with kindness and not meanness. They aren't angry and hateful, but forgiving and loving. They aren't selfish, but they do caring things for others. They care about what **GOD** wants them to do, so they read their **BIBLE** to find out. They talk to **GOD** in prayer. They ask **GOD** to help in obeying Him. They like going to church to learn about **GOD**.

James 2:20 tells us that

“...faith without works is dead.”



We are not saved by our works, but our works (the things that we do in our lives, the way we live), give evidence of what we really **BELIEVE**. If we have really committed our lives to the Lord **Jesus**, there will be **ACTIONS** in our lives to prove what we **BELIEVE**.

The apostle Paul states in *Ephesians 2:8-10*

“For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.”



If you are not yet a **CHRISTIAN**, it would be good to talk to someone today about giving your life to the Lord.

Write down two things that show evidence that you are a **CHRISTIAN**.

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_

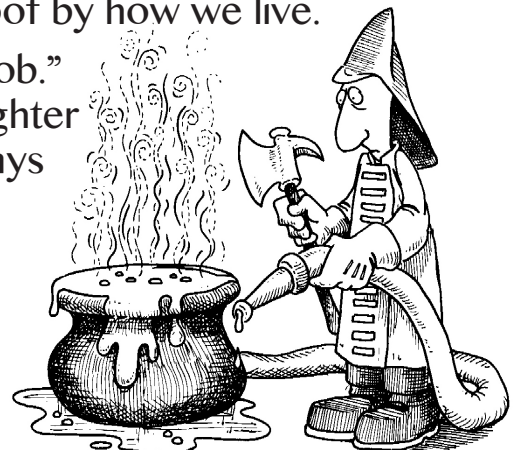
James **BELIEVED** the same thing that the Apostle *Paul* wrote in *Ephesians 2:8-10*, that we are accepted by **GOD** by grace through **FAITH**.

We can't be accepted by **GOD** on the basis of our works.

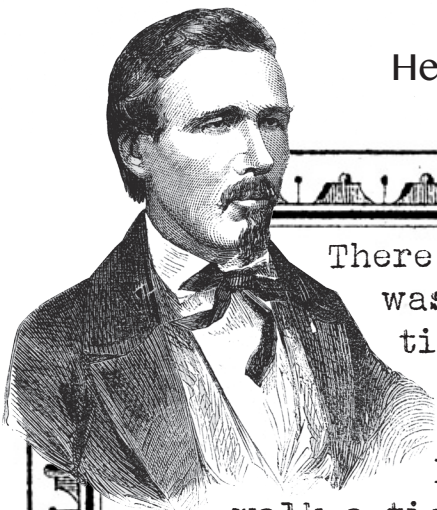
*James* just focused on the fact that if we really have **BELIEVED** on *Jesus Christ* and we follow His teachings, there will be proof by how we live.

If someone says to you “I am a firefighter. That is my job.” Then you would expect that person to do what a firefighter does – put out fires and help people. **OR** if someone says to you “I am a doctor. That is my job.” They too would be expected to do what a doctor does, tries to help sick people get well.

What *James* is saying is, that if you say you **BELIEVE** in *Jesus Christ*, then you will live that way!



Here are two little stories that hopefully will help you understand this idea of **BELIEF**.



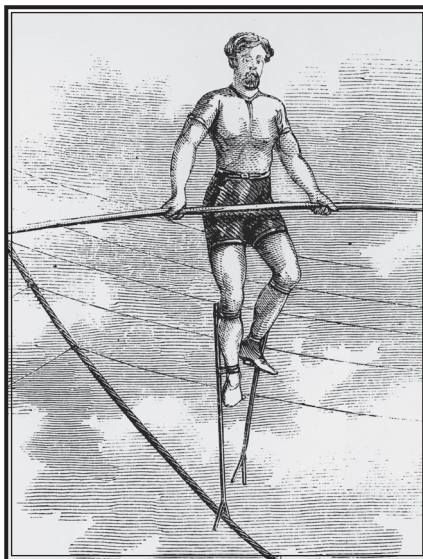
There was a man back in the 1800's whose name was Charles Blondin. He was a French tightrope walker.

One of Charles Blondin's greatest accomplishments was in June of 1859 when he attempted to become the first person to walk a tightrope that stretched over a quarter of a mile across the mighty Niagara Falls.

He walked across 160 feet above the falls several times, each time doing a different daring ACT – once in a sack, once on stilts, once on a bicycle, once in the dark, and once he even carried a stove and cooked an omelet!

On one occasion Blondin was waiting to perform across the tightrope again, when he noticed a young boy standing by, excited and curious with interest. Addressing the boy and pointing up to the rope, Mr. Blondin said, "Do you BELIEVE I can walk across that rope?" "Yes, I do," was the boy's reply. Mr. Blondin asked another question, "Do you BELIEVE I could carry you on my back and walk across?" Unhesitatingly came the answer "Yes, I do!" Charles Blondin bent down and replied, "All right! Jump up!" But the boy disappeared!

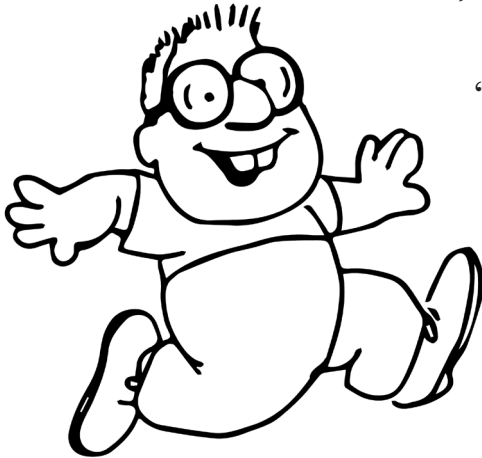
He had said that he had **BELIEVED**, but did he really?  
What kind of belief did this boy have? Was it a head belief or a heart belief?



The second story goes like this...

A grocer was down in the cellar (basement) of his shop, when he noticed his small son standing at the open trap door. He called up, "Here I am, son, jump down". But the boy hesitated. "I can't, Daddy. I can't see you," he said. His father answered, "Trust me and jump and I will catch you." At his father's words, the boy jumped, because he believed his father.

To BELIEVE is to TRUST, to place full confidence in, to rest upon with FAITH.



The first two kinds of belief we LOOKED at were only "head belief." They were beliefs that did not involve TRUST.

But, the third kind of belief was a "heart belief" because it involved TRUST and ACTION. The young boy in the first story displayed only "head belief". He was not willing to TRUST Mr. Blondin to carry him across the tightrope. He didn't REALLY BELIEVE. But the grocer's son had a "heart belief" in his father when he jumped into his arms even though he couldn't see him. He TRUSTED his father.

Hopefully, these two little stories will help you understand what we mean by

"FAITH is BELIEVING GOD'S WORD and ACTING upon it, no matter how I feel, because GOD promises a GOOD RESULT."

Let's say what FAITH is together... Repeat it. "FAITH is..."

Which FAITH do you have? The disciples said to Jesus, "Increase our faith." in Luke 17:5.



FAITH, that is a saving FAITH, is a belief in Jesus, committing ourselves to Him, and TRUSTING in Him, as the grocer's boy TRUSTED and committed himself to his father.

We have been STUDYING about FAITH a lot. It's time to make sure you can say by memory Hebrews 11:6 and the DEFINITION of "FAITH." Practice together, then fill in all the blanks.

### Hebrews 11:6

"\_\_\_\_\_ faith \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ Him, \_\_\_\_\_ who \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ must \_\_\_\_\_ that \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ who \_\_\_\_\_ Him."

### Definition of Faith:

"FAITH is \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ it, \_\_\_\_\_ how I \_\_\_\_\_, because \_\_\_\_\_ a \_\_\_\_\_."

