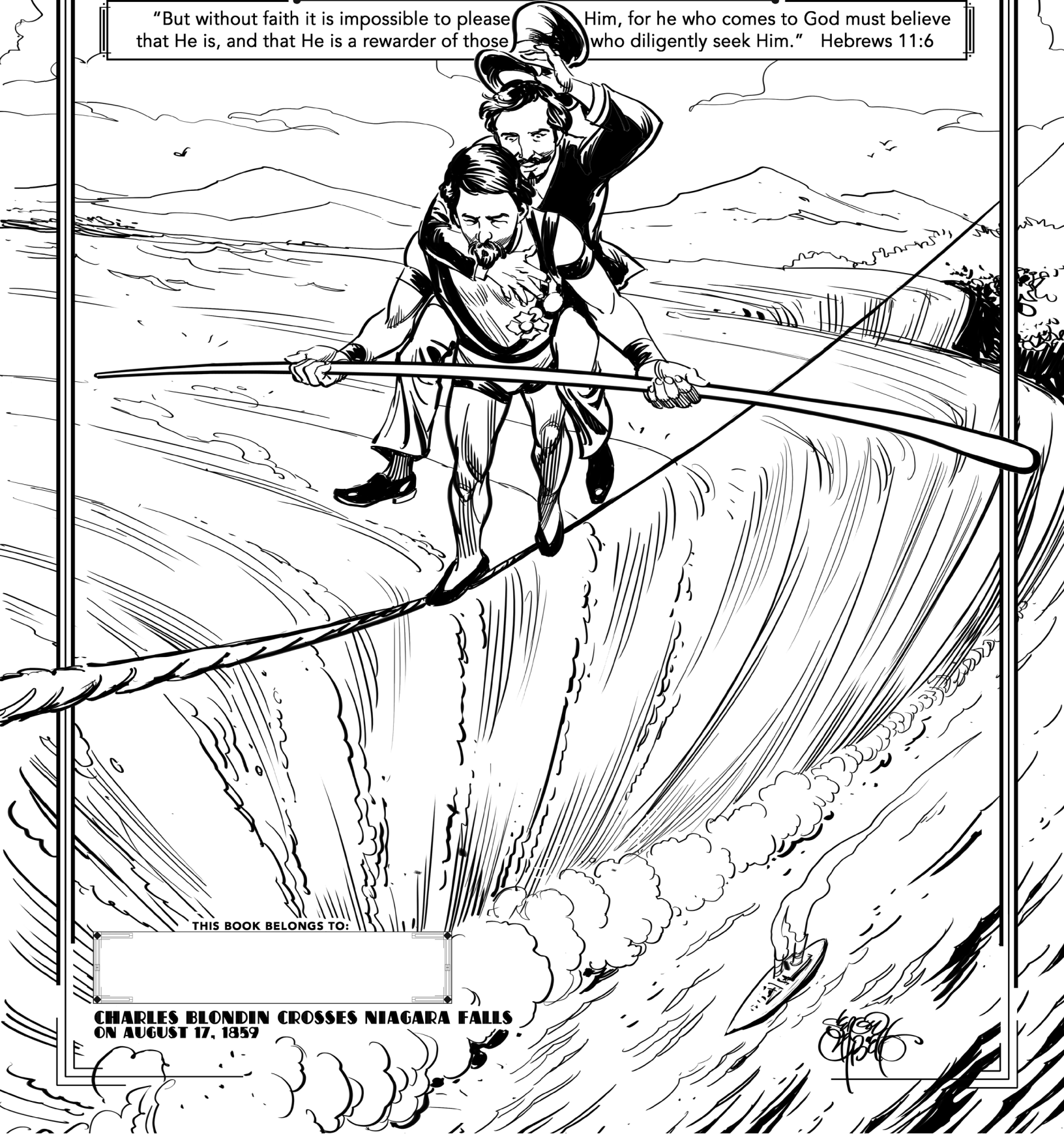


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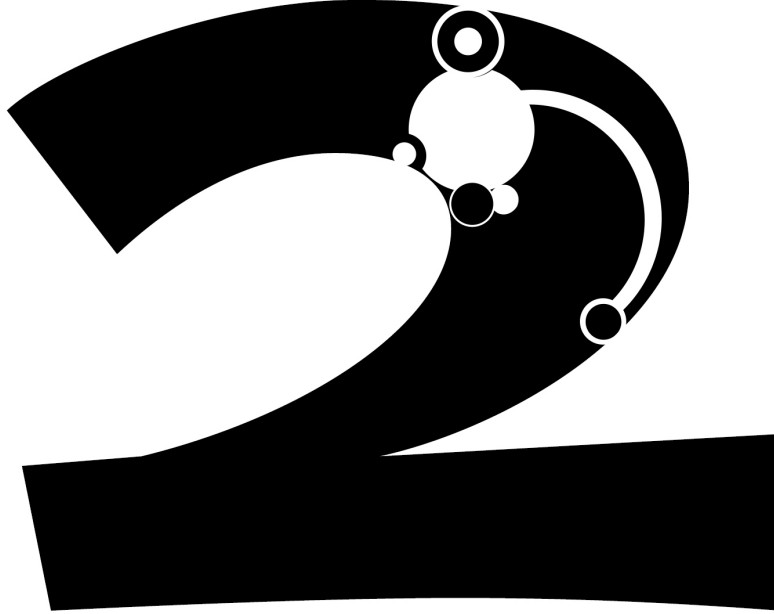
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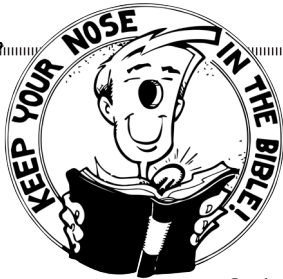
