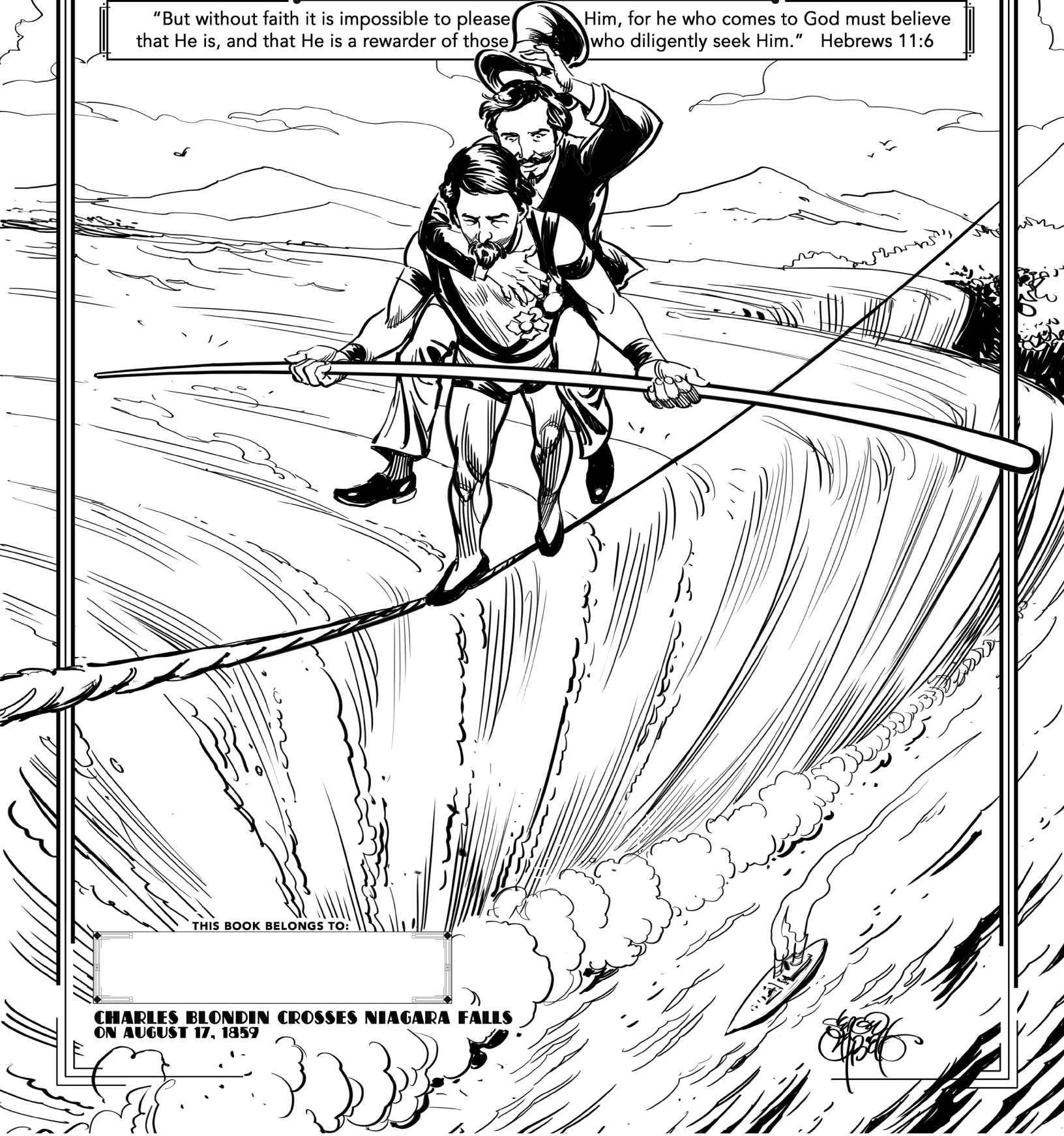


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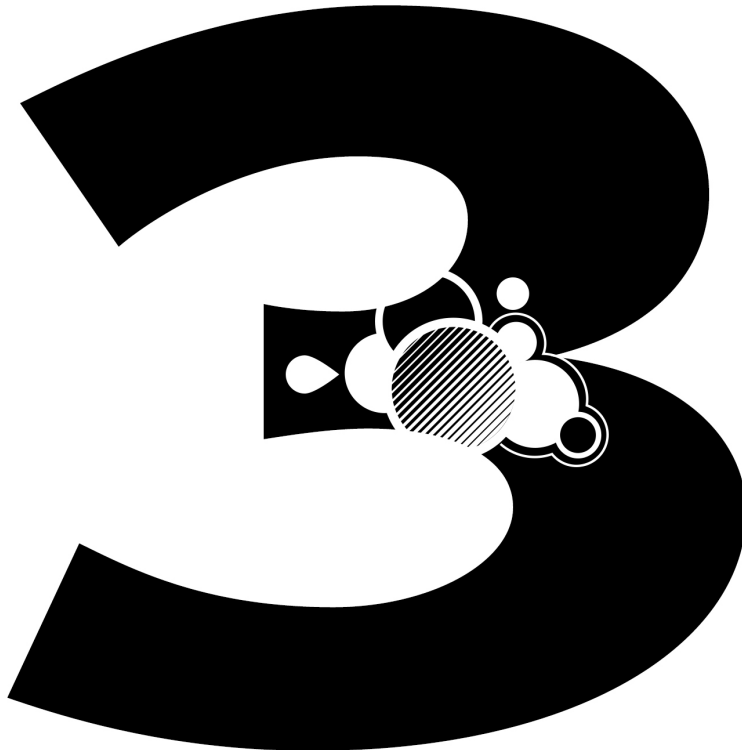
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BIBLE STUDY



Let's say our 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 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."



