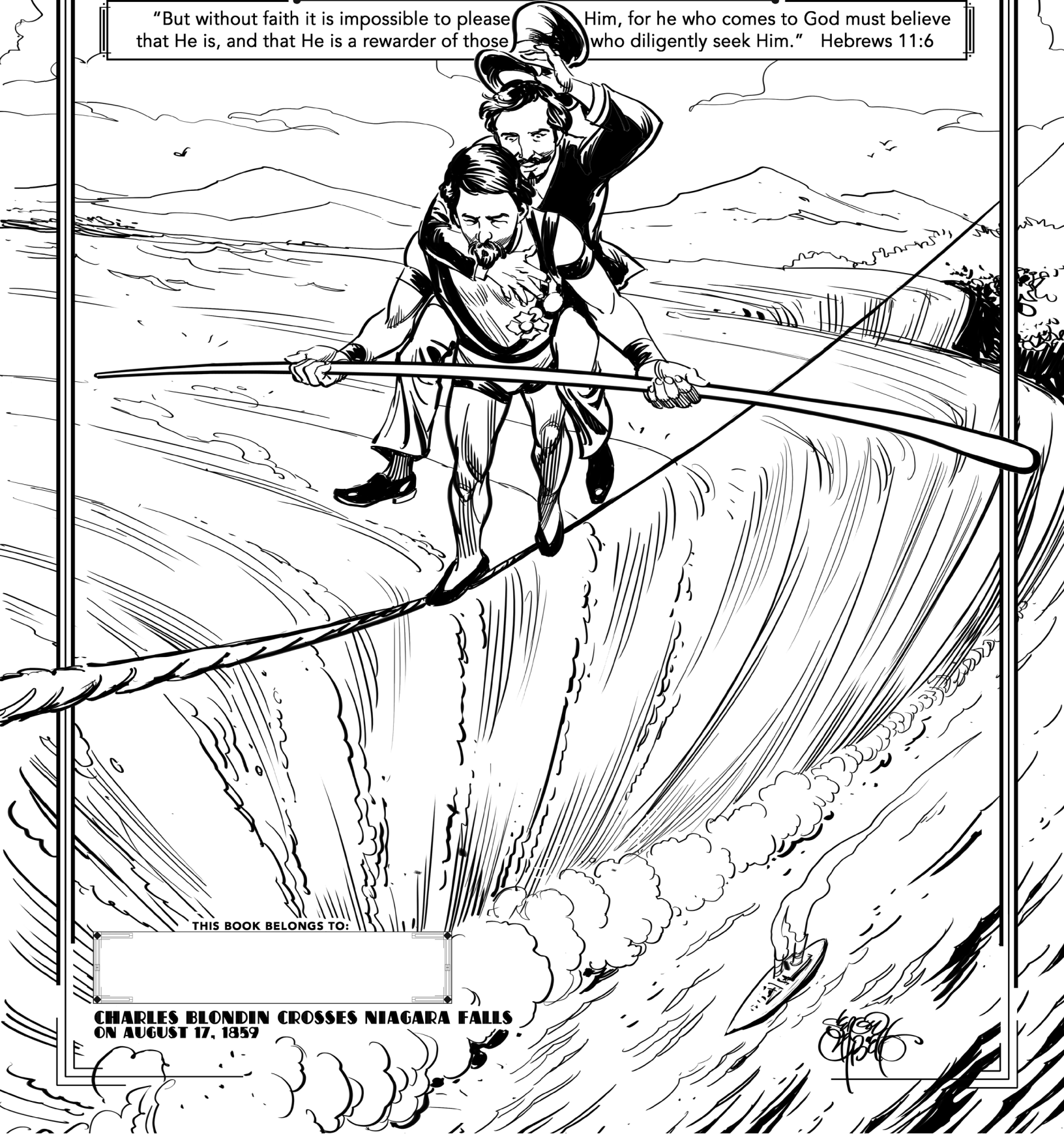


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BIBLE STUDY



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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**.

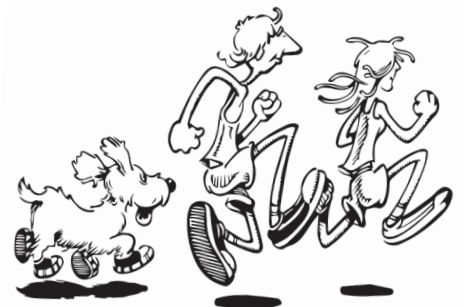
ENOCH lived 300 years and **GOD** said he was well pleasing to Him.

