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WALKING WITH JESUS *this Easter*

A resource walking teens through Easter with devotionals, prayers,
and more to facilitate encounters with God in a new way.

Happy Easter!

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Hi, you lovely, amazing people!

Thank you for joining us on this journey to know Jesus and grow in faith. As we enter the Easter season, my prayer is that this devotional brings a deeper meaning to your Easter time. May Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection touch and transform your heart once again. Soak in the Word and enjoy every moment! Have a blessed Easter! In His service,

Lulu vd. Berg

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Dear reader - God's affection for you is unending. May this booklet guide you deeper into the Easter story so that you can discover what it means for your life today. When the idea for this devotional journal came up, I knew it was the Holy Spirit putting it on my heart. This is for you to go deeper than our usual daily devotionals. Dive into the Bible this Easter - Seek God in new ways. Knock boldly - He will answer!

Eljoh Hartzler

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MEMORY VERSE

John 11:25-26

'I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though they die, yet they will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.'

Fill in the missing words

'I am the _____ and the life. Whoever _____ in me, though they _____, yet they will _____, and _____ who lives and believes in _____ will never die.'

Doodle the pictures for the key words

Jesus

resurrection

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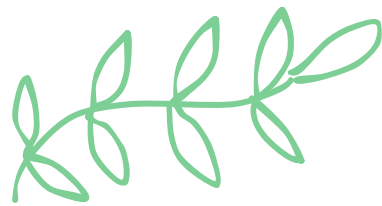
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Write the first letter of each word

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Why did Jesus
come?

THE GREATEST GIFT EVER

by Damian Pinn

John 3:16 MSG

"This is how much God loved the world: He gave his Son, his one and only Son. And this is why: so that no one need be destroyed; by believing in him, anyone can have a whole and lasting life."

Imagine receiving the best gift from a person close to you that you don't meet up much with, that present costs them a lot of money. In the end, they still decided to get it despite the cost. Why? They have so much love for you that they don't mind the sacrifice as long as you accept it.

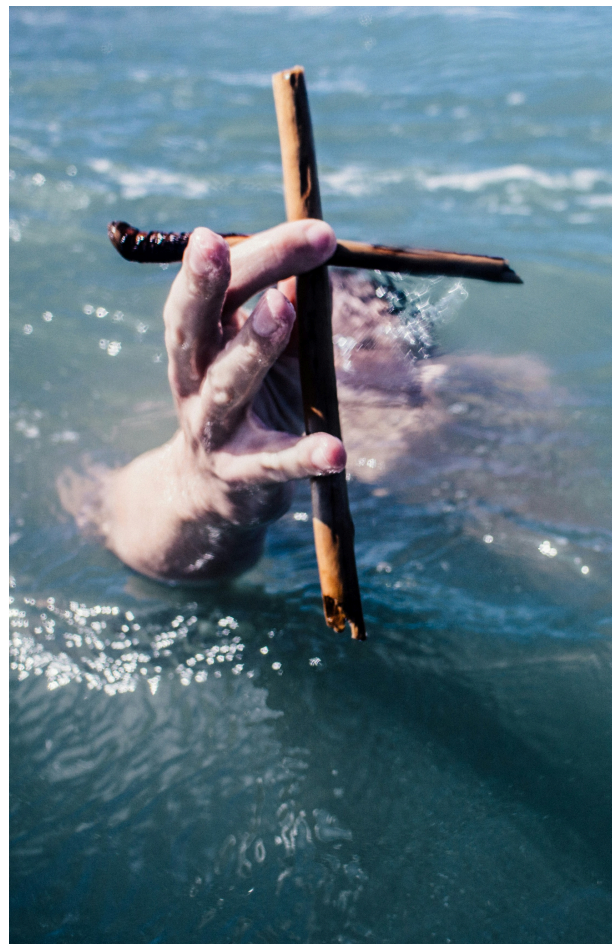
This is the same between us and God.

Jesus' life resembles the gift that God gave us. God gave Jesus, His only Son, to die for our sins, to cleanse us from our wrongdoings so that we as believers can have a right standing with Him and get granted access to eternal life. He did it because of love.

We all have
access to
eternal life
if we confess:
"Jesus is Lord".

Prayer: Lord Jesus, today we pray for an unnatural stirring in our lives so we may follow the righteous path and have a good understanding of what's right and wrong. Guide us and protect us through this day. Amen

Challenge: Close your eyes and ask the Holy Spirit to show you what Jesus sees when He looks at you. You are His beloved child who is worth the ultimate cost!





prayer

Dear God,
today I remember when Jesus came into the city of Jerusalem. He rode a humble donkey, yet He's the King of the world. Just like the people did, I wave my palms and sing 'Hosanna' because I love Jesus and want to welcome Him into my heart. Live in me, God! Jesus, thank You for coming to be with us. Thank You for loving me even when I don't always do what's right. I'm so happy that You came to Earth and showed us how to live the Kingdom way - also to die for us and that You rose again. I thank You for Your great love. Amen.

JESUS FULFILS THE OLD TESTAMENT

by Madelein de Beer

Matthew 5:17 MSG

"Don't suppose for a minute that I have come to demolish the Scriptures—either God's Law or the Prophets. I'm not here to demolish but to complete. I am going to put it all together, pull it all together in a vast panorama."