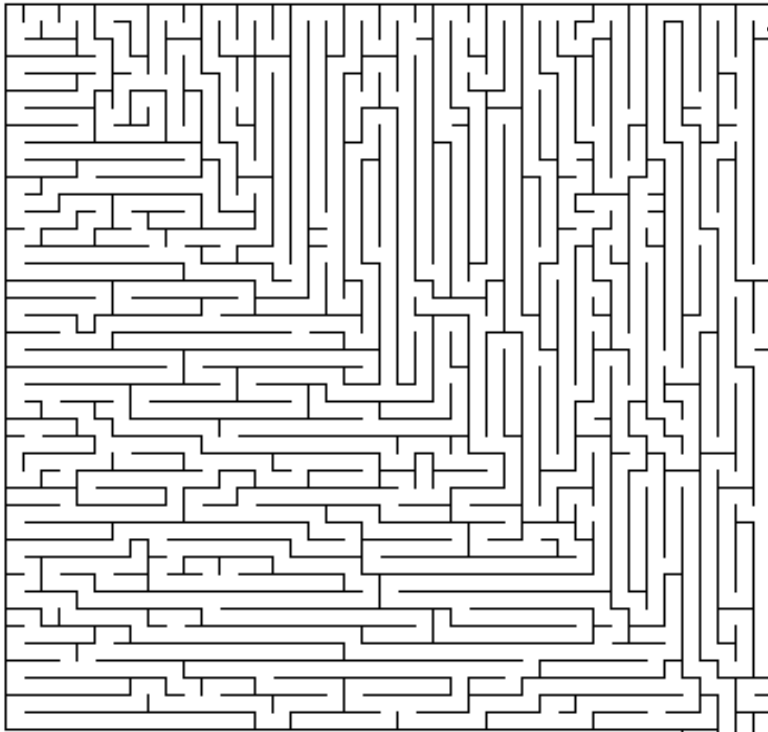


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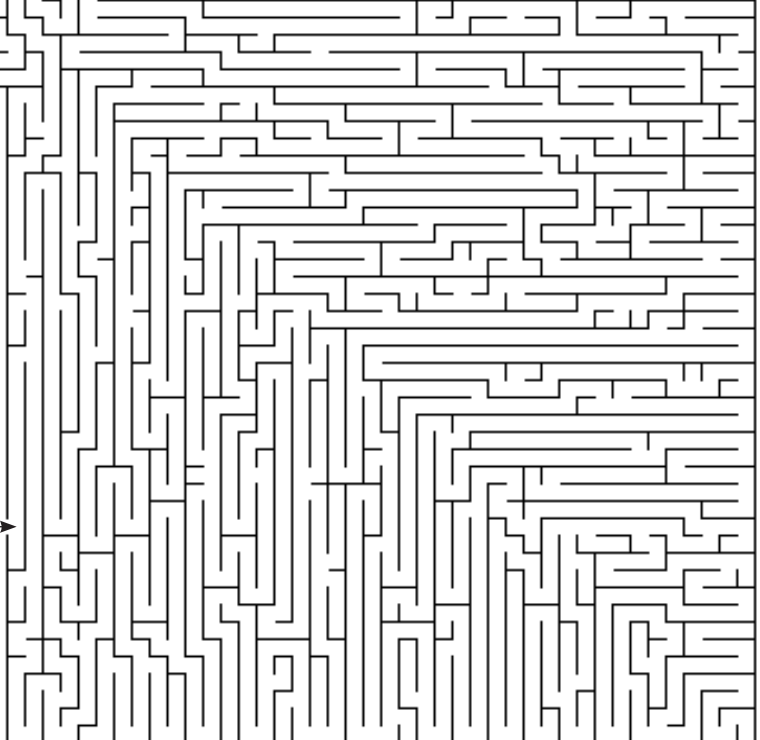
"The heavens declare the glory of God;  
And the firmament shows the work of his hands." Psalm 19:1

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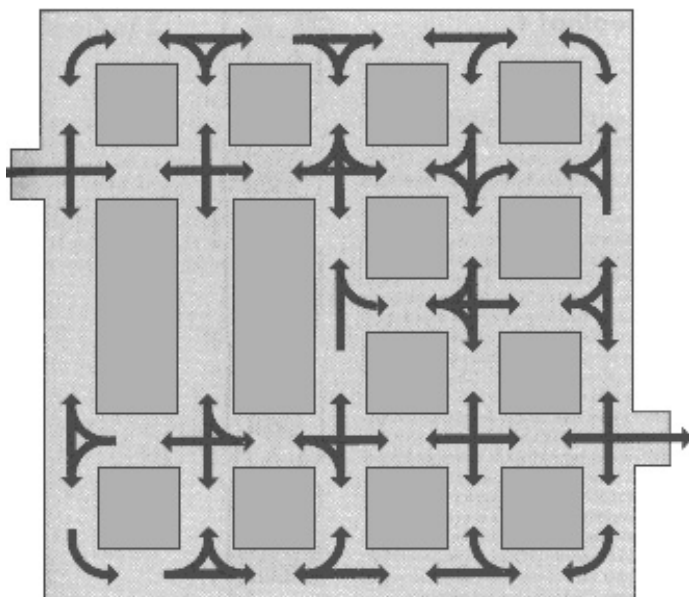
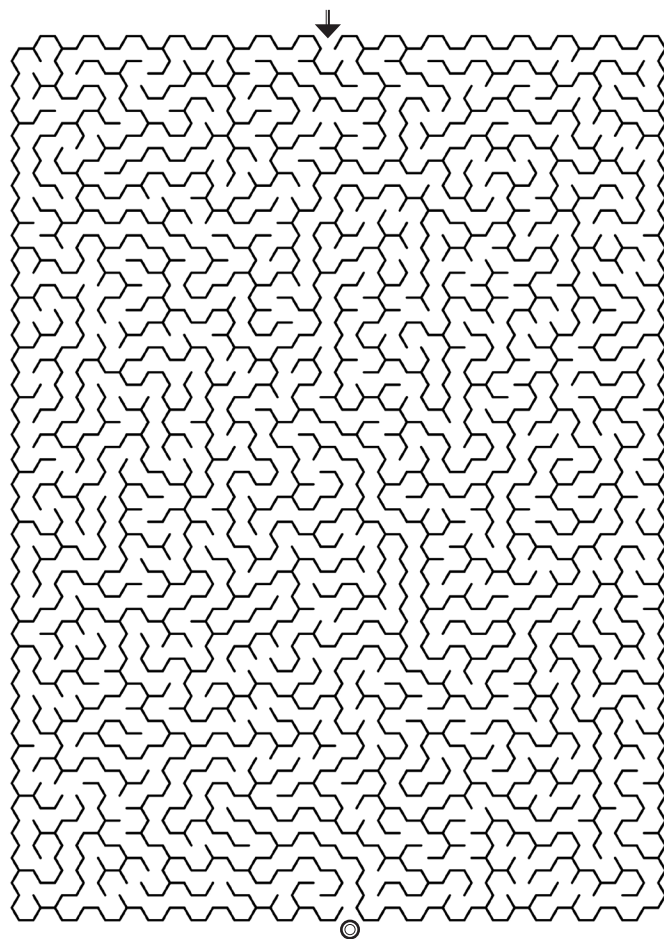
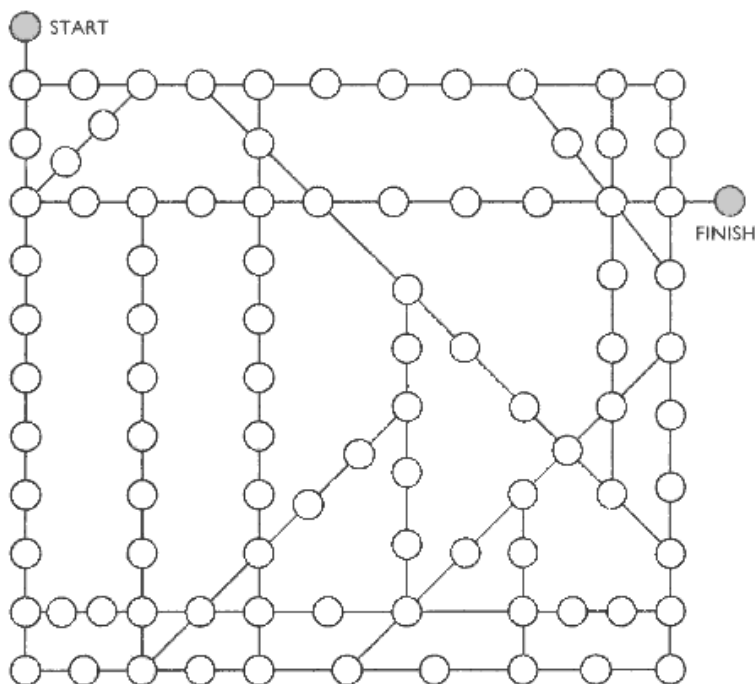