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BIBLE STUDY



Practice...

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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!**

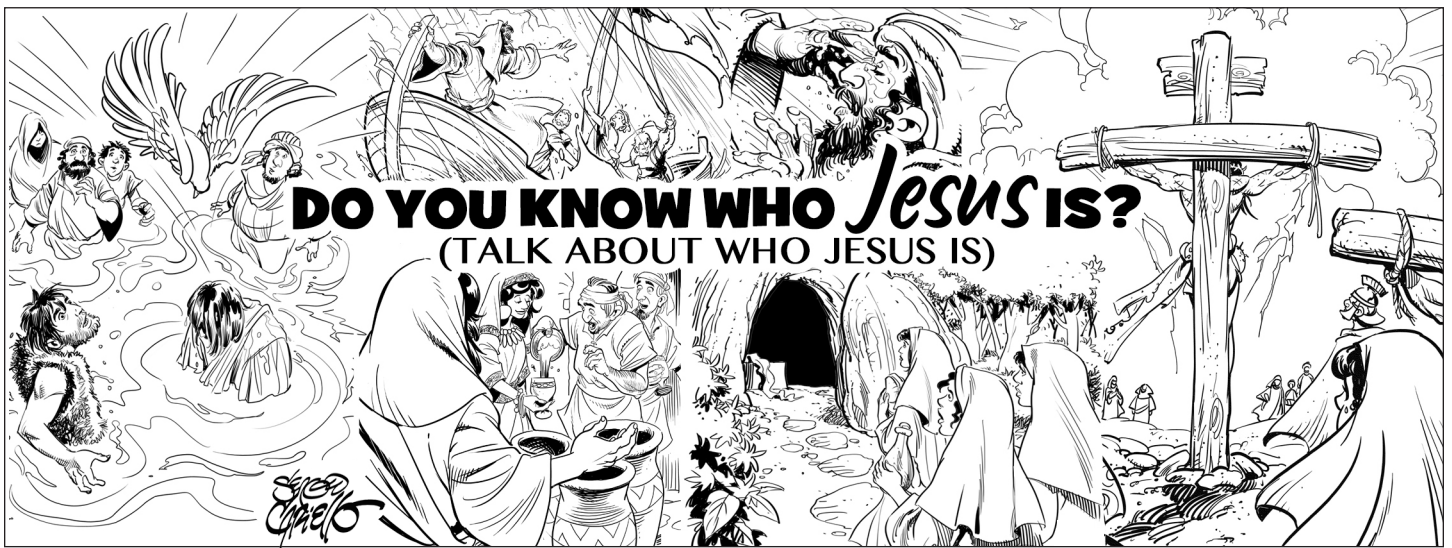
What does it mean to **TRUST**?