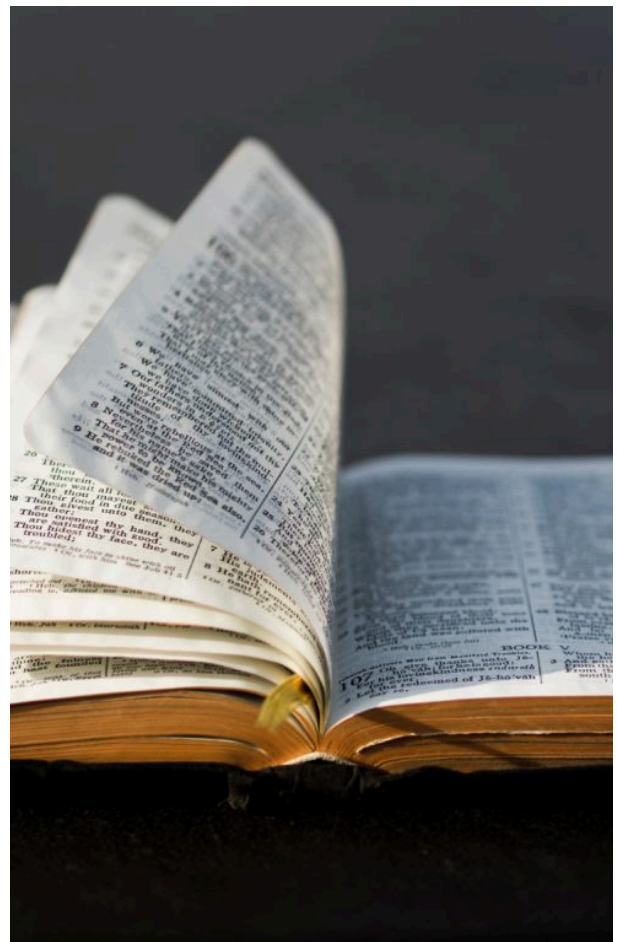
The Bible presents us with a lot of challenges: perplexing laws and very troubling stories. It's easy for us to scratch our heads as we try to figure out how to make sense of it. I've heard people say that they just like to focus on Jesus... I get it!

So what should we do? Is it okay to focus on one part of the Bible, the New Testament, and ignore the rest? The answer, according to Jesus, is a big fat no. We can't toss the history, law, songs, sayings, and prophets out. Think of the parts of the Scriptures that you just don't like...

According to
Jesus, the whole
Bible matters!

Prayer: Lord, help me to pursue You with all that I have got so that I can obey the full Bible. Show me the bigger picture when I cannot see it in the little details and odd facts. Help me to discern, by Your Spirit, what each piece means today. Amen.

Challenge: Read Zechariah 9:9. It doesn't make much sense, right? But, now read Mark 11:1-11. See how the whole Bible tells one story? It's amazing, really!



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LIVING THE KINGDOM WAY

by Raquel Cipriano

John 13:15 MSG

“So if I, the Master and Teacher, washed your feet, you must now wash each other’s feet. I’ve laid down a pattern for you. What I’ve done, you do.”

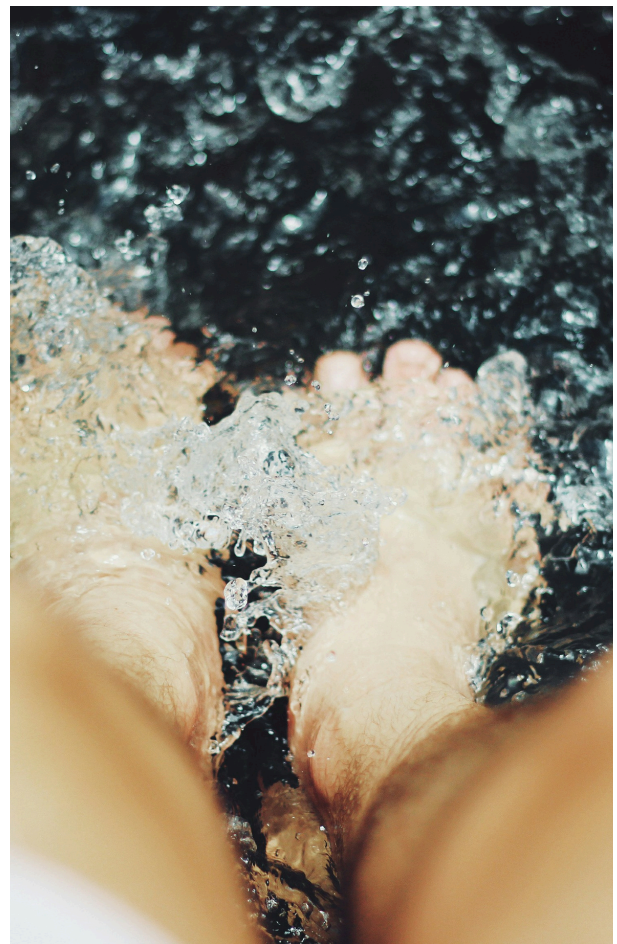
Can you even begin to imagine knowing that your best friends are about to abandon you in the next 24 hours, and instead of ranting at them and being mad, you kneel humbly and lovingly wash away the dirt from their feet? Later, the disciples might’ve looked down at their feet in shame and noticed Jesus’ act of kindness.

