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Preface

In our post-Christian culture, “truth” is relative, because there is no source for an absolute truth. The predominant worldview embraces an evolutionary origin for mankind that sees us as little different from the animals. But when you embrace that worldview, you don’t know where you came from, why you’re here, or where you’re going. If there is no God to set the rules, morality is relative and so is Truth. But what if there’s a better way?

This journal offers you the opportunity to reflect on the truth of God’s Word each day for 14 weeks and talk to God about the rock-solid foundation He wants to lay down for your life. We encourage you to look at these verses in context and go deeper in your study. Feel free to email questions to your pastor as you make this commitment to know the Truth and to live by it.

We also invite you to take this journey with a friend, neighbor, relative or co-worker. Give them a journal and meet once a week or so to discuss what you are learning.

Jesus came to “testify to the truth.”
Let’s explore what He meant by that.

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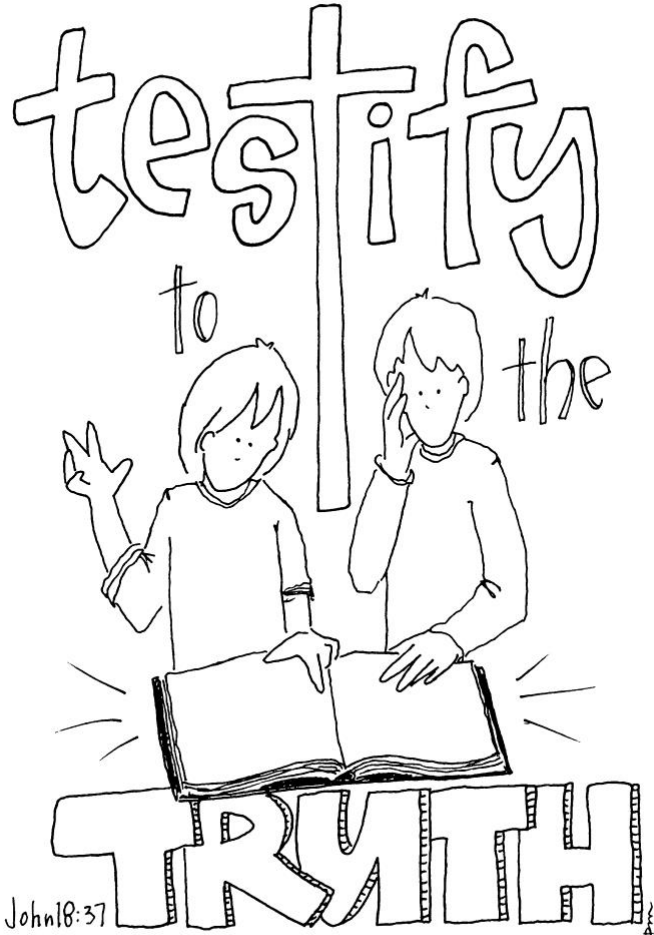
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1. What is Truth?

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What is Truth?

Sunday, May 23

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In what way(s) can we offer this Truth to our world with gentleness and respect?

Dear God...

What is Truth?

Monday, May 24

(Jesus said) "I tell you the truth..."
(Matthew 5:18 – and 77 other verses in the Bible!)

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What is Truth?

Tuesday, May 25

"I am the LORD, who speaks righteously, who declares what
is right." (Isaiah 45:19)

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Dear God...

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Wednesday, May 26

*“The works of his hands are truth and justice; all his instructions are trustworthy. They are established forever and ever, enacted in truth and in uprightness.”
(Psalm 111:7–8)*

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Dear God...

What is Truth?

Thursday, May 27

“If we say, ‘We have no sin,’ we are deceiving ourselves, and the truth is not in us.” (1 John 1:8)

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Dear God...



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Friday, May 28

“For God’s wrath is revealed from heaven against all godlessness and unrighteousness of people who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth...” (Romans 1:18)

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Dear God...

What is Truth?

Saturday, May 29

“In him you also were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and when you believed.” (Ephesians 1:13)

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Dear God...

2. Who is God?

“Jesus told him, ‘I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.’” (John 14:6)



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Dear God...

Who is God?

Monday, May 31

“And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding so that we may know the true one. We are in the true one—that is, in his Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life.” (1 John 5:20)

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Dear God...

Who is God?

Tuesday, June 1

“God is not a man, that he might lie, or a son of man, that he might change his mind.” (Numbers 23:19)

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Dear God...

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*“For the LORD your God is gracious and merciful; he will not turn his face away from you if you return to him.”
(2 Chronicles 30:9)*

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Thursday, June 3

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God created the heavens and the earth.”
(Genesis 1:1)*



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GENESIS 1:1

Who is God?

Friday, June 4

“I am the LORD, and there is no other; there is no God but me. I will strengthen you, though you do not know me, so that all may know from the rising of the sun to its setting that there is no one but me. I am the LORD, and there is no other.” (Isaiah 45:5–6)

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Dear God...

Who is God?

Saturday, June 5

“I will speak of your splendor and glorious majesty and your wondrous works. They will proclaim the power of your awe-inspiring acts, and I will declare your greatness.” (Psalm 145:5–6)

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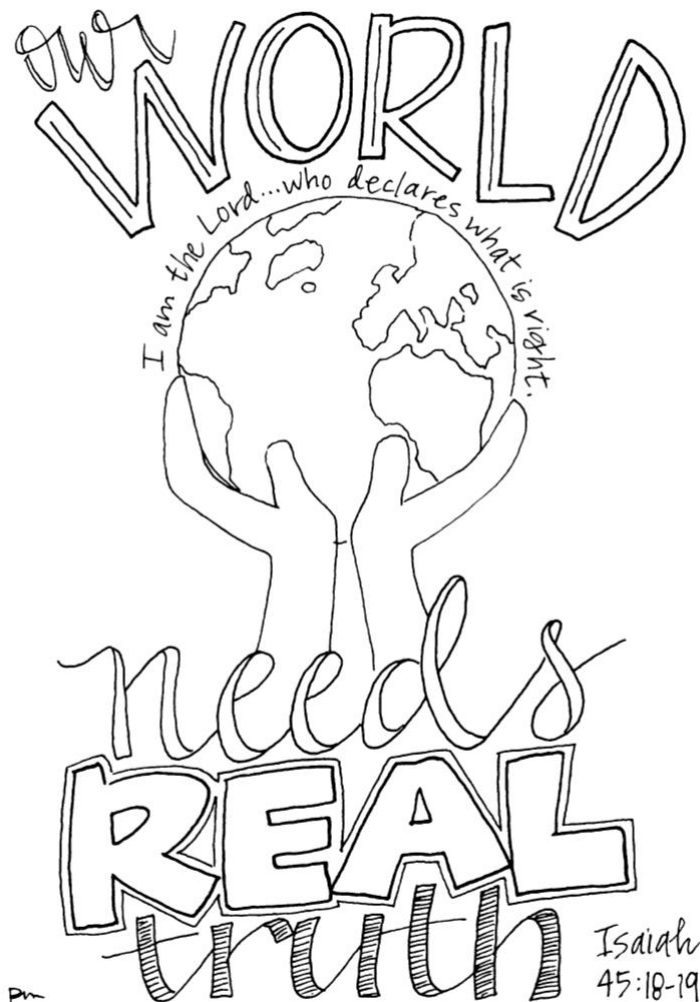
Dear God...