- **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.

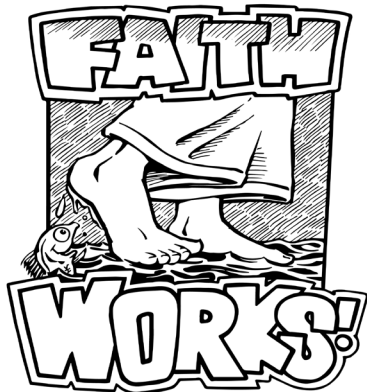
But, the BIBLE says in Titus 1:2, that “GOD 1. _____ cannot lie.” This means GOD ALWAYS tells the 2. _____ truth. GOD can be **TRUSTED**! What are some 3. _____ ways that you have **TRUSTED** GOD? 4. _____

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."

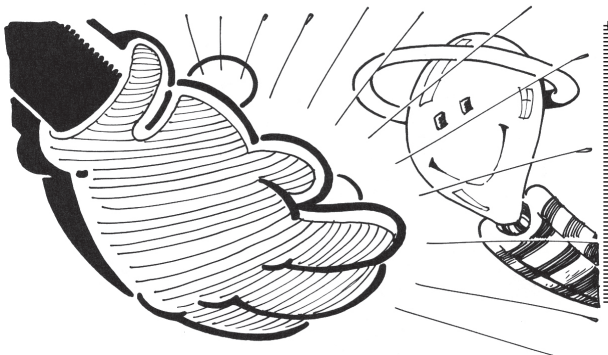


How did *Jesus* give Himself for us?

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*.



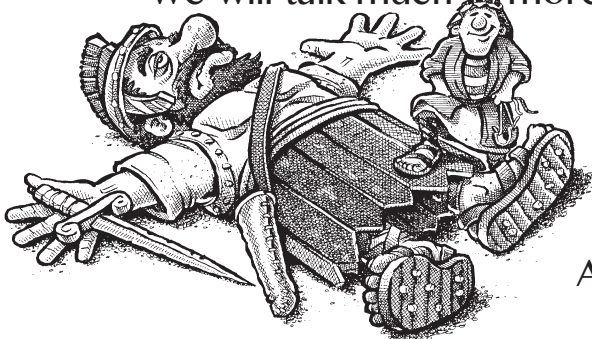
"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen."

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.

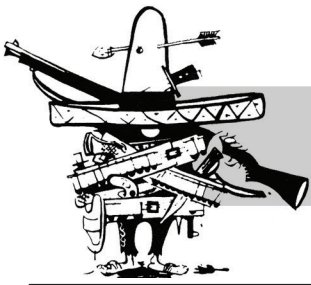
"FAITH is BELIEVING GOD'S WORD and **ACTING** upon it, no matter how I feel, because GOD promises a **GOOD RESULT**."

OK. Do you remember from our 1ST 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.