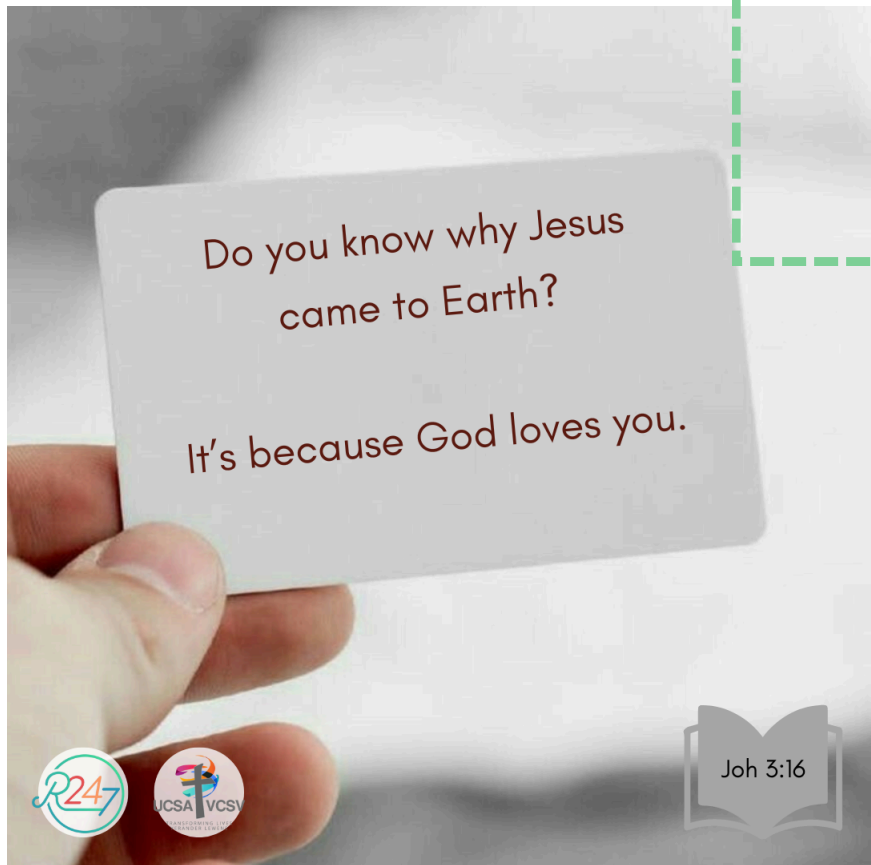
His actions show you that your sins are forgiven and mercy is granted before you even ask for it. Jesus only asks that you live a life of serving others, as an example of your devotion to God’s way.

God will show you
ways to serve others
with compassion &
humility.

Prayer: Dear Lord God, Please help me to treat others with love, to always be humble like Jesus, and to be a reflection of You every day. Help me to be a true servant of God. In Jesus Name, Amen.

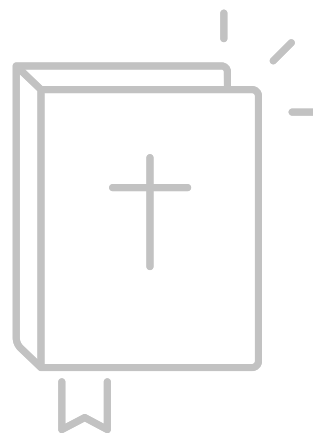
Challenge: Look at those around you...is there anyone you normally don’t talk to or greet? Try approaching them this week and getting to know them as an undercover servant of God.



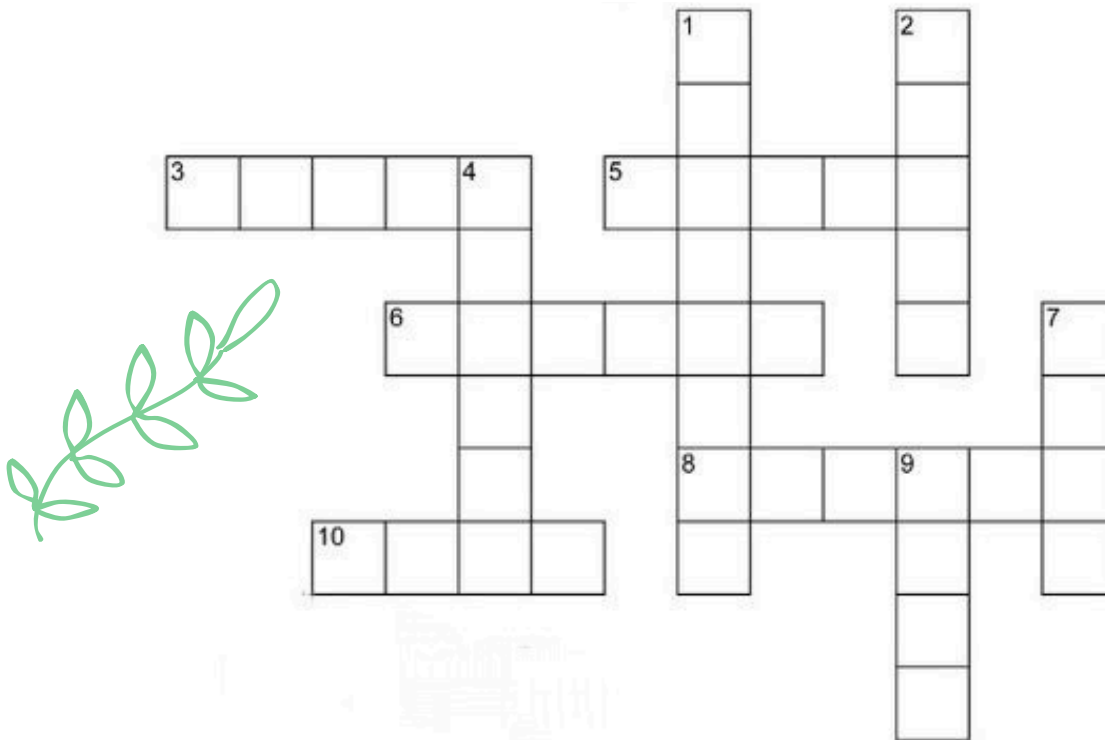


Worship God with music

Mercy Me - Then Christ Came



Easter Crossword



ACROSS

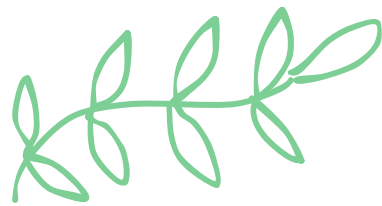
- 3 This was left behind in the tomb
- 5 Jesus died on this
- 6 The body of Jesus was prepared after his death and they put what on it
- 8 Holiday we celebrate for Jesus rising
- 10 Jesus died on a cross for our what

DOWN

- 1 Mary thought Jesus was this
- 2 Who rose from the dead on the third day
- 4 This was folded up in the tomb
- 7 She looked in the tomb to find Jesus gone
- 9 Jesus was placed in this after his death

WORD BANK: Cross, easter, gardener, jesus, linen, mary, napkin, sins, spices, tomb.