PSALM 145:5-6

3. Who Determines Truth?

“For this is what the LORD says—the Creator of the heavens, the God who formed the earth and made it... he says, “I am the LORD, and there is no other... I am the LORD, who speaks righteously, who declares what is right.” (Isaiah 45:18–19)



Who Determines Truth?

Sunday, June 6

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Dear God...

Who Determines Truth?

Monday, June 7

“Surely you desire integrity in the inner self, and you teach me wisdom deep within.” (Psalm 51:6)

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Dear God...

Who Determines Truth?

Tuesday, June 8

“Your righteousness is an everlasting righteousness, and your instruction is true.” (Psalm 119:142)

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Dear God...

Who Determines Truth?

Wednesday, June 9

“But who are you, a mere man, to talk back to God? Will what is formed say to the one who formed it, ‘Why did you make me like this?’ Or has the potter no right over the clay, to make from the same lump one piece of pottery for honor and another for dishonor?” (Romans 9:20–21)

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Dear God...

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SAME
LUMP
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clay



Who Determines Truth?

Thursday, June 10

“The heart is more deceitful than anything else, and incurable—who can understand it? I, the LORD, examine the mind, I test the heart to give to each according to his way, according to what his actions deserve.” (Jeremiah 17:9–10)

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Dear God...

Who Determines Truth?

Friday, June 11

“Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not rely on your own understanding; in all your ways know him, and he will make your paths straight.” (Proverbs 3:5–6)

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Dear God...



Who Determines Truth?

Saturday, June 12

“Many plans are in a person’s heart, but the LORD’s decree will prevail.” (Proverbs 19:21)

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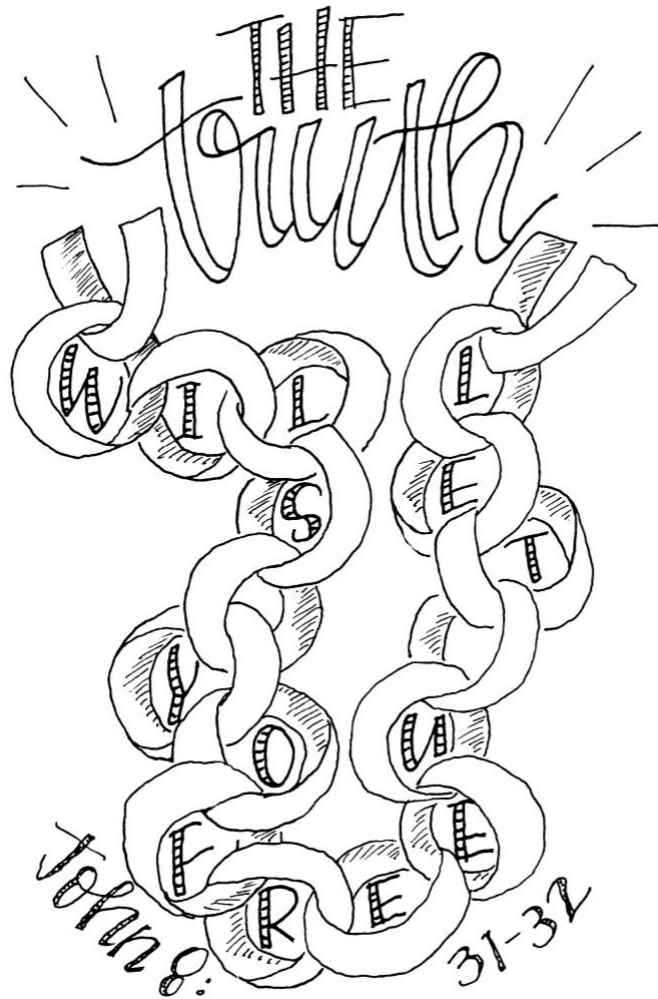
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Dear God...

4. Where Can We Find the Truth?

“Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, ‘If you continue in my word, you really are my disciples. You will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.’”

(John 8:31–32)



Where Can We Find the Truth?

Sunday, June 13

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Dear God...



*“If you abide in my Word
you are truly my disciples,
& you will know the truth
& the truth will set you
free.”*

Where Can We Find the Truth?

Monday, June 14

*“Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth.”
(John 17:17)*

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Dear God...

Where Can We Find the Truth?

Tuesday, June 15

*“Every word of God is pure; he is a shield to those who take
refuge in him.” (Proverbs 30:5)*

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Dear God...



Where Can We Find the Truth?

Wednesday, June 16

“The entirety of your word is truth, each of your righteous judgments endures forever.” (Psalm 119:160)

What truth does this verse express?

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Dear God...

Where Can We Find the Truth?

Thursday, June 17

“No prophecy ever came by the will of man; instead, men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.” (2 Peter 1:21)

What truth does this verse express?

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Dear God...

Where Can We Find the Truth?

Friday, June 18

“Your word is a lamp for my feet and a light on my path.”
(Psalm 119:105)

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Dear God...



Where Can We Find the Truth?

Saturday, June 19

*“So faith comes from what is heard, and what is heard comes
through the message about Christ”* (Romans 10:17)

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Dear God...

5. How Can the Truth Be Lost?

“You are of your father the devil, and you want to carry out your father’s desires. He was a murderer from the beginning and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he tells a lie, he speaks from his own nature, because he is a liar and the father of lies.” (John 8:44)



How Can the Truth Be Lost?

Sunday, June 20

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Dear God...

How Can the Truth Be Lost?

Monday, June 21

“...the god of this age has blinded the minds of the unbelievers to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.” (2 Corinthians 4:4)

What truth does this verse express?

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Dear God...

How Can the Truth Be Lost?

Tuesday, June 22

“For the time will come when people will not tolerate sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, will multiply teachers for themselves because they have an itch to hear what they want to hear. They will turn away from hearing the truth and will turn aside to myths.” (2 Timothy 4:3–4)

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Dear God...

“So listen to the parable of the sower: When anyone hears the word about the kingdom and doesn’t understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in his heart. This is the one sown along the path.”
 (Matthew 13:18–19)

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Dear God...