# ACTIVITY PAGE

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## DOTS

1. Begin at Start.
2. Each move must go in a straight line (you may not turn a corner).
3. Each move must follow the lines in the figure.
4. With each move you jump over two points; you always land on the third point.
5. If you land on a junction, you may choose to go in another direction on your next move.
6. The objective is to reach the finish following these rules.



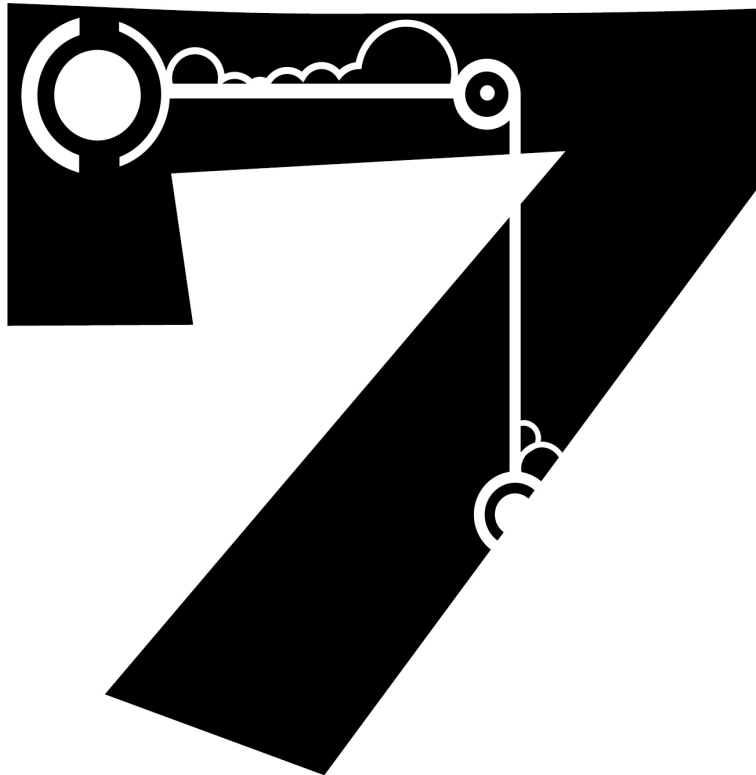
## ARROWS

1. Start on the left.
2. At each fork you must follow one of the arrows.
3. Therefore, you may only go left, right or straight ahead if so indicated by an arrow.
4. Always leave a fork in the direction of one of the arrows.
5. You may not turn around.
6. The objective is to exit on the right.

# FAITH PLEASES GOD

"But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him." Hebrews 11:6

## BIBLE STUDY







Practice saying the memory verse together!

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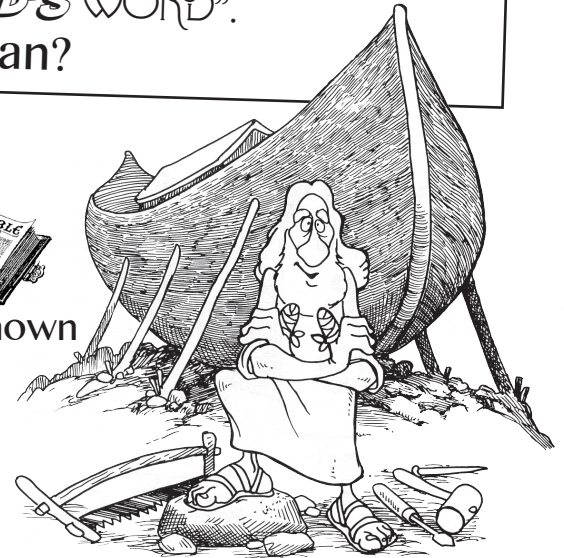
**WHAT'S THE DEFINITION OF FAITH?**  
Can you fill in the blanks? Go ahead and try.

"**FAITH** is \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ it, \_\_\_\_\_  
how I \_\_\_\_\_, because \_\_\_\_\_ a \_\_\_\_\_."

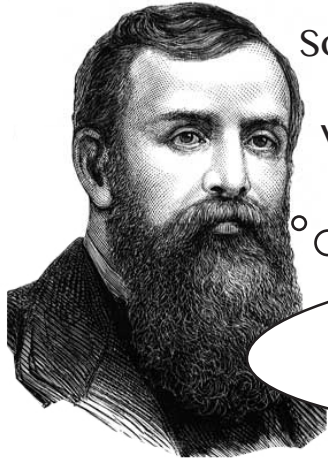
"**FAITH** is **BELIEVING GOD'S WORD**."  
What does that mean?

First we read in Romans 10:17,

"So then faith comes by hearing,  
and hearing by the Word of God."



Often, when you hear of or meet people who are known because of their large capacity to **TRUST GOD** with things in their life, they will be people of **FAITH** and also people of **GOD'S WORD**. "faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God."



Some people will say, "I want to trust God." But they won't read or listen to **GOD'S WORD**. They aren't interested in or care about what **GOD** says in the **BIBLE**. Or maybe they just hold the **BIBLE** in their hands or leave it on their shelf, or carry it around.

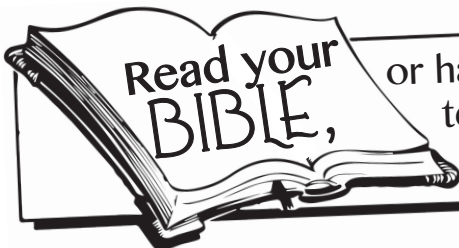
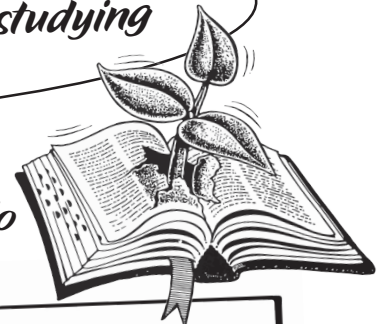
D.L. MOODY SAID,

"I used to think I should close my Bible and pray for faith; but I came to see that it was in studying the word that I was to get faith."

Do you want to grow in the Lord?  Yes  No

Do you want to live a life that is pleasing to GOD?  Yes  No

Do you want to trust GOD more?  Yes  No



or have someone read it to you, or listen to someone teaching about the **BIBLE**. Having **GOD'S WORDS** in your heart everyday will be a blessing to you!

As we come to **GOD'S** WORD, we develop a *relationship* with the Lord that deepens day by day. **GOD'S** WORD helps us to know **GOD** more!