The message of the cross

THE BRIDGE DIAGRAM

by Eljoh Hartzler

Romans 3:23 MSG

"We are utterly incapable of living the glorious lives God wills for us, God did it for us. Out of sheer generosity he put us in right standing with himself. A pure gift. He got us out of the mess we're in and restored us to where he always wanted us to be. And he did it by means of Jesus Christ."

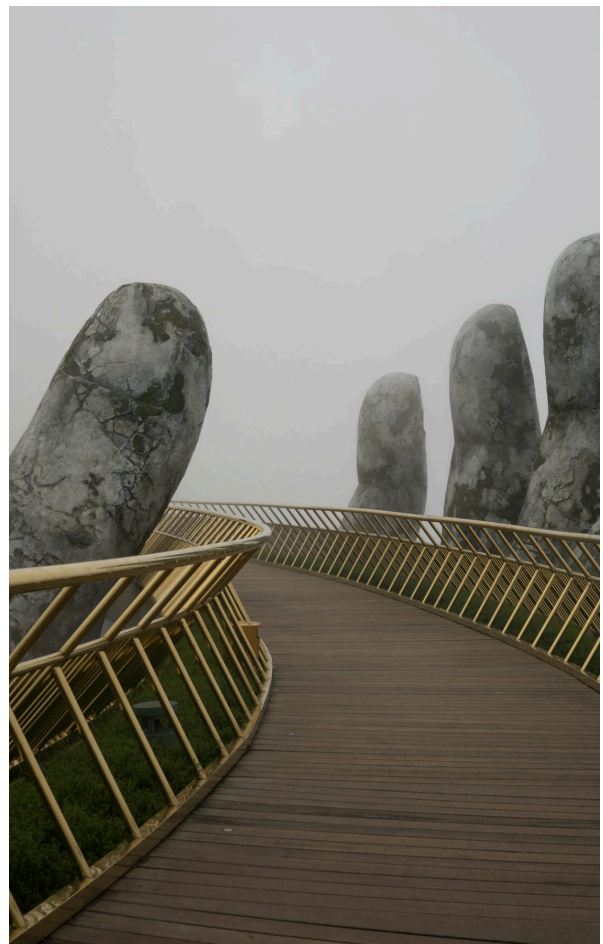
Imagine two hills with a big gap between them. The one hill is full of life. There's a waterfall, the grass is green, and it looks lovely. The sun shines over there. But you are standing on the other hill. The ground is cracked, there are no signs of life, and it looks lonely. You try to jump across the gap, but fall short every time.

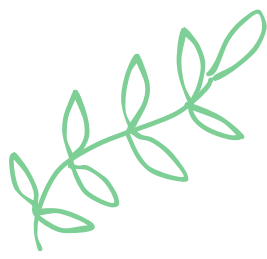
Then, a big bridge of wood appears and it allows you to walk over into abundant life. That is what the cross of Jesus did. He became the bridge so that we can be near God. We could not get it right on our own, but He made a way!

Jesus came
to restore our
relationship
with God.

Prayer: Dear Lord, thank You for coming up with the perfect solution so that I can have direct access to You. I now know that Jesus came so that I can have a full life with You. Thank You for saving me from being stuck in suffering, Amen.

Challenge: Draw the bridge diagram described above: the 2 hills, one full of life, one without it, the cross in the middle. Who can you share this picture with today?





prayer

Jesus,

I believe You are the Son of God,
that You died on the cross to rescue
me from sin and death and to
restore me to the Father. I choose
now to turn from my sins and every
part of my life that does not please
you. I choose You. I give myself to
You. I receive Your forgiveness and
ask You to take Your rightful place
in my life as my Savior and Lord.

Come reign in my heart, fill me with
Your love and Your life, and help
me to become a person who is truly
loving—a person like You. Restore
me, Jesus. Live in me. Love through
me. Thank You, God.

Amen.

HE PAID THE PRICE

by Lindie Steenkamp

1 Corinthians 6:20 MSG

“God owns the whole works. So let people see God in and through your body.”

Child of God, do you really realize how much God loves you? Do you realize what a great price He paid for you? He sent His Son, Jesus, to show us how to live and to restore our relationship with Him by overcoming sin on the cross.

God chose us to be His children. If you believe with your heart that Jesus died and rose again, and confess with your mouth: “Jesus is the Son of God” (1 John 4:15) then you are truly a child of God.

God is love, and if you love others and radiate love from you, then other people can see God in your life.

Jesus paid the price.
He finished everything.
You are His!

Prayer: Jesus, thank you for taking away my sin so that I can live close to God! Thank you for choosing me to be Your child. Lord, I love You! May I reflect Your hands, feet, and voice here on earth. Amen.

Challenge: Take a sticky note or any piece of paper and write on it: GOD LOVES YOU INFINITELY! Then stick it on your mirror or inside your wardrobe.



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A NEW CREATION

by Madelein de Beer

2 Corinthians 5:17 MSG

"Now we look inside, and what we see is that anyone united with the Messiah gets a fresh start, is created new. The old life is gone; a new life emerges!"