“A thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I have come so that they may have life and have it in abundance.”
 (John 10:10)

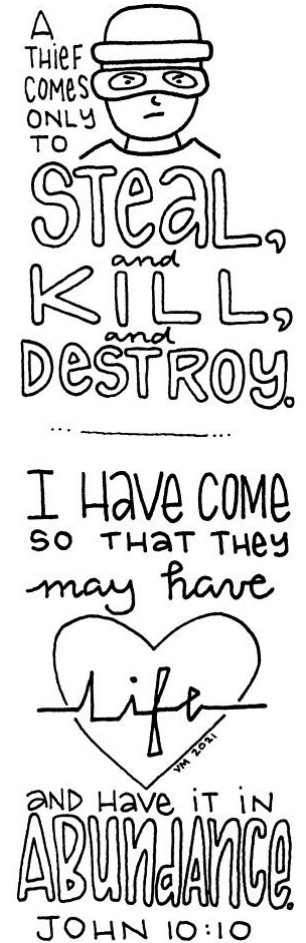
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Dear God...



How Can the Truth Be Lost?

Friday, June 25

“But each person is tempted when he is drawn away and enticed by his own evil desire.” (James 1:14)

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Dear God...

How Can the Truth Be Lost?

Saturday, June 26

“Watch out, brothers and sisters, so that there won’t be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart that turns away from the living God. But encourage each other daily, while it is still called today, so that none of you is hardened by sin’s deception.” (Hebrews 3:12–13)

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Dear God...

6. Where Did We Come From?

“Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, according to our likeness. They will rule the fish of the sea, the birds of the sky, the livestock, the whole earth, and the creatures that crawl on the earth.” (Genesis 1:26)



Where Did We Come From?

Sunday, June 27

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Dear God...

Where Did We Come From?

Monday, June 28

“For everything was created by him, in heaven and on earth, the visible and the invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities— all things have been created through him and for him.” (Colossians 1:16)

What truth does this verse express?

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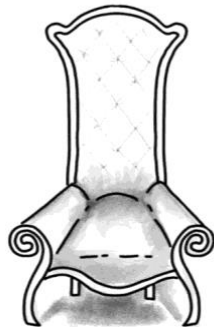
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Dear God...



**For in Him
all things were
CREATED,
in heaven &
on earth,
visible & invisible**

Colossians 1:16



Where Did We Come From?

Tuesday, June 29

“By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.” (Hebrews 11:3)

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Dear God...

Where Did We Come From?

Wednesday, June 30

“Our Lord and God, you are worthy to receive glory and honor and power, because you have created all things, and by your will they exist and were created.” (Revelation 4:11)

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Dear God...

Where Did We Come From?

Thursday, July 1

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. All things were created through him, and apart from him not one thing was created that has been created.” (John 1:1–3)

What truth does this verse express?

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Dear God...



**In the beginning the
Word already existed.**

**The Word was with
God, and the Word**

WAS God.

John 1:1-3



Where Did We Come From?

Friday, July 2

“For his invisible attributes, that is, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen since the creation of the world, being understood through what he has made. As a result, people are without excuse.” (Romans 1:20)

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Dear God...

Where Did We Come From?

Saturday, July 3

“Long ago God spoke to the fathers by the prophets at different times and in different ways. In these last days, he has spoken to us by his Son. God has appointed him heir of all things and made the universe through him. The Son is the radiance of God’s glory and the exact expression of his nature, sustaining all things by his powerful word...” (Hebrews 1:1–3)

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Dear God...

7. Why Are We Here?

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has passed away, and see, the new has come!” (2 Corinthians 5:17)



Why Are We Here?

Sunday, July 4

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Dear God...

Why Are We Here?

Monday, July 5

“Do everything without grumbling and arguing, so that you may be blameless and pure, children of God who are faultless in a crooked and perverted generation, among whom you shine like stars in the world,” (Philippians 2:14–15)

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Dear God...

Why Are We Here?

Tuesday, July 6

“In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.” (Matthew 5:16)

What truth does this verse express?

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Dear God...



Why Are We Here?

Wednesday, July 7

“But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his possession, so that you may proclaim the praises of the one who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light” (1 Peter 2:9)

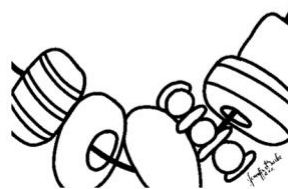
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Dear God...



Why Are We Here?

Thursday, July 8

“Dear friends, I urge you as strangers and exiles to abstain from sinful desires that wage war against the soul. Conduct yourselves honorably among the Gentiles, so that when they slander you as evildoers, they will observe your good works and will glorify God on the day he visits.” (1 Peter 2:11–12)

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Dear God...

Why Are We Here?

Friday, July 9

*“For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared ahead of time for us to do.”
(Ephesians 2:10)*

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Dear God...

Why Are We Here?

Saturday, July 10

*“Mankind, he has told each of you what is good and what it is the LORD requires of you: to act justly, to love faithfulness, and to walk humbly with your God.”
(Micah 6:8)*

What truth does this verse express?

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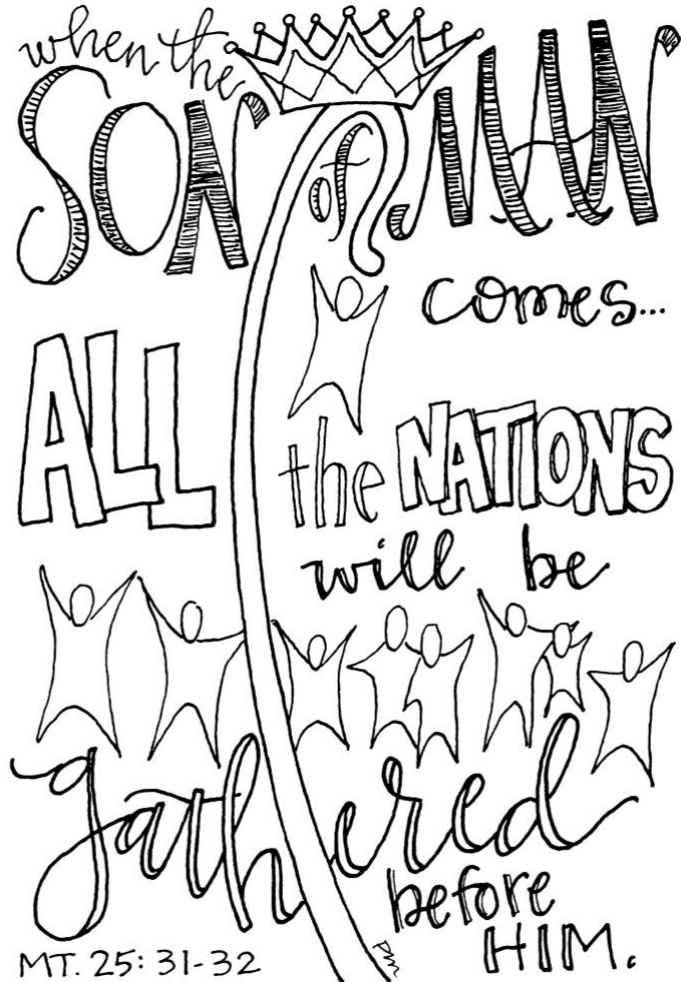
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Dear God...