Do you know that as you read and hear **GOD'S** WORD, your **FAITH** in **GOD** will grow!!

Do you want your faith in **GOD** to grow?  Yes  No

**FAITH** is **BELIEVING** **GOD'S** WORD because **TRUSTING** what someone says is the same as **TRUSTING** that person. Some may say, "Well, I **BELIEVE** **GOD**, I just don't **BELIEVE** anything He says."

**THAT'S CRAZY!**



So, **TRUSTING** what a person says, and **TRUSTING** a person is the same thing. **FAITH** is **BELIEVING** what **GOD** says! **GOD** and His WORD are **TRUSTWORTHY!**



**GOD** has things to say to each one of us. He has said some things about what He is like. **GOD** has said some things to us about how He *feels*. **GOD** has said some things about how He will **ACT** in certain situations. **GOD** has said, that if certain conditions are met and we do what He says to do, then He will do certain things. **GOD** has said some things.

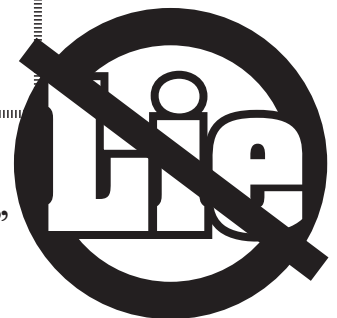
**FAITH** is **BELIEVING** what **GOD** has said.

Let's read again in *Titus 1:2* about something **GOD** has said.



"...in hope of eternal life which God, who cannot lie, promised before time began..."

Notice that it says, "**GOD** cannot lie." It doesn't say, **GOD** won't lie, or that **GOD** doesn't lie. It says, "**GOD** cannot lie." Everything that He says is true, and therefore **TRUSTWORTHY**.



This is something **GOD** has said. Let's read *John 3:16-17*.



"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved."

Do you **BELIEVE** what **GOD** has said here in *John 3:16-17*?  Yes  No

Let's consider the meaning of the word **TRUST**, which is very much the same as the words **BELIEVE** and **FAITH**. When it comes to a *relationship* with **GOD**, this is a very important word.

We know from our last **STUDY** that the word "**BELIEVE**" can be used in different ways and sometimes has to do with **BELIEVING** only in our heads and not in our hearts. A head-belief is only a mental process. But, we can **BELIEVE** and know about *Jesus Christ* and still not be saved.

When the **APOSTLE PAUL** and **SILAS** were in jail and the Philippian jailer asked the question, "What must I do to be saved?" the answer in The **NEV BIBLE** is, "Put your trust in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved" (Acts 16:30-31).



It has nothing whatsoever to do with the intellect (**BELIEVING** in your head only); it has to do with the will (what we choose to do), and demands a decision. There are multitudes (lots of people) that "**BELIEVE**", but have never put their "**TRUST**" in *Jesus Christ*.

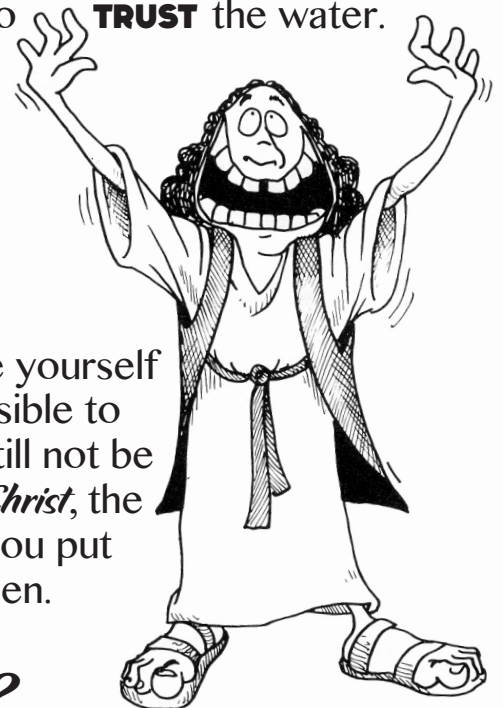


So, since to be saved, we must **BELIEVE** in (**TRUST**) *Jesus*, don't you think it would be extremely important to understand what it means to **TRUST** someone.

**1<sup>ST</sup> it excludes effort.** It's similar to floating on water. Have you ever floated on water? If you have, then you know that the water can hold up your weight. All you have to do is to **TRUST** the water.

In **TRUSTING GOD**, you need to put aside your effort, your fear, and your doubts. It won't work to try to help yourself either by works or religion (trying to do good things to make yourself acceptable to **GOD**). Just float. (Don't try to help **GOD** out, just **TRUST** Him!) As long as you are putting forth effort you are not **TRUSTING**.

**2<sup>ND</sup>, trust leads to commitment.** **TRUST** means to give yourself over, to commit yourself, to **TRUST** the Lord. It is possible to **BELIEVE** as much as you want to **BELIEVE** and still not be saved. But, the moment you give yourself up to *Jesus Christ*, the moment you commit yourself to Him, the moment you put your **TRUST** in Him, you are saved, but not until then.



*Have you ever done that?  
Have you ever committed yourself to the Lord?*



The 3<sup>RD</sup> is trust requires action. REMEMBER the story of Blondin, the tightrope walker? There's another part of the story that goes like this:

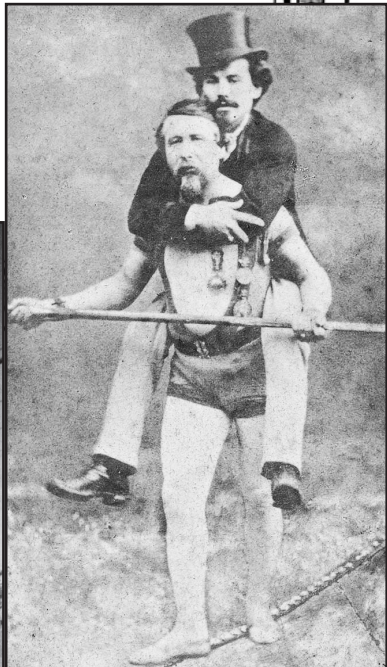
On August 17, 1859, about 25,000 thrill-seekers arrived by train and steamer and dispersed on the American or Canadian side of the falls. Both banks grew with swarms of spectators, among them statesmen, judges, clerics, generals, members of Congress, capitalists, artists, newspaper editors, professors, debutantes, and salesmen. Vendors hawked everything from lemonade to merchandise, and Colcord (Blondin's Manager) gave tours to the press, explaining the logistics of what the Great Charles Blondin was about to attempt. As he explained, "A rope 1,300 feet long, two inches in diameter and made entirely of hemp would be the sole thing separating him from the roiling waters below."

As the crowd of people watched eagerly, the great tightrope walker, Blondin, stepped onto the rope. The crowds were hushed as he started across balancing his 40-pound pole. As he triumphantly reached the other side, a great cheer arose above the deafening roar of the mighty falls.

Turning to the crowd, he now said an amazing statement. He offered to re-cross the rope, high above the waters below, carrying a man on his back. But, no one was willing to do it. He then turned to his manager, Henry Colcord, and asked,

"Do you believe I can carry you across?"  
 "I believe. In fact, I have no doubt about it at all," answered Colcord.  
 "Will you Trust me?"  
 "I will!"

And that is what both Blondin and Colcord did. They crossed over to the other side.



AKRON, FRIDAY, SEPT. 14, 1860

BLONDIN CROSSES NIAGARA

Balances On Tight Rope

Charles Blondin, acrobat, today performed the incredible stunt of crossing the Niagara Falls on a tightrope high over the water, balancing precariously on stilts. He made several trips across, one of them while blindfolded, pushing a



Mr. Blondin practising wheelbarrow. These once necessary for earlier stunts provided the exhilarating trip of all.