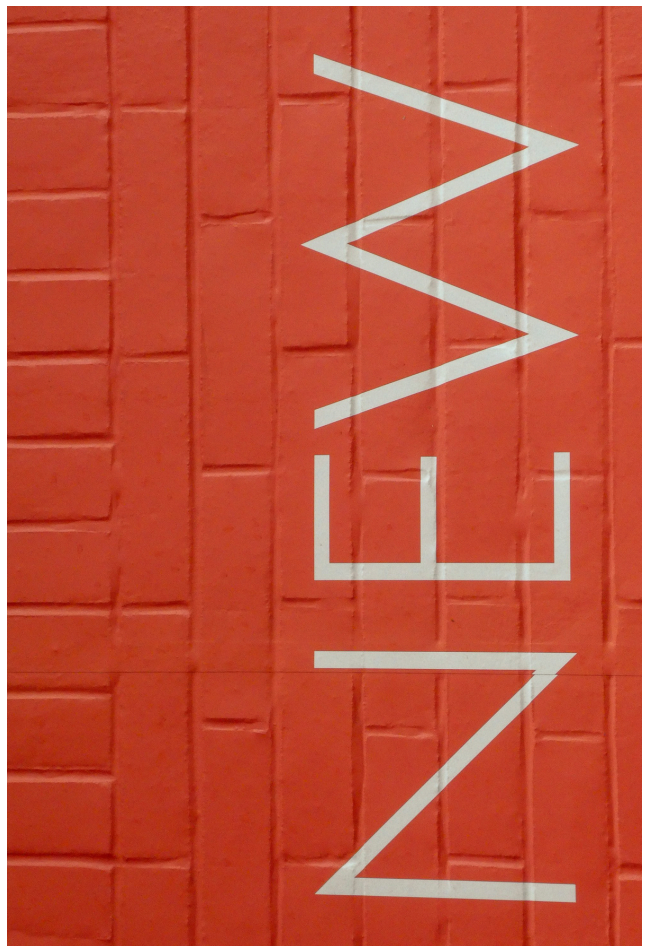
Today, remember that when you accepted Jesus, you became a 'new creation' - a fresh start, completely free from your past mistakes! Just like a blank canvas, God wants to paint beautiful things in your life. What new colors of kindness, courage, and love do you want to see on your canvas today?

A genuine change in our hearts enables us to begin living a life of knowing and loving Christ. Anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. You don't have to hold on to guilt and sin - hold fast to Jesus instead.

You get
a new start!

Prayer: Dear God, thank you for making me new in Christ. Help me to live each day with the purpose and joy that comes from being Your child. You don't remember my weakness and sin, so why should I cling to it? Help me to let it go. Amen.

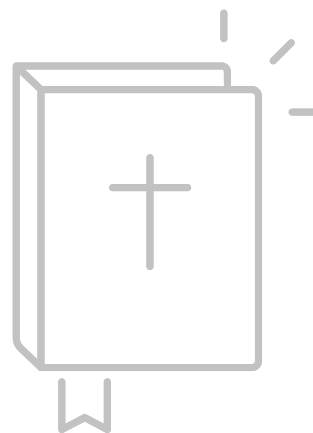
Challenge: It's easy to cling to your mistakes, flaws, and shortcomings. When those thoughts come up today, try saying instead: "I am a new creation in Christ".





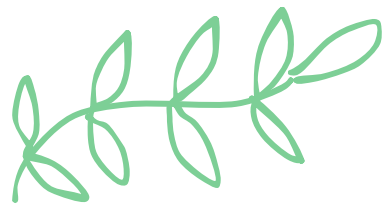
Worship God with music

Phil Wickham - Creator



coloring picture





The good news:
He is risen!

THE GOOD NEWS GOSPEL

by Madelein de Beer

Matthew 4:23-24 MSG

“God’s kingdom was his theme—that beginning right now they were under God’s government, a good government! He also healed people of their diseases and of the bad effects of their bad lives. Word got around the entire Roman province of Syria. People brought anybody with a sickness, whether mental, emotional, or physical. Jesus healed them, one and all.”

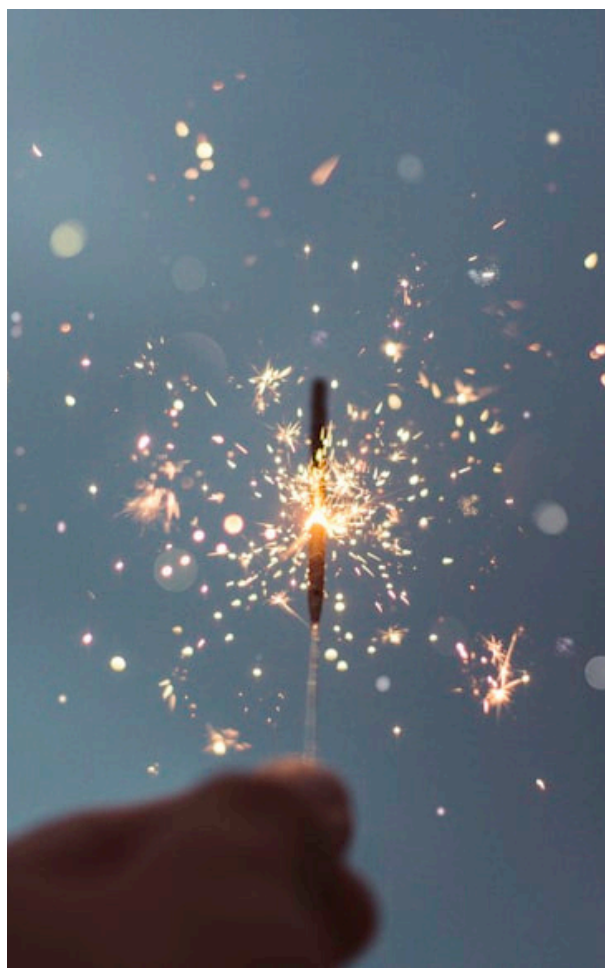
You might be wondering, “Why is this a big deal?” Well, here’s the scoop: Your faith journey is unique, and your experiences with God matter. Sharing your faith story can impact others and strengthen your own faith. Plus, it’s a whole lot of fun!

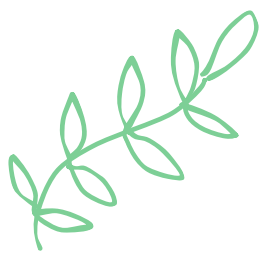
Think of your faith like a treasure chest. Every experience, every moment with God, is like a precious gem that adds value to your chest. Your testimony is the key to unlocking that chest and sharing those gems with the world. Remember, you have the power to make a difference in the lives of others through evangelism and sharing your faith.