8. Where Are We Going?

*“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate them one from another, just as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats.”
(Matthew 25:31-32)*



Where Are We Going?

Sunday, July 11

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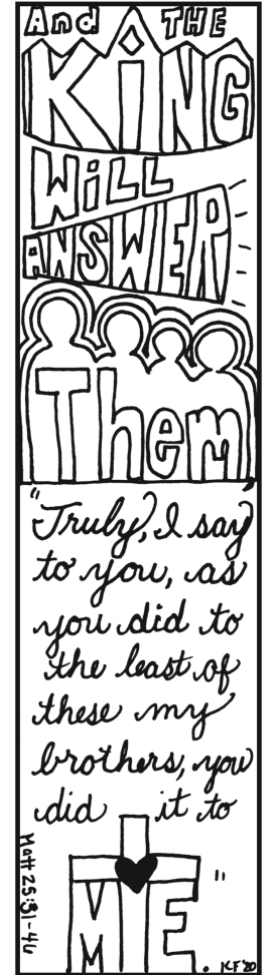
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Dear God...



Where Are We Going?

Monday, July 12

“He will repay each one according to his works: eternal life to those who by persistence in doing good seek glory, honor, and immortality; but wrath and anger to those who are self-seeking and disobey the truth while obeying unrighteousness.”
(Romans 2:6–8)

What truth does this verse express?

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Dear God...

Where Are We Going?

Tuesday, July 13

“We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, concerning those who are asleep, so that you will not grieve like the rest, who have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, in the same way, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep.” (1 Thessalonians 4:13–14)

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Dear God...

Where Are We Going?

Wednesday, July 14

“Enter through the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the road broad that leads to destruction, and there are many who go through it. How narrow is the gate and difficult the road that leads to life, and few find it.” (Matthew 7:13–14)

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Dear God...



Where Are We Going?

Thursday, July 15

*“Dear friends, we are God’s children now, and what we will be has not yet been revealed. We know that when he appears, we will be like him because we will see him as he is.”
(1 John 3:2)*

What truth does this verse express?

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Dear God...

Where Are We Going?

Friday, July 16

“Many who sleep in the dust of the earth will awake, some to eternal life, and some to disgrace and eternal contempt. Those who have insight will shine like the bright expanse of the heavens, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.” (Daniel 12:2–3)

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Dear God...

Where Are We Going?

Saturday, July 17

*“But based on his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness dwells.”
(2 Peter 3:13)*

What truth does this verse express?

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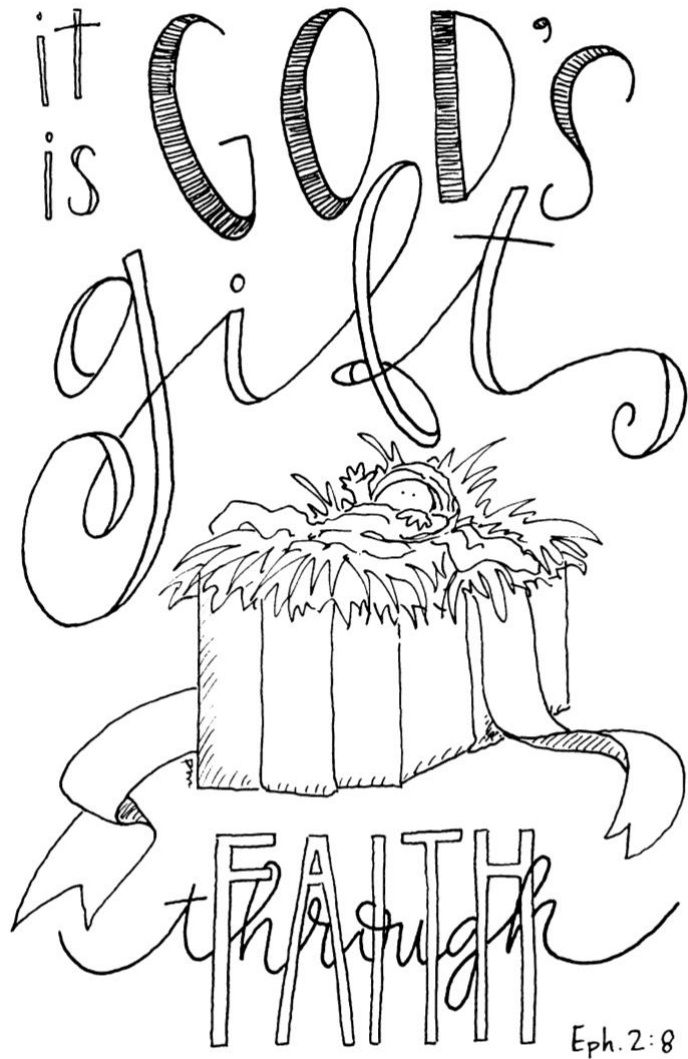
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Dear God...

9. How Do We Get There?

“For you are saved by grace through faith, and this is not from yourselves; it is God’s gift— not from works, so that no one can boast.” (Ephesians 2:8–9)



How Do We Get There?

Sunday, July 18

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Dear God...

How Do We Get There?

Monday, July 19

*“The one who has the Son has life. The one who does not have the Son of God does not have life.”
(1 John 5:12)*

What truth does this verse express?

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Dear God...

How Do We Get There?

Tuesday, July 20

“So faith comes from what is heard, and what is heard comes through the message about Christ.” (Romans 10:17)

What truth does this verse express?

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Dear God...



FAITH
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HEARING
THE
GOOD
NEWS
ABOUT
JESUS

ROMANS 10:17

How Do We Get There?

Wednesday, July 21

“For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, first to the Jew, and also to the Greek.” (Romans 1:16)

What truth does this verse express?

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Dear God...

How Do We Get There?

Thursday, July 22

“Jesus replied, ‘Truly I tell you, unless someone is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.’” (John 3:3)

What truth does this verse express?

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Dear God...

How Do We Get There?

Friday, July 23

“Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, each of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.” (Acts 2:38)

What truth does this verse express?

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Dear God...



How Do We Get There?

Saturday, July 24

“The one who believes in the Son has eternal life, but the one who rejects the Son will not see life; instead, the wrath of God remains on him.” (John 3:36)

What truth does this verse express?