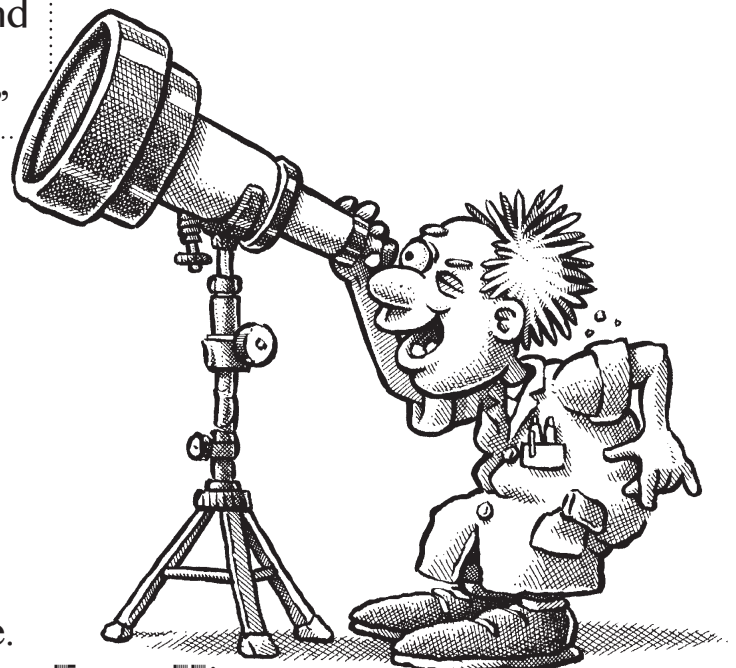
Do you remember the whole **DEFINITION** we learned about **FAITH**?

"**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 _ _ I _ _**!



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?

- 1.
- 2.