Be ready to share your faith story at any time.

Prayer: Gracious Father, thank You for the privilege of being called to share the Gospel. I ask for Your guidance and boldness as I go out into the world to spread Your love and truth. Amen.

Challenge: When people look at you today, will they see Jesus in you? How?





prayer

Lord,
as I share this good news, guide
my words and actions to reflect
Your grace and love. Grant me the
boldness to share Your message
with joy, and help me to be a
source of encouragement and hope
for others. May this news bring joy
and upliftment to those who hear
it, and may it be a testament to
Your goodness and power. I pray
that Your Holy Spirit will make me
aware of the moments where I can
share. May everything I do, create,
say, share, and encounter be
marked with the Kingdom of
Heaven.
Amen.

HE IS RISEN

by Madelein de Beer

Mark 16:6 MSG

"He said, 'Don't be afraid. I know you're looking for Jesus the Nazarene, the One they nailed on the cross. He's been raised up; he's here no longer. You can see for yourselves that the place is empty.'"

Just like Jesus overcame death and rose again, you can overcome challenges and "rise above" difficult situations. You can find strength to keep trying even when things seem tough. In Him, you can forgive others easily and always have hope for a better tomorrow, no matter what happens.

Jesus proved that even death couldn't stop God. It's like a superhero movie comeback, showing that God's love and power are stronger than anything, even death itself. That gives us hope for a future beyond this life.

In Jesus, you can rise
above difficult
situations.

Prayer: Jesus, you have overcome death and conquered every fear I could imagine. You rose again so that I can live in full freedom and free access to God. Help me to live each day remembering that You are alive. Amen.

Challenge: If you face a challenge in school or with a task, remember that Jesus overcame death, so you can overcome your challenges too. Why? Because He's alive in you.



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HOPE FOR THE FUTURE

by Madelein de Beer

John 11:25-26 MSG

"I am, right now, Resurrection and Life. The one who believes in me, even though he or she dies, will live. And everyone who lives believing in me does not ultimately die at all. Do you believe this?"

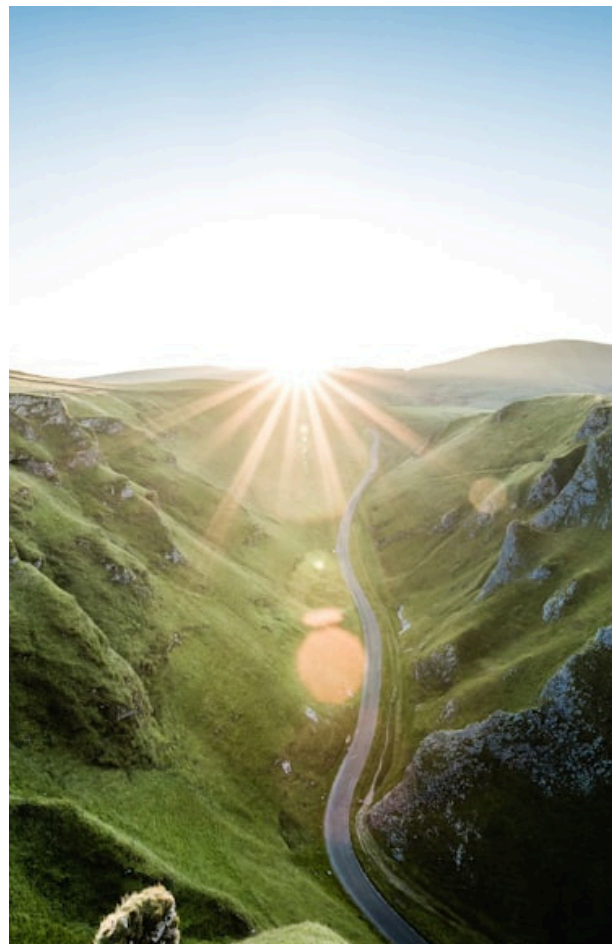
Think of a video game where you can "respawn" after you die. Jesus' power is like that, allowing us to live again after we die if we believe in him. Jesus, who is life, will live forever. Because He lives, we live. Because He is life, we have life eternally.

If you keep looking at Jesus and His perfect sacrifice for our sins on the cross, you will always be confident of your eternal future. It's when we look away that we stumble. Remember God's promise never changes - we have fullness of life in Him.

Jesus' resurrection
gives us hope
for the future.

Prayer: Dear Jesus, you are my hope. I cling to you when I cannot see a better future or a way out. Please comfort my heart and assure me that You are the one true thing. Amen.

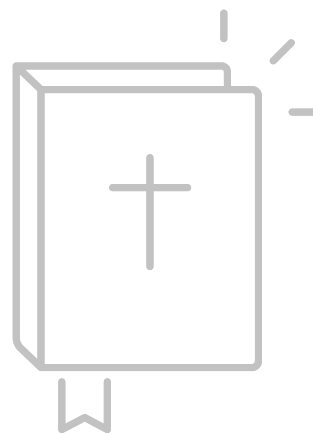
Challenge: What situation in your life feels hopeless right now? What have you just decided to live with? I want to challenge you today to ask Jesus how He sees that...



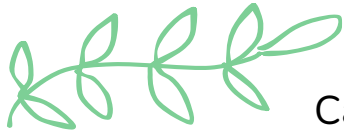


Worship God with music

Newsboys - God's Not Dead



Easter Wordsearch



Can you find the words hidden in the puzzle?

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A	U	O	C	E	E	A	S	T	E	R	I
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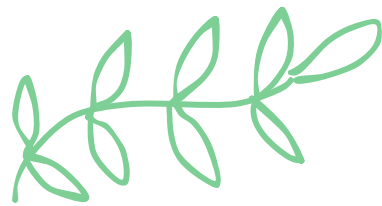
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The great commission

LIVING FOR JESUS

by Madelein de Beer

Galatians 2:20 MSG

"Christ lives in me. The life you see me living is not "mine," but it is lived by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. I am not going to go back on that."