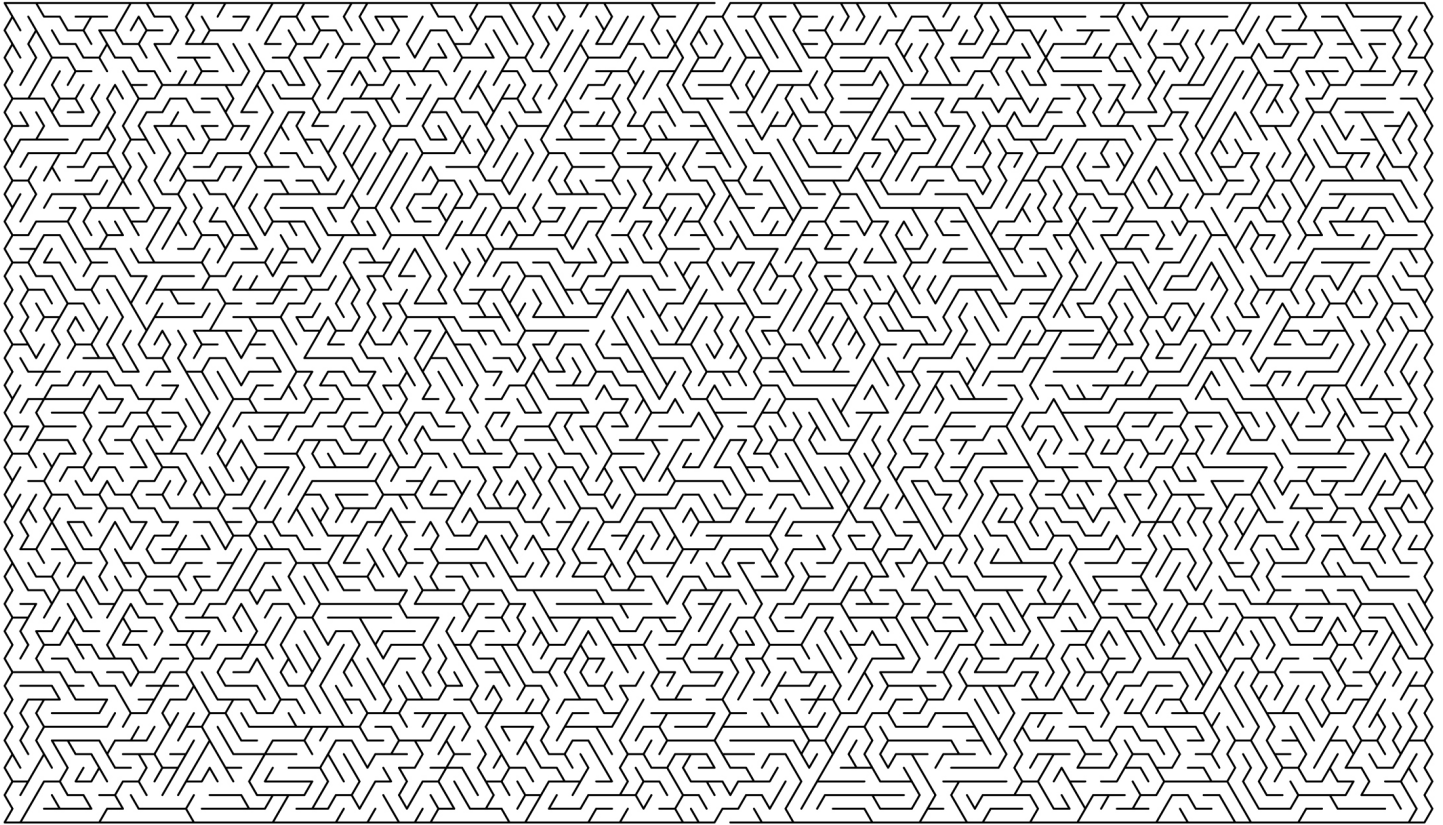
"Every one that is called by My name, and whom I have created for My glory I have formed him; yes, I have made him." Isaiah 43:7