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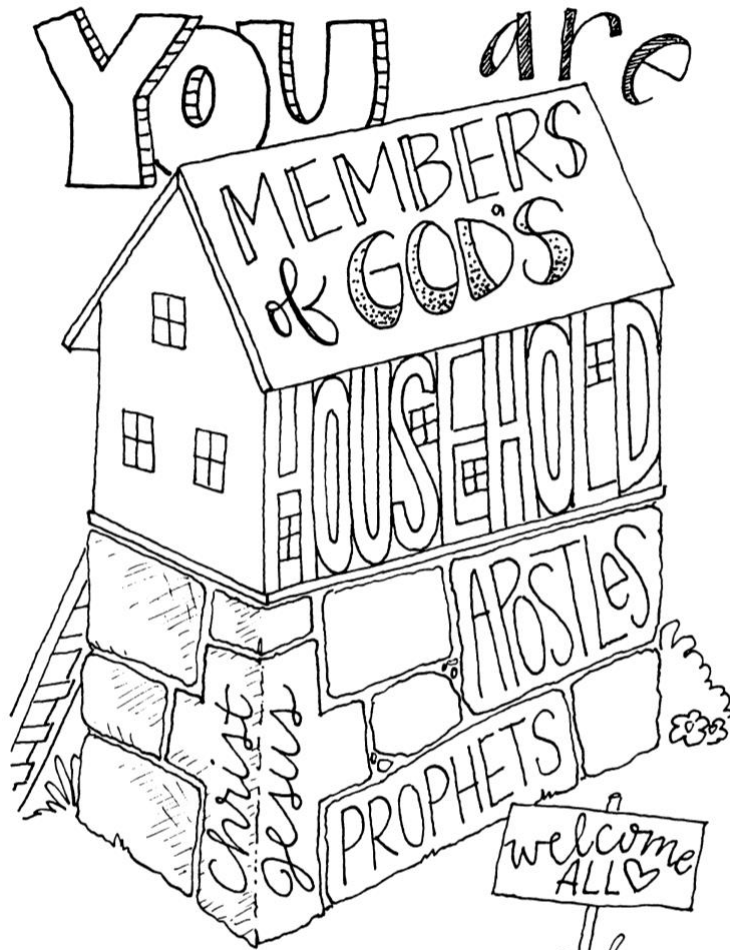
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Dear God...

10. How Did We Get Here?

“So then you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with the saints, and members of God’s household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone.”
(Ephesians 2:19-20)



Ephesians 2:19-20

How Did We Get Here?

Sunday, July 25

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What truth does this verse express?

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Dear God...

How Did We Get Here?

Monday, July 26

“These all died in faith, although they had not received the things that were promised. But they saw them from a distance, greeted them, and confessed that they were foreigners and temporary residents on the earth.” (Hebrews 11:13)

What truth does this verse express?

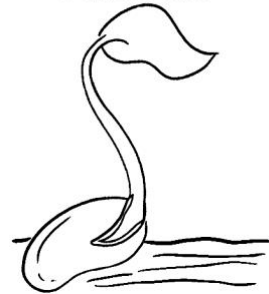


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Living by faith,
they welcomed the
PROMISES
for a future
TIME
Hebrews 11:13

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Dear God...

How Did We Get Here?

Tuesday, July 27

“We also have the prophetic word strongly confirmed, and you will do well to pay attention to it, as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts” (2 Peter 1:19)

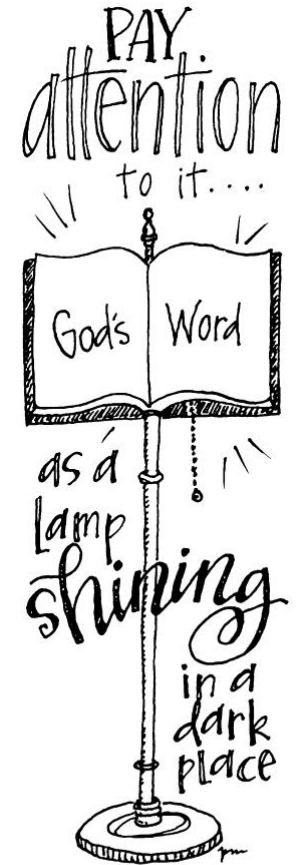
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Dear God...



2 Peter 1:19

How Did We Get Here?

Wednesday, July 28

“For those of you who were baptized into Christ have been clothed with Christ. There is no Jew or Greek, slave or free, male and female; since you are all one in Christ Jesus.”
(Galatians 3:27–28)

What truth does this verse express?

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Dear God...



How Did We Get Here?

Thursday, July 29

“One generation will declare your works to the next and will proclaim your mighty acts.” (Psalm 145:4)

What truth does this verse express?

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Dear God...

How Did We Get Here?

Friday, July 30

“Now faith is the reality of what is hoped for, the proof of what is not seen. For by it our ancestors won God’s approval.” (Hebrews 11:1–2)

What truth does this verse express?

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Dear God...

How Did We Get Here?

Saturday, July 31

“Therefore, since we also have such a large cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us lay aside every hindrance and the sin that so easily ensnares us. Let us run with endurance the race that lies before us, keeping our eyes on Jesus, the source and perfecter of our faith.” (Hebrews 12:1–2)

What truth does this verse express?

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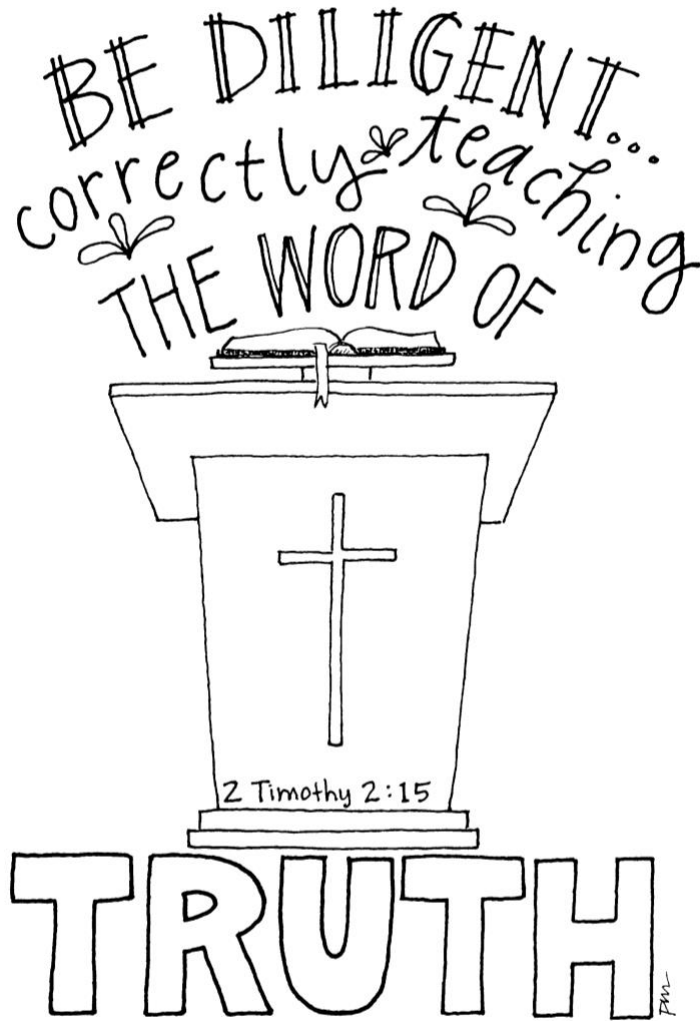
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Dear God...