Living for Jesus is about who you are, not just what you do. It means to completely surrender your wants and needs and replace them with God's. Instead of thinking, "How can I be the best tennis player?" you'd think, "How can I use being on the tennis team for God's glory?"

A heart that desires to love God and love people- That is what "living for Christ" is all about. If you stumble, it's all right. We all do! We all mess up from time to time, and it's only human. Your life is not your own though, and because Jesus lives in you, you can get back up again.

Living for Jesus
means He gets
the glory.

Prayer: Father God, thank You for another day of life where I can know You more and live fully because Jesus is alive in me. Help me to seek Your glory in every situation. Amen.

Challenge: To live like Jesus, simply ask Him: Help me to see the world through Your eyes. Break my heart for what breaks yours.





prayer

Thank you, Father,
for the “Great Commission” that
Jesus has sent us on as His
disciples, and that You’ve called
us to undertake. I pick up my
banner and promise to raise the
Kingdom of Heaven up in my life.
I’m like a messenger sent out by
a king to proclaim a message to
the people. Thank You for Your
Holy Spirit who speaks to my
soul and guides me with peace.
I’ll be your witness where I am
today: in my home, among my
friends, at school, and in my
community. May Your Kingdom
light flood the dark places
around me - Use me, God!
Amen.

SHARING THE GOSPEL

by Lindie Steenkamp

Romans 10:14-15 MSG

“But how can people call for help if they don’t know who to trust? And how can they know who to trust if they haven’t heard of the One who can be trusted? And how can they hear if nobody tells them? And how is anyone going to tell them, unless someone is sent to do it?”

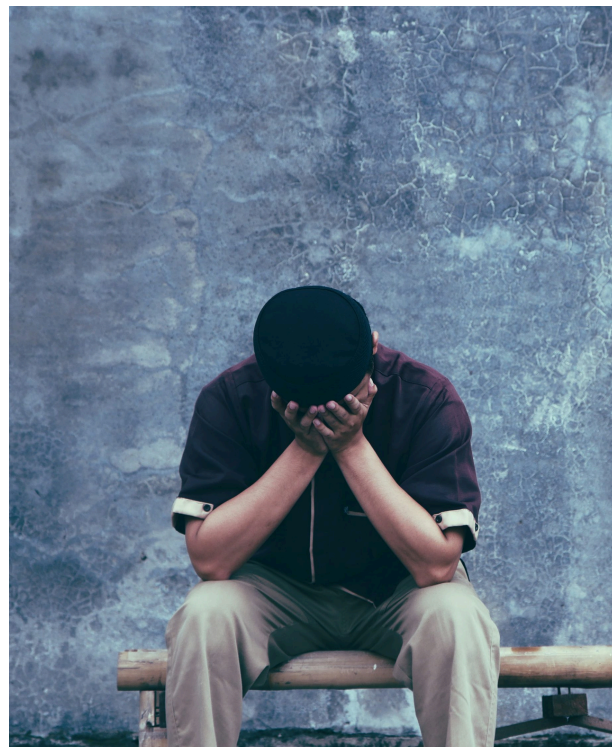
That is why the Bible says: Listen to how wonderful the footsteps of those who go and tell other people about all the good things God does. Did you know that there are about 3 billion people who have never even heard of Jesus, and that there are countries where people are not allowed to read the Bible or pray? In some places the name ‘Jesus’ is not allowed.

Our faith gives us a reason to live, a deep peace and joy, and the greatest love of all. That is why it is called the Good News. Can you imagine what it would be like if you did not know about God’s love for you?

People are dying of
thirst, and you hold
the Living Water
in your hands.

Prayer: Lord Jesus, thank you that I (your name) know and serve You. Thank you that I can talk to You anywhere and at any time of the day. Please help me to live and share Your Word so that everyone I come into contact with can come to know You through me. Amen

Challenge: Go to JoshuaProject.net today and choose a nation that does not yet know the Lord. Get a scrapbook and paste and make notes about everything in the country. Start praying for the leaders of the land, so that God can prepare the ground for the seed that needs to be sown there.



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TELL THE WORLD ABOUT IT

by Eljoh Hartzler

Matthew 28:19-20 MSG

“Go out and train everyone you meet, far and near, in this way of life, marking them by baptism in the threefold name: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Then instruct them in the practice of all I have commanded you.”

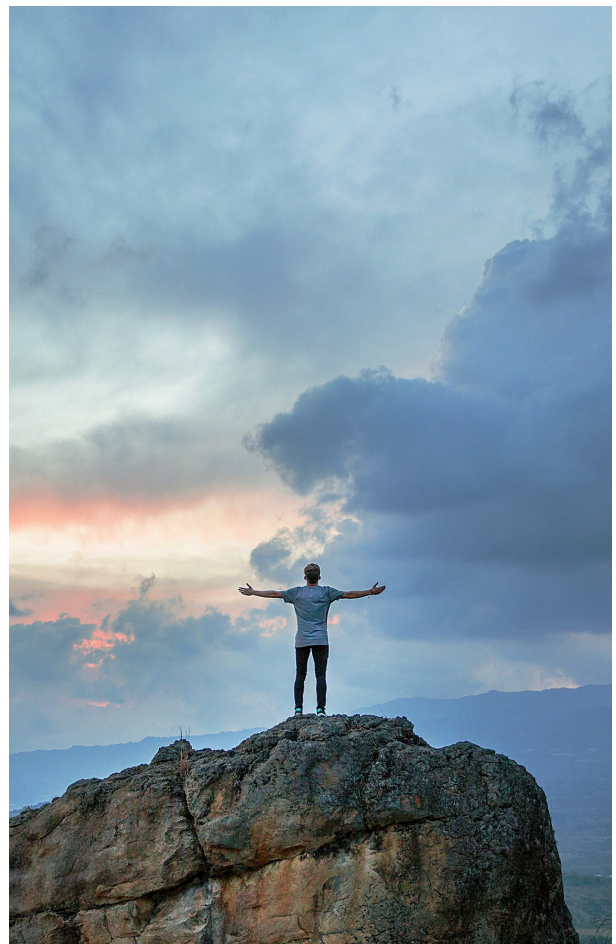
Do you remember the best pizza you ever tasted? Maybe the crust was crispy and the cheese stringy - all the flavors perfection. Now, if you were spending time with someone and they said: “Let’s get pizza”, surely you’d suggest the best pizza ever? You might even say: “You HAVE NOT LIVED until you’ve tasted this!!!”