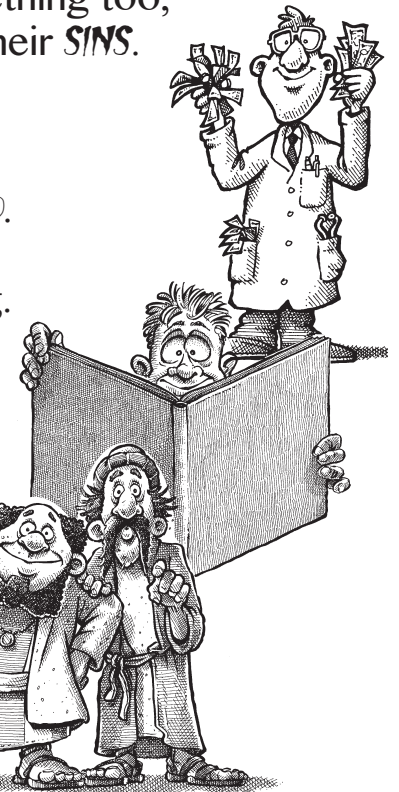
We use **FAITH** all the time. People who don't **TRUST** **GOD** still **TRUST** in something. They just unfortunately (for them), put their **TRUST** in something other than **GOD**. But, they still have **FAITH** in something too, just not the one who can save them from their **SINS**.



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.



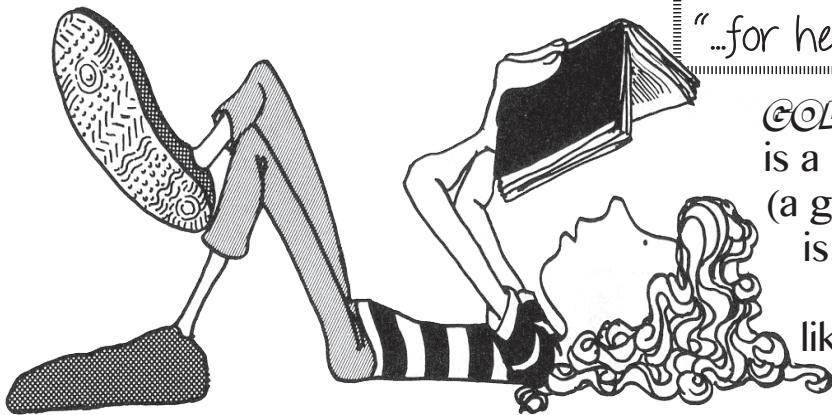
"But without faith it is impossible to please Him..."

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.

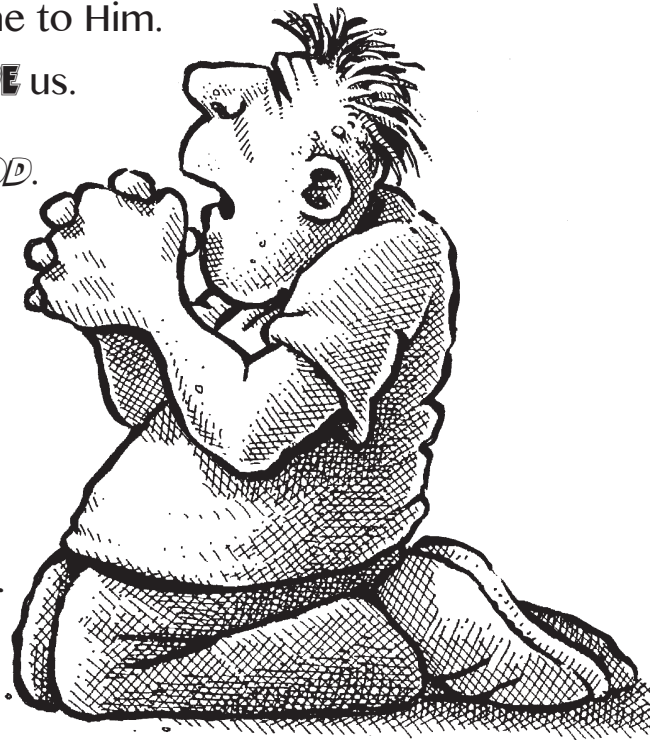
GOD knows that when our **FAITH** in Him is strong, we come to Him.
And when our **FAITH** in Him is weak, we don't come to Him.