11. What is the Role of a Pastor?

“Be diligent to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who doesn’t need to be ashamed, correctly teaching the word of truth.”
(2 Timothy 2:15)



What is the Role of a Pastor?

Sunday, August 1

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Dear God...

What is the Role of a Pastor?

Monday, August 2

“The Lord’s servant must not quarrel, but must be gentle to everyone, able to teach, and patient, instructing his opponents with gentleness.

Perhaps God will grant them repentance leading them to the knowledge of the truth. Then they may come to their senses and escape the trap of the devil, who has taken them captive to do his will.” (2 Timothy 2:24–26)

What truth does this verse express?

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Dear God...

What is the Role of a Pastor?

Tuesday, August 3

“As an overseer of God’s household, he must be blameless: not arrogant, not hot-tempered, not an excessive drinker, not a bully, not greedy for money, but hospitable, loving what is good, sensible, righteous, holy, self-controlled, holding to the faithful message as taught, so that he will be able both to encourage with sound teaching and to refute those who contradict it.” (Titus 1:7–9)

What truth does this verse express?

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Dear God...

What is the Role of a Pastor?

Wednesday, August 4

*“Shepherd God’s flock among you, not overseeing out of compulsion but willingly, as God would have you; not out of greed for money but eagerly; not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock.”
(1 Peter 5:2–3)*

What truth does this verse express?



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Dear God...

What is the Role of a Pastor?

Thursday, August 5

*“A person should think of us in this way: as servants of Christ and managers of the mysteries of God. In this regard, it is required that managers be found faithful.”
(1 Corinthians 4:1–2)*

What truth does this verse express?

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Dear God...



What is the Role of a Pastor?

Friday, August 6

“I solemnly charge you before God and Christ Jesus, who is going to judge the living and the dead, and because of his appearing and his kingdom: Preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; rebuke, correct, and encourage with great patience and teaching.”
(2 Timothy 4:1–2)

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Dear God...

What is the Role of a Pastor?

Saturday, August 7

“Obey your leaders and submit to them, since they keep watch over your souls as those who will give an account, so that they can do this with joy and not with grief, for that would be unprofitable for you.” (Hebrews 13:17)

What truth does this verse express?

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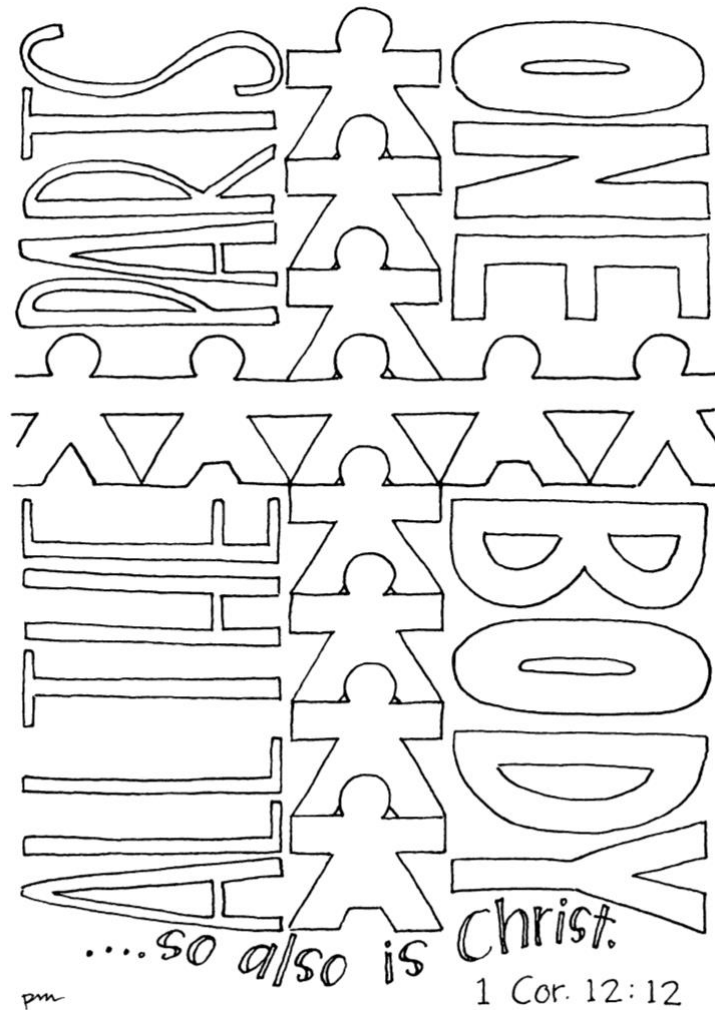
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Dear God...

12. What is the Role of the Church?

“For just as the body is one and has many parts, and all the parts of that body, though many, are one body—so also is Christ.” (1 Corinthians 12:12)



What is the Role of the Church?

Sunday, August 8

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Dear God...

What is the Role of the Church?

Monday, August 9

*“Since you have purified yourselves by your obedience to the truth, so that you show sincere brotherly love for each other, from a pure heart love one another constantly”
(1 Peter 1:22)*

What truth does this verse express?

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Dear God...

What is the Role of the Church?

Tuesday, August 10

“Carry one another’s burdens; in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.” (Galatians 6:2)

What truth does this verse express?

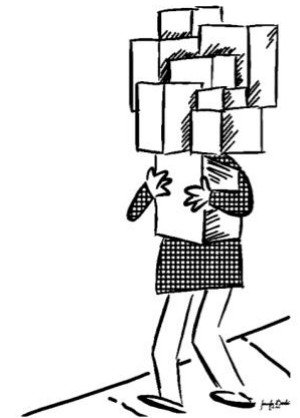
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Dear God...

**Carry each
other’s
BURDENS,
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Galatians 6:2**



What is the Role of the Church?