French Acrobat Uses Stilts

The rope used by Blondin was 1,100 feet long, and was strung a hundred and sixty feet above the roaring falls. A huge crowd held its breath as it watched the Frenchman in his daring, dangerous feat, defying gravity.

See Scoop No 61 - BEGINNING OF THE BERLIN AIRLIFT



ACROBAT CROSSES NIAGARA September 14, 1860



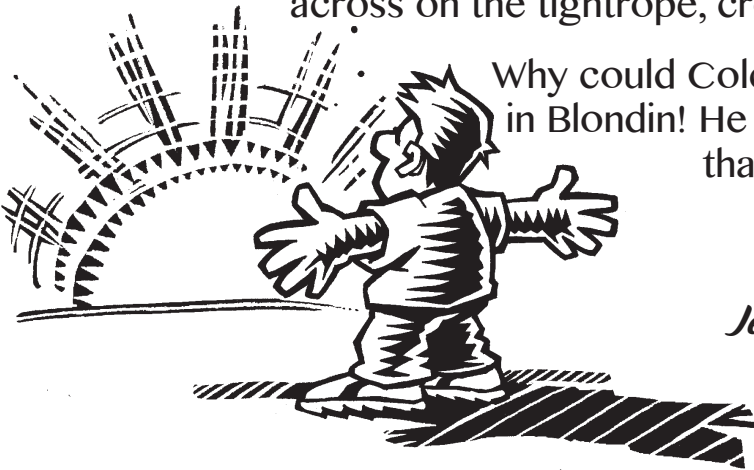
Are you among the **MILLIONS** who **BELIEVE**, but who have never **TRUSTED** Christ the Lord? Do you know about Him, and may even have a belief in Him, and yet have not committed your life to Him or put your **TRUST** in Him?

Remember the **DEFINITION** of **FAITH**;

“**FAITH** is **BELIEVING** **GOD’S WORD** and **ACTING** upon it, no matter how I *feel*, because **GOD** promises a **GOOD RESULT**.”



Well, that’s exactly what Blondin’s manager, Colcord did. He **BELIEVED** what Blondin said, then he **ACTED** upon it by getting on Blondin’s back as he walked across on the tightrope, crossing the Nigara Falls.



Why could Colcord be so brave? Because he **TRUSTED** in Blondin! He put his **FAITH** in him, **BELIEVING** that he could do what he said he could do. That’s **TRUSTING!**

How important it is to put our **TRUST** in *Jesus Christ*. Will you **TRUST** Him with your life? Or will you merely **BELIEVE** with your head?

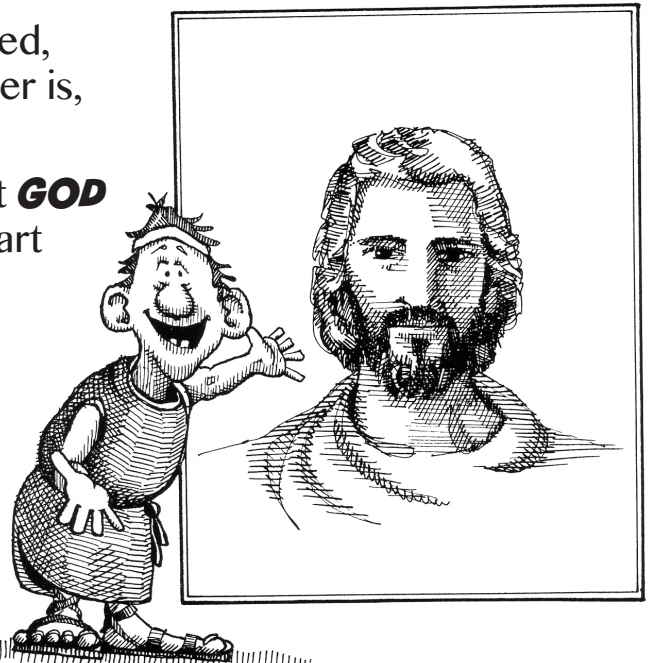
Will you, by a definite **ACT** of your will, put your **TRUST** in the Lord?

Remember what the Philippian jailer asked, “*What must I do to be saved?*” And the answer is, put your **TRUST** in the Lord!

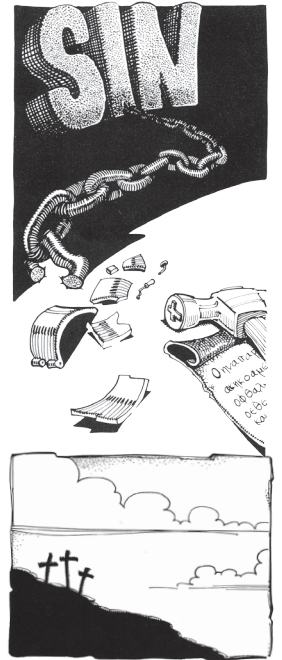
How do we know that we **BELIEVE** what **GOD** has said? The answer is in the second part of the **DEFINITION** of **FAITH**;  
“...and **ACTING** upon it...”

You know that you **BELIEVE** **GOD’S WORD** and that you **TRUST** Him, when you **ACT** upon it.

Would anyone like to **ACT** upon **GOD’S WORD** now, and pray to put your **TRUST** in the Lord?



He *loves* you so much. He died on the cross and took the punishment for your **SINS** so you could have your **SINS** forgiven and have a wonderful *relationship* and fellowship with **GOD**. Who wouldn't want to be born-again? It's like **GOD** gives us a new heart, on the inside – He forgives our **SINS** and enables us to live a new kind of life – a life that is pleasing to **GOD**. He gives us peace, joy, *love*, and His Holy Spirit to enable us to live every day in a way that pleases Him. He is so good to us! Don't YOU want to *love* this wonderful Savior? You will always be glad that you **MADE** the decision to give your life to Him, to put your **TRUST** in Him. You will be glad now, while you live on the e \_\_\_\_ h. You'll be glad later when you can live with **GOD** in H \_\_\_\_ n.



Will you **BELIEVE** what **GOD** has said in Romans 3:23?  
**LOOK** it up and read it. Do you **BELIEVE** that?

*"For \_\_\_\_\_ have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."*



Now **LOOK** up Romans 6:23 and read it.  
 Do you **BELIEVE** what **GOD** has said?

*"For the wages of sin is \_\_\_\_\_  
 but the gift of God is eternal \_\_\_\_\_  
 In Christ Jesus our Lord."*



Do you **BELIEVE** what we read in this **STUDY** a few minutes ago, when we read John 3:16-17. Maybe you don't remember so, just in case, let's read it again.

*"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved."*



Now read what **GOD** says in His **WORD** in Romans 10:9

*"That if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved."*



Do you **BELIEVE** it?

How do you know you really **BELIEVE** it?

By **A** \_\_\_\_\_ **E** upon what **GOD** has s \_\_\_\_\_ d.