When we find something amazing, we naturally want to share it with everyone else. It’s kind of the same with the news about Jesus. Once you really ‘click’ how massive this is, how good this is, and that there’s nothing better, you can’t help but share it!

The whole world
needs to hear
of God’s
great love!

Prayer: God, I want to thank You for giving me this mandate. I have a reason to get up each morning: To tell the world about Your great love! Would You empower me by Your Holy Spirit to do all that you’ve called me to? Amen.

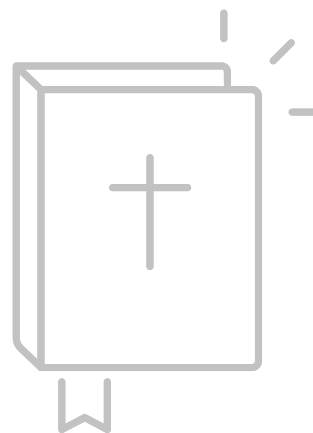
Challenge: Think of someone you influence. Perhaps a younger sibling looks up to you, or some people view your Instagram story. How can you share Jesus with them?



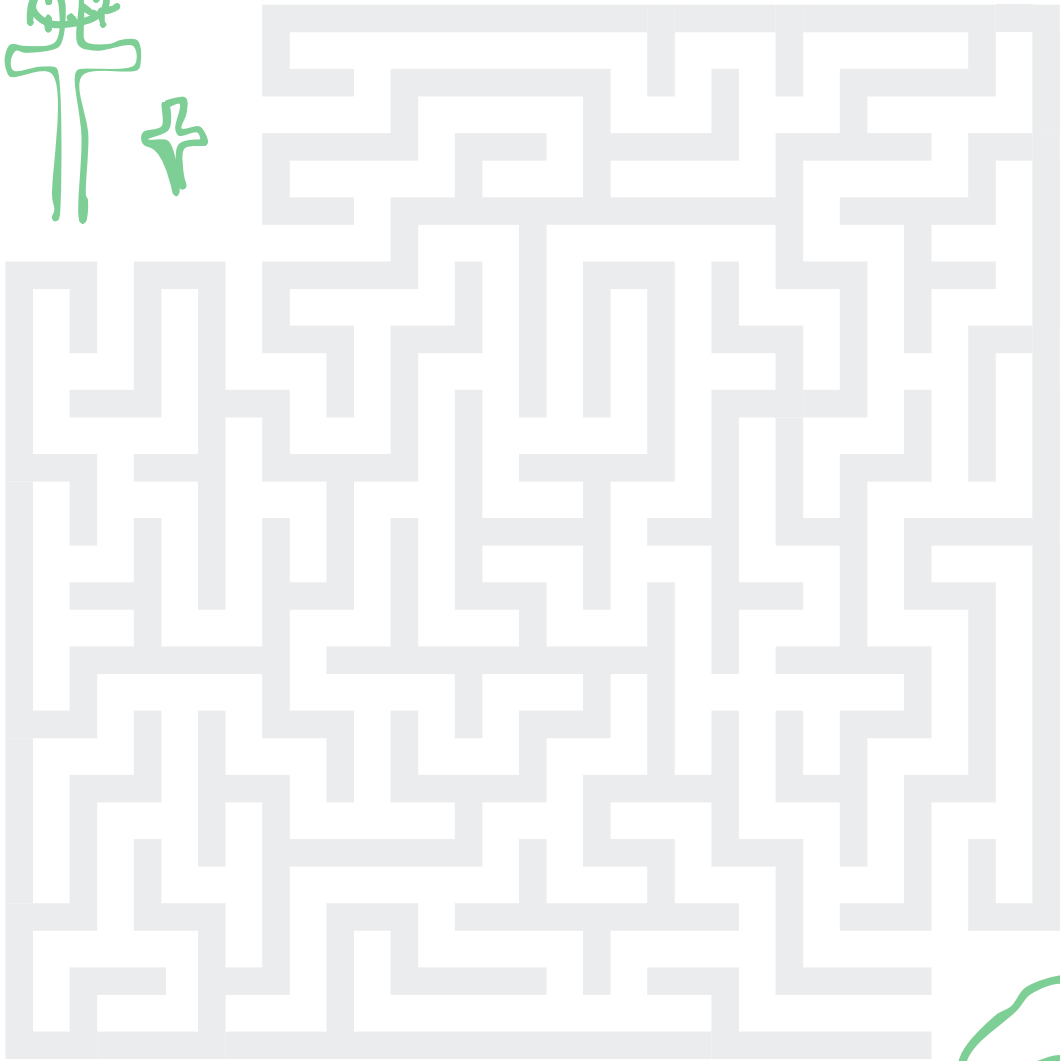
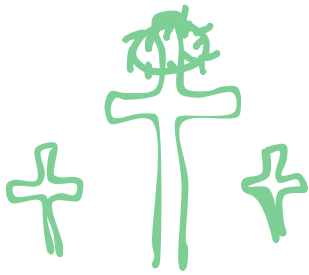


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"With Christ, we are
not defeated but
victorious."



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