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**.

1ST, 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**.

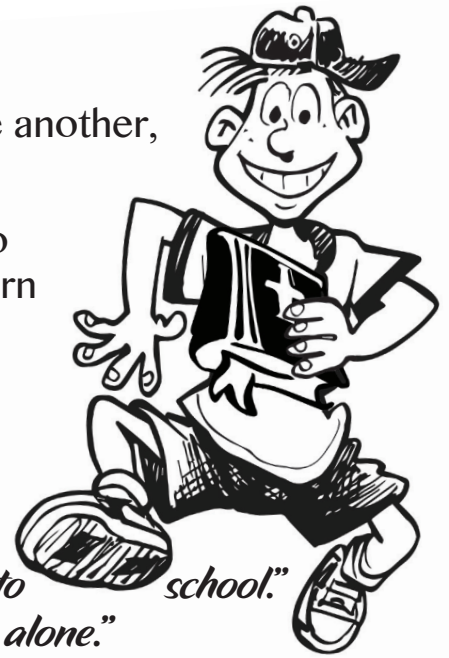
FAITH says "I will meet with You this morning before I go to school."

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.

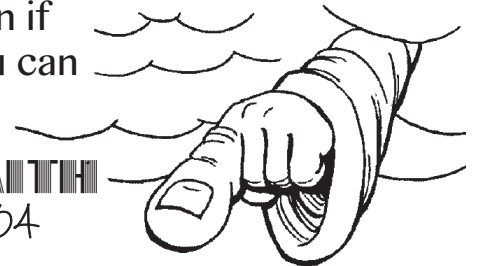


If you walk with **GOD** by **FAITH**, your life is pleasing to Him. Even if you go through terrible trails, you can **TRUST** that **GOD** is with you.

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.

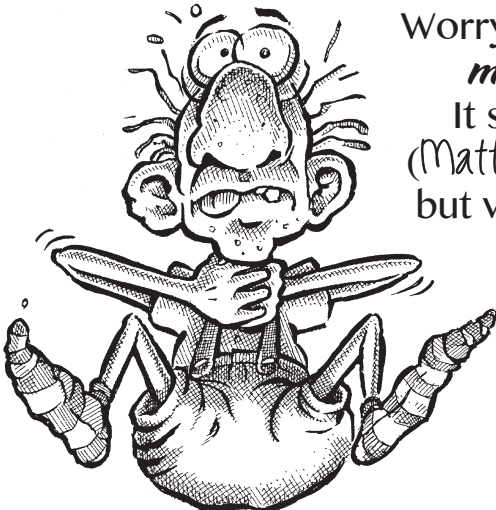
How many times in Matthew 6:25-34 does **GOD** tell us not to worry?

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.

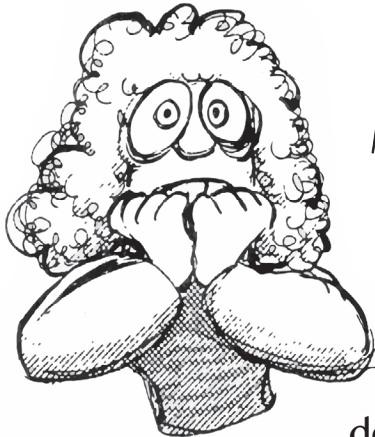
"Are not two sparrows sold for a copper coin? And not one of them falls to the ground apart from your Father's will. But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Do not fear therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows."



"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?



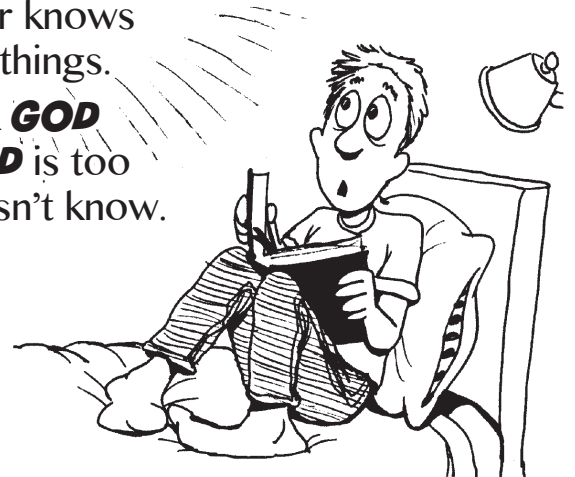
Verse 31 says, "Therefore do not worry, saying, What shall we eat? or What shall we drink? or What shall we wear? For after all these things the Gentiles seek." This is what the Gentiles say. That's the life of a person who doesn't know **GOD**. That's what they spend their time thinking about.