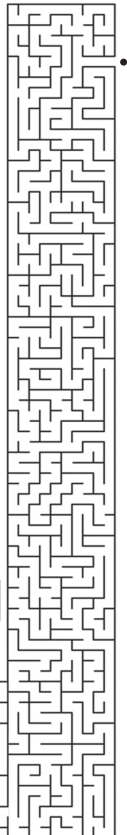
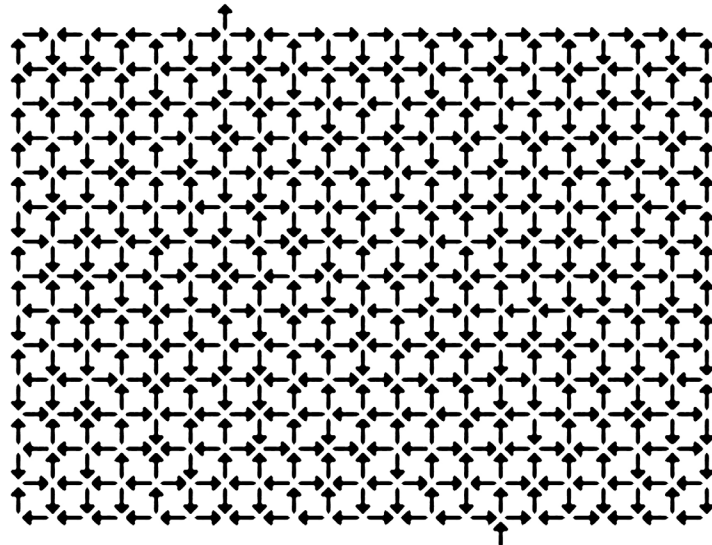
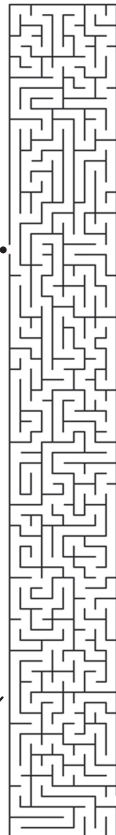
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FIND THE **BIBLE VERSE**
(BELOW) IN THE **WORD SEARCH**

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YOU CAN ONLY GO THE DIRECTION IN WHICH THE ARROW INDICATES

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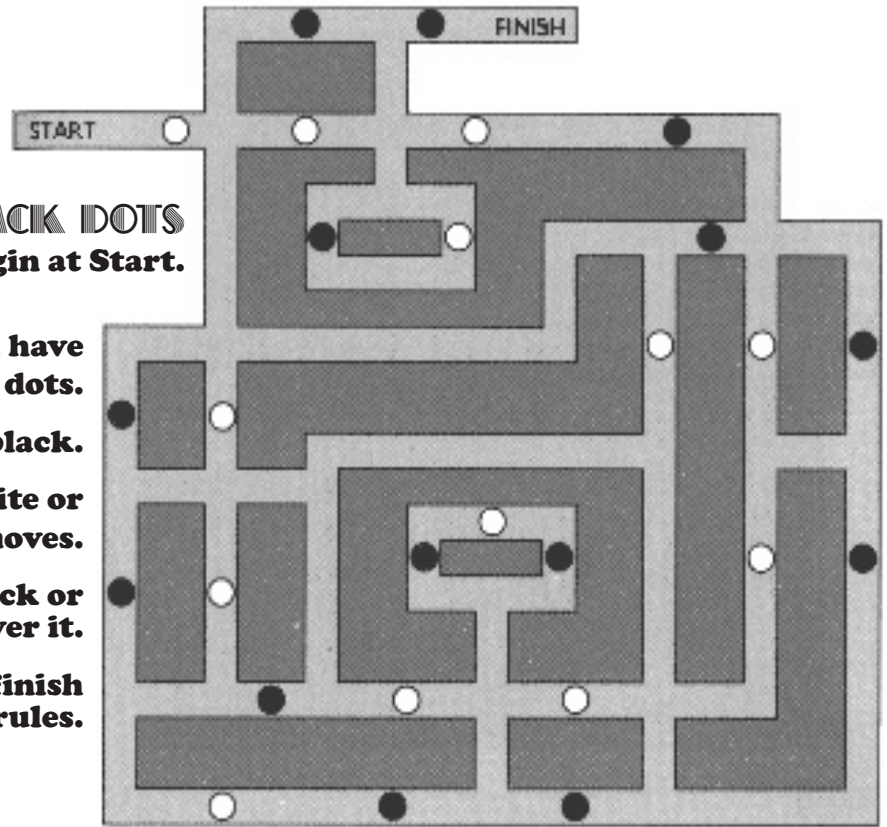
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WHITE & BLACK DOTS

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.**



NUMBERS

- 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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