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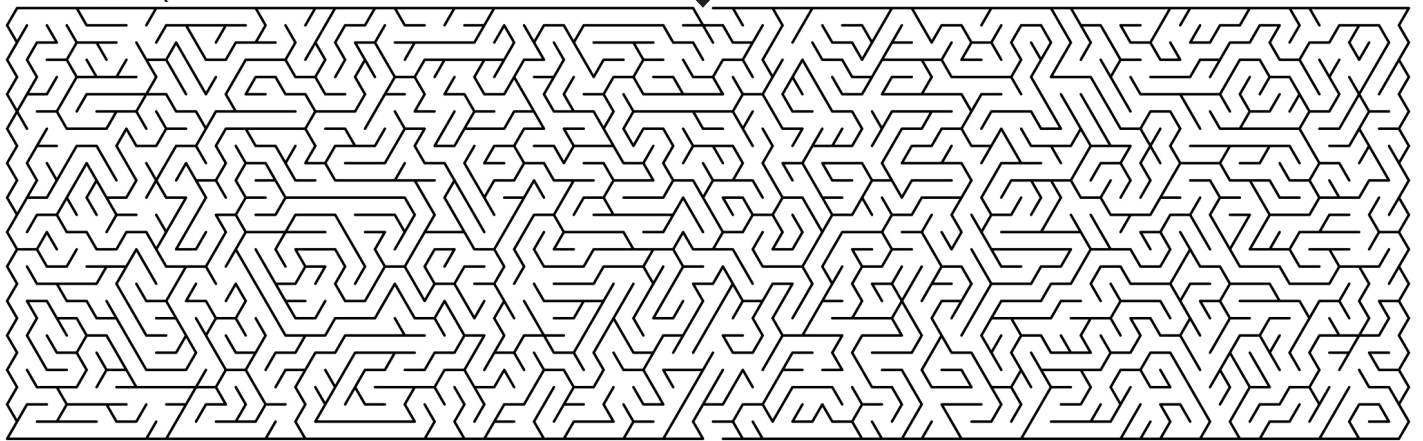
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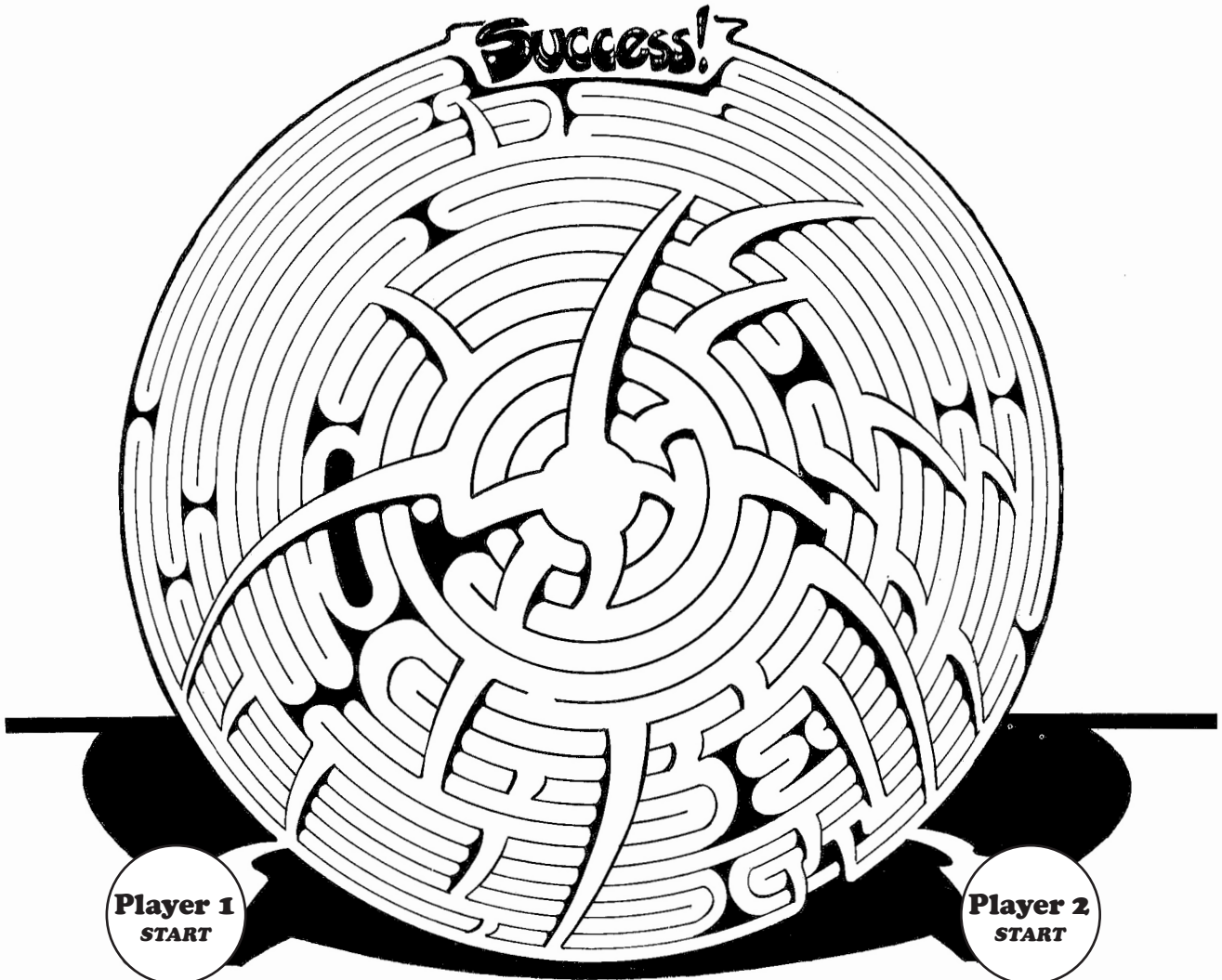
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## 2 PERSON MAZE

**INSTRUCTIONS:** The rules are simple. Each player puts his/her pencil on the appropriate "START" area. At a signal to begin, they race their pencils through the maze toward the "SUCCESS!" sign. The first one there wins.





# FAITH PLEASES GOD

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## BIBLE STUDY





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We've been **STUDYING** what **F** \_\_\_ \_\_\_ **H** is about.

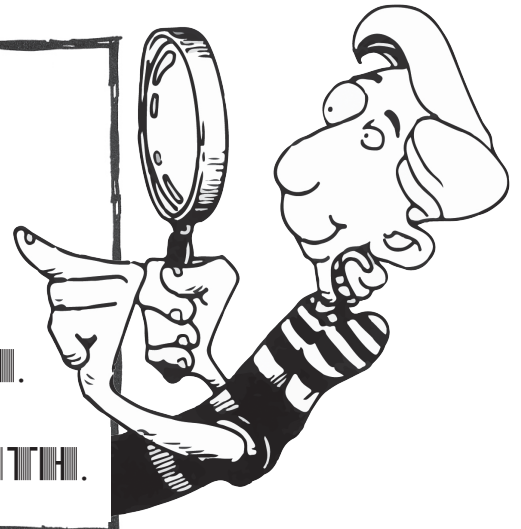
We know that **F** \_\_\_ \_\_\_ **H** is the only thing that pleases **GOD**.  
So, that makes a life of **FAITH** **VERY IMPORTANT**.

### REALLY THINK ABOUT THESE:

We know that we come to **GOD** by **FAITH**.  
We are saved from our **SINS** by **FAITH**.  
We know that we stand strong by **FAITH**.  
We know the just live by **FAITH**.  
We know **FAITH** is the way to live our lives.  
We know we overcome the world by **FAITH**.



We have learned a lot about **FAITH**.



Let's **LOOK** at one more verse about **FAITH**. It's the verse right before verse 6.

"By \_\_\_ Enoch was taken away so that he did not see death, and was not found, because God had taken him; for before he was taken he had this testimony, that he \_\_\_ God." Hebrews 11:5



**"ENOCH** was well-pleasing to **GOD**."

Since it is impossible to please **GOD** without **FAITH**, this means that **ENOCH** walked by **FAITH**.

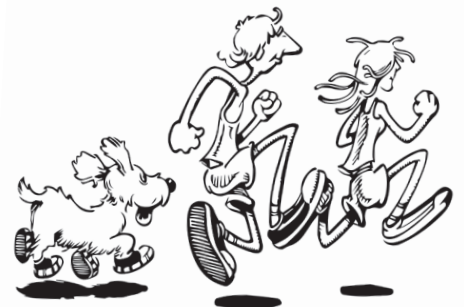
**ENOCH** lived 300 years and **GOD** said he was well pleasing to Him.