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**.

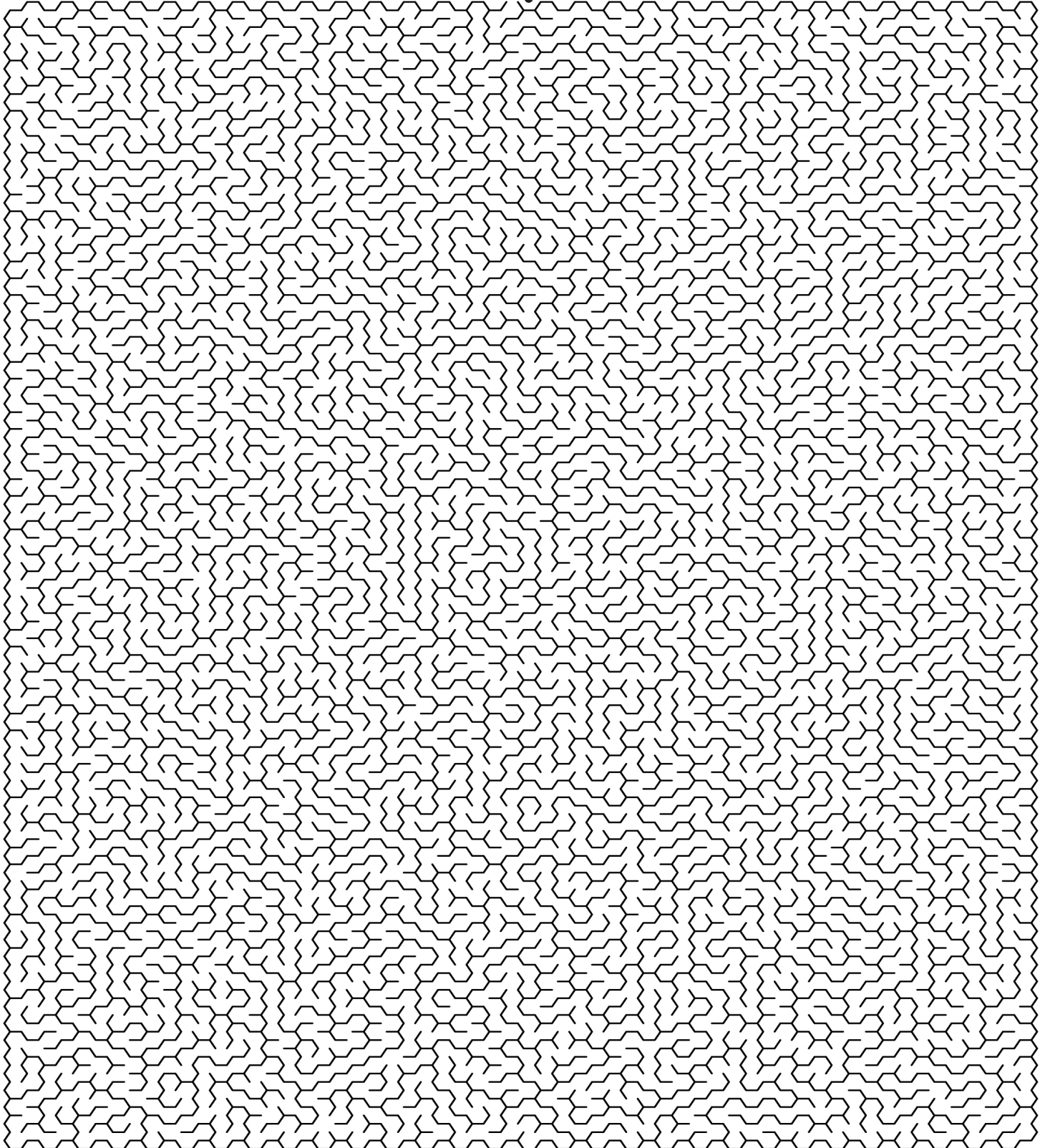




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