Wednesday, August 11

“Just as each one has received a gift, use it to serve others, as good stewards of the varied grace of God.” (1 Peter 4:10)

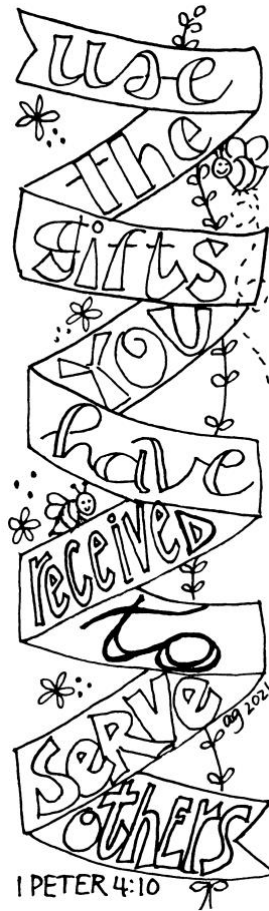
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Dear God...



What is the Role of the Church?

Thursday, August 12

“Therefore, everyone who will acknowledge me before others, I will also acknowledge him before my Father in heaven. But whoever denies me before others, I will also deny him before my Father in heaven.” (Matthew 10:32–33)

What truth does this verse express?

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Dear God...

What is the Role of the Church?

Friday, August 13

“But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his possession, so that you may proclaim the praises of the one who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light” (1 Peter 2:9)

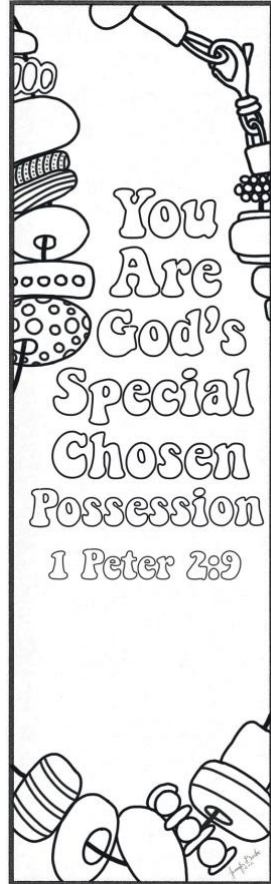
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Dear God...



What is the Role of the Church?

Saturday, August 14

“If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.” (John 20:23)

What truth does this verse express?

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Dear God...

13. What is the Role of a Christian?

"...in your hearts regard Christ the Lord as holy, ready at any time to give a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you" (1 Peter 3:15)



What is the Role of a Christian?

Sunday, August 15

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Dear God...

What is the Role of a Christian?

Monday, August 16

“Therefore, putting away lying, speak the truth, each one to his neighbor, because we are members of one another.”
(Ephesians 4:25)

What truth does this verse express?

In what way(s) can this verse change my attitudes and my actions?

In what way(s) does this verse apply to the news of the day?

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Dear God...

What is the Role of a Christian?

Tuesday, August 17

“But anyone who lives by the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be shown to be accomplished by God.”
(John 3:21)

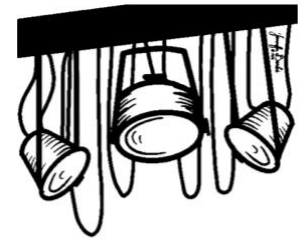
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Dear God...



*Live by
the
TRUTH
come into
the
LIGHT
John 3:21*

What is the Role of a Christian?

Wednesday, August 18

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come on you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” (Acts 1:8)

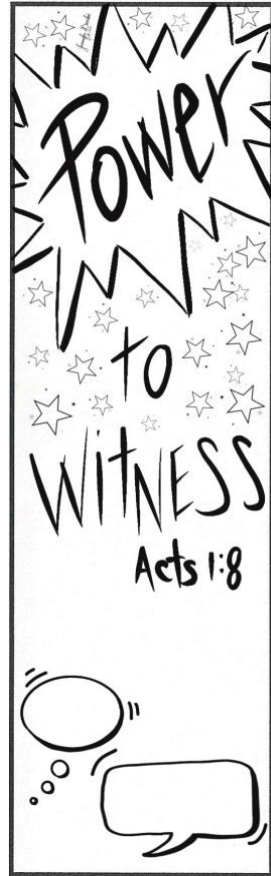
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Dear God...



What is the Role of a Christian?

Thursday, August 19

“That is, in Christ, God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and he has committed the message of reconciliation to us.” (2 Corinthians 5:19)

What truth does this verse express?

In what way(s) can this verse change my attitudes and my actions?

In what way(s) does this verse apply to the news of the day?

In what way(s) can we offer this Truth to our world with gentleness and respect?

Dear God...

“Let us hold on to the confession of our hope without wavering, since he who promised is faithful. And let us watch out for one another to provoke love and good works,”
(Hebrews 10:23–24)

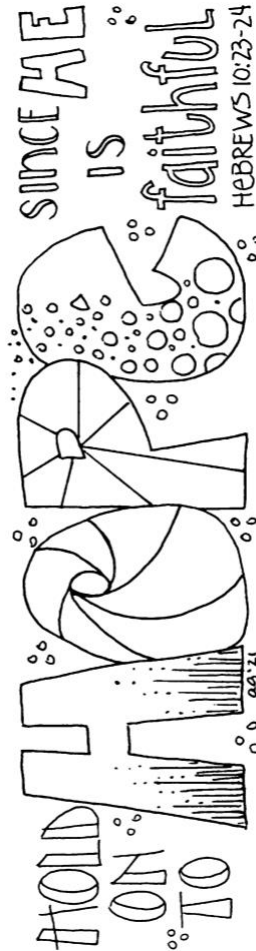
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Dear God...



“Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is, Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other command greater than these.” (Mark 12:30–31)

What truth does this verse express?

In what way(s) can this verse change my attitudes and my actions?