We must walk by **FAITH** with **GOD** on earth if we expect to dwell with Him forever in heaven.

Let's explore the word picture of a walk with **GOD**.

**1<sup>ST</sup>**, consider that a walk is not spectacular or impressive. Here's John Bunyan's description of what walking with **GOD** means

from the book, Pilgrim's Progress. *"To walk with God means that our lives are in step with God, yielded in obedience to Him, headed in the direction He chooses."*



Walking also implies closeness and fellowship.

Walking with a friend is a time to talk, to get to know one another, and to share the things that are happening in our lives.

Walking with **GOD** is a daily process of growing closer to Him, as we share everything in our lives with Him, and learn more of His ways.

We must do our own walking.  
Someone else cannot do it for us.

We need to take the initiative, the time, and the effort that is required to walk with **GOD**.

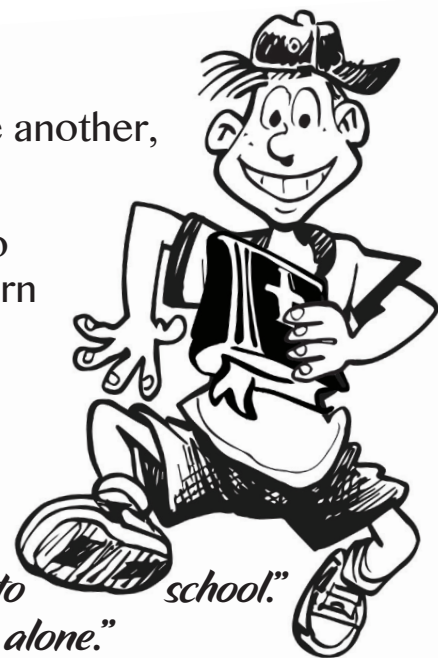
**FAITH** says "I will meet with You this morning before I go to school."

**FAITH** says, "I will make an appointment to meet with God alone."

**FAITH** says, "I will read God's Word and respond personally to Him."

**FAITH** says, "I will read God's Word and memorize it."

**FAITH** is a daily dependence on **GOD**, step by step, that continues over a lifetime.

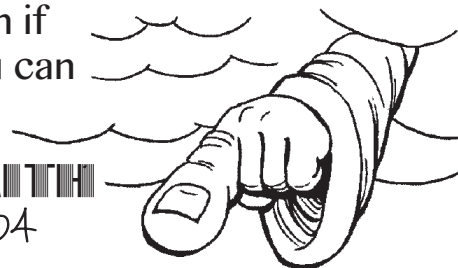


If you walk with **GOD** by **FAITH**, your life is pleasing to Him. Even if you go through terrible trails, you can **TRUST** that **GOD** is with you.

Let's take the **DEFINITION** of **FAITH** and apply it to Matthew 6:25-34

**"FAITH** is **BELIEVING** **GOD'S WORD** and **ACTING** upon it, no matter how I feel, because **GOD** promises a **GOOD RESULT**."

Let's read together Matthew 6:25-34.



"Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air, for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? Which of you by worrying can add one cubit to his stature? So why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; and yet I say to you that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. Now if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is thrown into the

oven, will He not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, What shall we eat? or What shall we drink? or What shall we wear? For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble."



Worry doesn't change anything! Let's all say it together.  
**"Worry doesn't change anything!"**

**Do you worry?**

You can't make anything different just because you choose to worry about it.

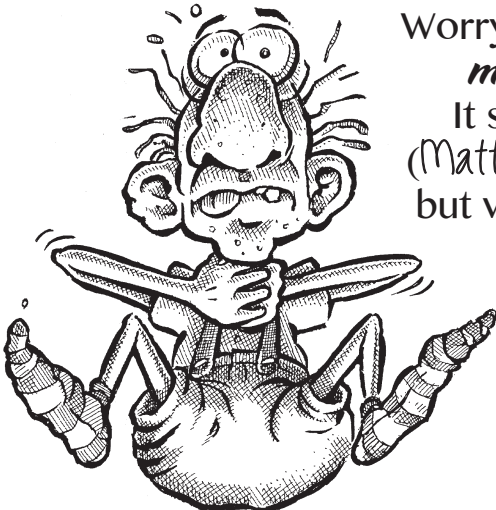
How many times in Matthew 6:25-34 does **GOD** tell us not to worry?

So, that must mean that **GOD** does not want us to worry! **GOD** usually doesn't repeat Himself unless He really wants us to clearly understand something.

What part of the **FAITH DEFINITION** does, "don't worry" apply to?

The first part, and what does the first part of the **FAITH DEFINITION** say? Write it out. \_\_\_\_\_

When we choose not to **BELIEVE GOD'S WORD**, problems happen. Such as if we don't **BELIEVE** what **GOD** says about worry, then we find that worry will choke out the life in us. It doesn't change a thing.



Worry sends a terrible message to **GOD**. It says, "*God, I don't matter to You.*" That's what we're saying when we worry.

It says, "*I don't matter to You as much as a bunch of birds.*" (Matthew 6:26) **GOD** takes care of the birds on a daily basis, but what about me? **GOD** wants us to do something instead of worrying! **GOD** says in Luke 18:1 and 1 Thess. 5:17

that he wants us to pray! He wants us to take our troubles and our concerns to Him in prayer. He wants us to talk to Him about everything! "Do not worry about anything, but pray about everything."

Talk to **GOD** about everything.

We must remember what He says right after that. "Are you not of more value than they?" We are valuable to **GOD**. You are valuable to **GOD**. **GOD** provides for the birds on a daily basis, how much more will He for us.

**LOOK** at what Matthew 10:29-31 says.

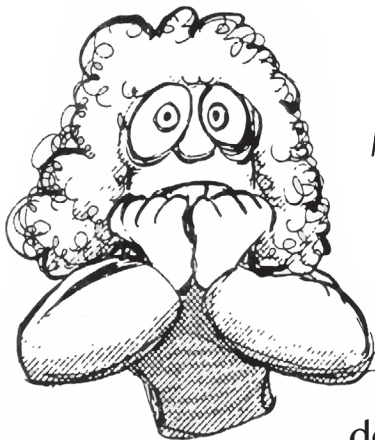
"Are not two sparrows sold for a copper coin? And not one of them falls to the ground apart from your Father's will. But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Do not fear therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows."



"Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; and yet I say to you that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. Now if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will He not much more clothe you..."



**GOD** cares for you. If **GOD** cares for the flowers, don't you think He is going to take care of you? Will He not **MUCH MORE** clothe you, and take care of you?



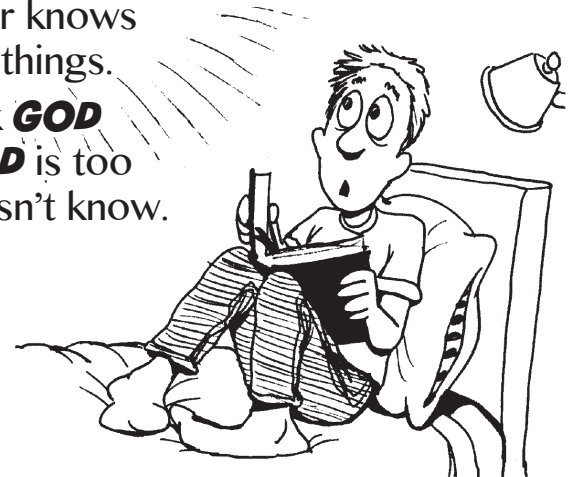
Verse 31 says, "Therefore do not worry, saying, What shall we eat? or What shall we drink? or What shall we wear? For after all these things the Gentiles seek." This is what the Gentiles say. That's the life of a person who doesn't know **GOD**. That's what they spend their time thinking about.