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 **1ST 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.

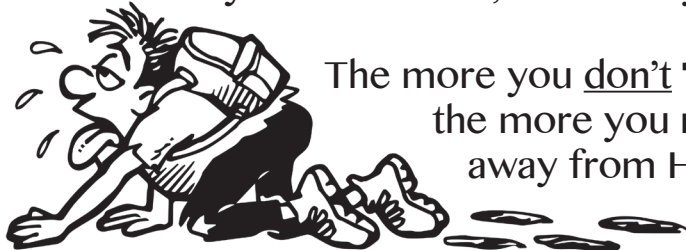


List them:

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:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

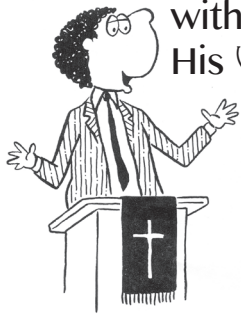
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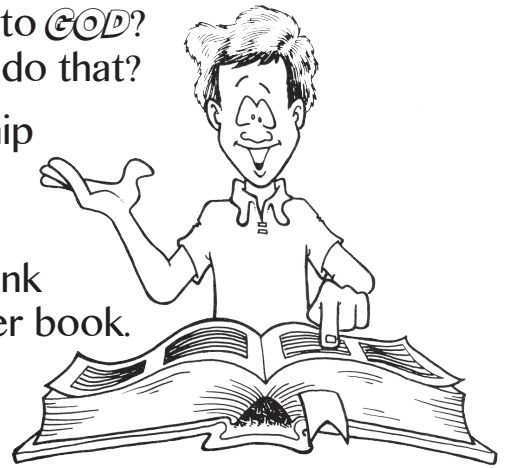
Now we're going to talk about an important part of this verse:
coming to GOD.

“...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

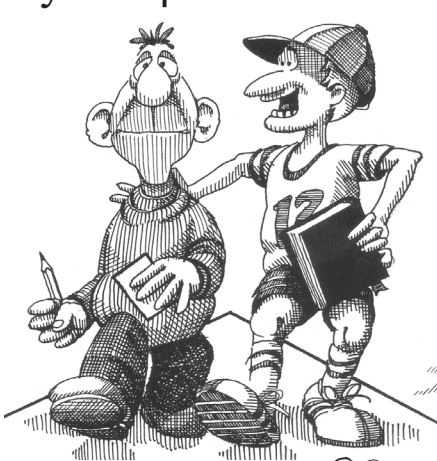
“For the Word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.”



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.

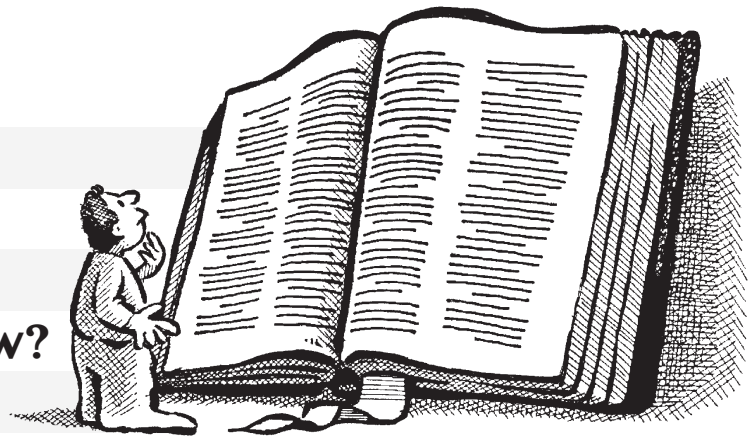
When you read the **BIBLE** and respond to what **©OD** has said, you need to respond personally and correctly; personally, like responding to what a friend has just said to you, and correctly, not changing anything that the **BIBLE** says, but responding to what was said.



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 **4TH** **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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