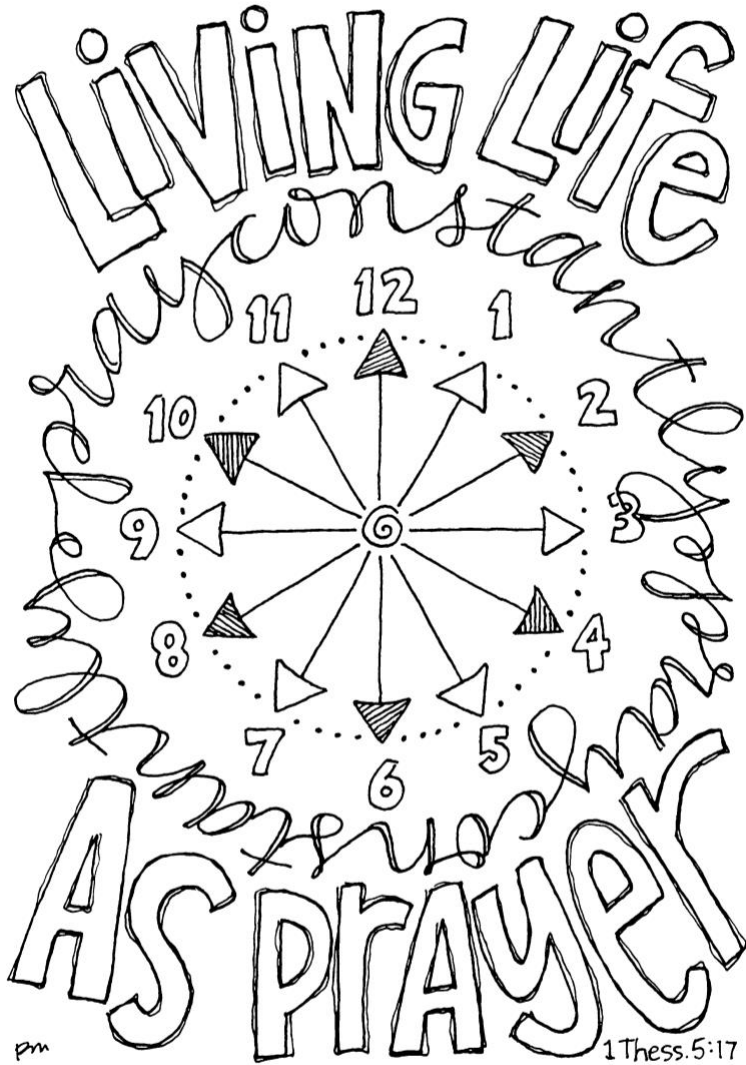
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Dear God...

14. Does Prayer Work?

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Sunday, August 22

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Dear God...



Does Prayer Work?

Monday, August 23

“But when you pray, go into your private room, shut your door, and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.” (Matthew 6:6)

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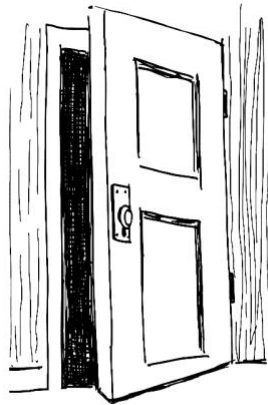
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Dear God...

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be alone with your
Heavenly Father.
He sees you and will
reward you.

Matthew 6:6



Does Prayer Work?

Tuesday, August 24

“...the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous and his ears are open to their prayer. But the face of the Lord is against those who do what is evil.” (1 Peter 3:12)

What truth does this verse express?

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Dear God...

Does Prayer Work?

Wednesday, August 25

“Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is very powerful in its effect” (James 5:16)

What truth does this verse express?

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Dear God...

Does Prayer Work?

Thursday, August 26

“Therefore, let us approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in time of need.” (Hebrews 4:16)

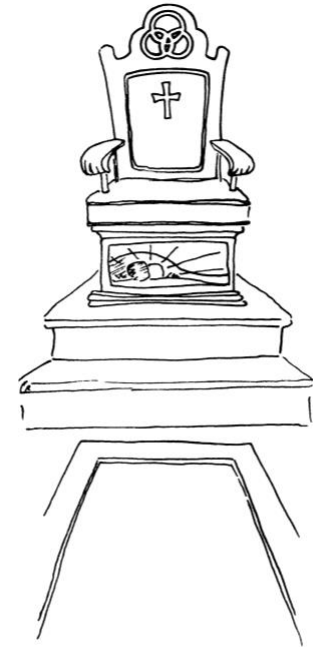
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Dear God...



draw near
receive mercy
find grace

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Does Prayer Work?

Friday, August 27

“Therefore, so that I would not exalt myself, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger of Satan to torment me so that I would not exalt myself. Concerning this, I pleaded with the Lord three times that it would leave me. But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is perfected in weakness.” (2 Corinthians 12:7–9)

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Dear God...

Does Prayer Work?

Saturday, August 28

“Now if any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God—who gives to all generously and ungrudgingly—and it will be given to him. But let him ask in faith without doubting. For the doubter is like the surging sea, driven and tossed by the wind.” (James 1:5–6)

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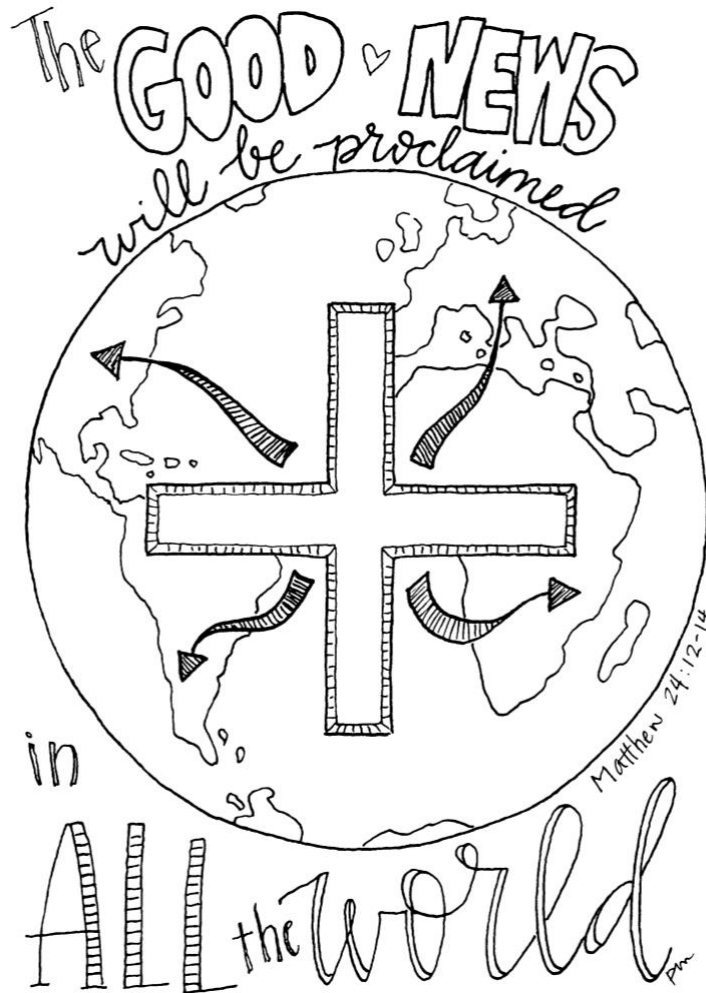
Dear God...



**If you need
WISDOM,
ask our generous
God, he will give it
you & not rebuke
you for asking.
When you ask have
faith in God.
Don't waver and be
unsettled
James 1:5-6**

15. What Can Christians Expect?

“Because lawlessness will multiply, the love of many will grow cold. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. This good news of the kingdom will be proclaimed in all the world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.” (Matthew 24:12–14)



What Can Christians Expect?

Sunday, August 29

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