But, your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things.

**GOD** knows! Don't even think **GOD** doesn't know! Your idea of **GOD** is too small if you really think **GOD** doesn't know.

**GOD** wants us to **TRUST** Him and to have **FAITH** in Him. So, how do we win over worry?

**FIRST**, confess it as **SIN** and repent.  
(We will often try to rationalize that everybody worries. We try to explain it away.)



In the book of James, he says, "Therefore, to him who knows to do good and does not do it, to him it is sin."

So to worry is disobedience to what *Jesus* has said to us, "**DON'T WORRY!**"  
Write down something that you have worried about.



Decide that from now on, instead of worrying, you will p \_\_\_y to **GOD** and have **IF \_\_\_\_\_ H** in Him to help this situation.

The **SECOND** is to choose to live by **FAITH**.

You see, worry is the opposite of what **GOD** wants from us. **FAITH** is the thing that pleases **GOD**.  
"It's impossible to please **GOD** without **IF \_\_\_\_\_ H**."

The opposite of **FAITH** is w \_\_\_y.  
The opposite of worry is **IF \_\_\_\_\_ H**.

"**IF \_\_\_\_\_** is **BELIEVING GOD'S WORD** and **ACTING** upon it, no matter how I *feel*, because **GOD** promises a **GOOD RESULT**."



The **THIRD** thing is to **ACT** upon it, no matter how you *feel*. The **ACT** part of **FAITH** is found in verse 33. "*But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness...*" The first thing to do is get involved with doing something for the kingdom of **GOD** (serve **GOD**). Stop thinking just about yourself.

And, "*His righteousness*" being serious about the person **GOD** wants you to be. Allow **GOD** to work in your life, changing you more into the likeness of His Son.

**TRUST GOD** one day at a time!

**Pray this if you agree with it:**



*"God, I trust You with my tomorrow. I don't know what's ahead, but You do! I don't know how I'll manage, but You know. Thank you God for enough strength for today. I will not worry about tomorrow and I won't let worry choke the joy out of today. God, I choose to focus on what really matters. I confess the sin of worry, and I receive Your forgiveness. Lord, I believe I do matter to You. Lord, I believe You're committed to me and You know my needs. Lord, one day at a time, I'm Trusting You with my future. Help me to seek You first and make me a boy or girl of faith. In Jesus' name, Amen."*

Well, we've learned that the **PURPOSE** of **FAITH** is to please **GOD**. Everything in the life of **FAITH** is a by-product of our *desire* to please **GOD**. If we want to please **GOD**, we will come to **GOD**. This means fellowship; spending time in His **WORD** and responding in prayer to what He has said.



Hebrews 11:6, indicates that this *relationship* involves not only pleasing **GOD** and coming to **GOD**, but also seeking **GOD**. This implies a deep *desire* to know Him better and to please Him more. That's a good thing to pray about.



"Let the heart of those who seek the Lord be glad. Seek the Lord and His strength; seek His face continually."  
Psalm 105:3-4

We seek the Lord because He first seeks us.

We read in 1 John 4:19,

"We love Him because He first loved us."

Well, this is the end of our **STUDY** on **FAITH**, but not the end of **FAITH**. **FAITH** continues as you put your **TRUST** in the Lord every day. Hopefully you have learned many important things about **FAITH**.

"But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him."  
Hebrews 11:6

**FAITH** is what pleases **GOD**. Always remember that He wants you to **TRUST** Him, and never forget that **GOD** is **TRUSTWORTHY**.

Let's say our **DEFINITION** of **FAITH** one more time. "**FAITH** is **BELIEVING GOD'S . . .**"

May the Lord richly bless you, as you walk by **FAITH**, in what **GOD** has said to us in His **WORD**.



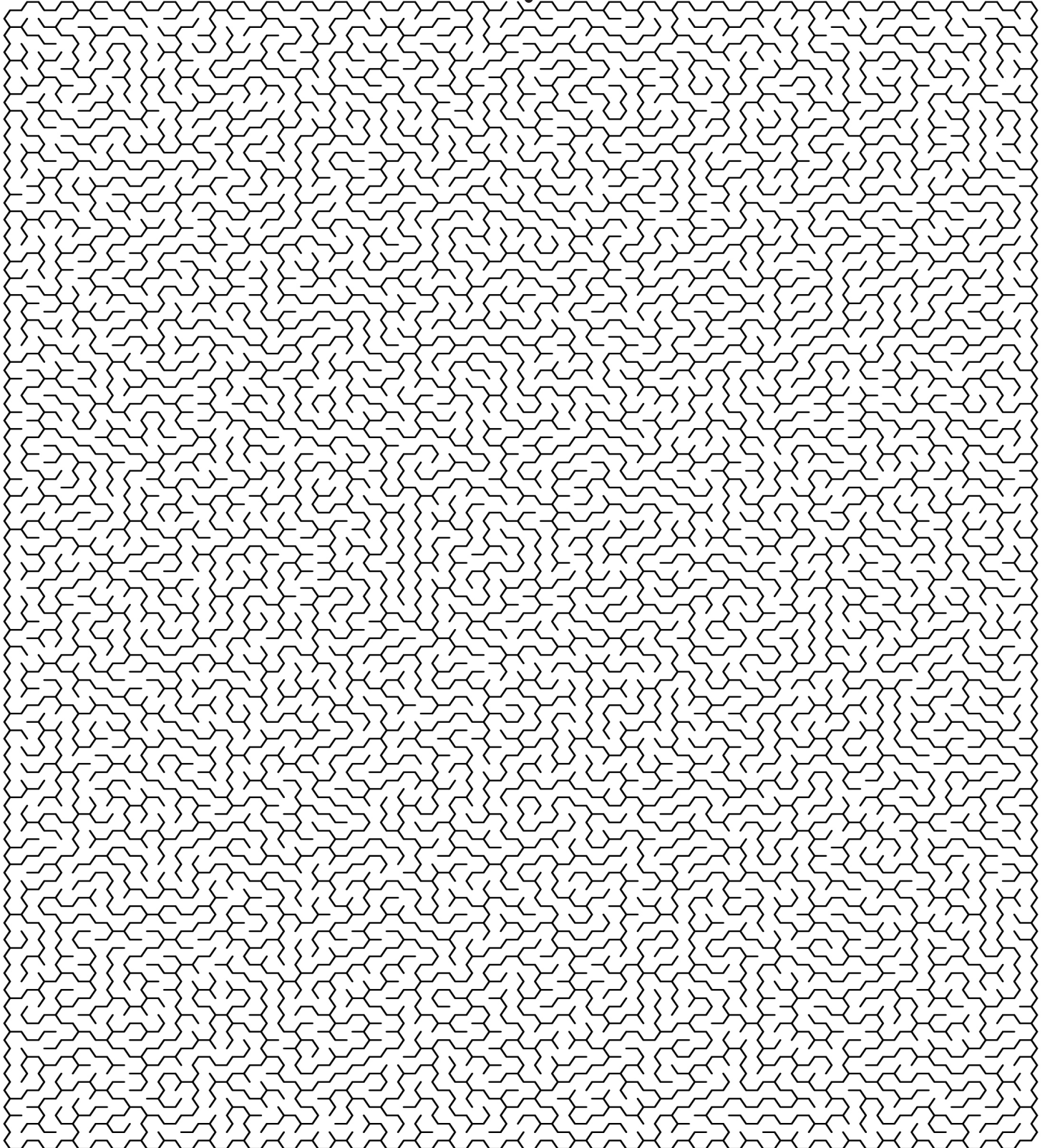




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