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# OUR STORY



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# Help in Time of Need

**Abuse** - Mark 9:42, 1 Corinthians 7:2-3

**Addiction** - John 8:34-36, James 1:13-15, Proverbs 14:12

**Afraid** - II Timothy 1:7, Psalm 34:4, Psalm 56:3

**Anxiety** - Matthew 6:31-33, Philippians 4:6-7, Psalm 46:1

**Away from God** - I John 1:8-9, Psalm 51:1 & 10

**Bitter** - Colossians 3:19, Hebrews 12:14-15

**Critical** - Matthew 6:14-15, Romans 14:10 & 13

**Curious About God** - John 1:1-4, John 14:6, James 1:5

**Death** - John 11:25, I Cor. 15:55-58, I Thessalonians 4:13-18

**Depressed** - Psalm 34:4, Psalm 40:1-2, Psalm 43:5

**Desperate** - Romans 8:38-39, Psalm 6:1-3, Psalm 121:1-2

**Disaster** - Psalm 55:16, 17 & 22, Psalm 91:1-2, Psalm 118:5 & 6

**Discouraged** - II Cor. 4:8 & 16, Philippians 4:6 & 7, Psalm 23:1 & 4

**Doubting God** - John 1:1-4, John 14:6, Colossians 1:15-17

**Forgiveness** - John 3:16, I John 1:9

**Friends Fail** - Luke 17:3 & 4, II Timothy 4:16-18, Prov. 18:24

**Future** - Matthew 6:25, 33-34, James 4:13-15

**Gambling** - I Timothy 6:10, Hebrews 13:5

**Guidance** - James 1:5, Psalms 32:8, Psalms 37:5, Proverbs 3:5 & 6

**Guilt** - I John 1:9, Psalm 51:1, Proverbs 28:13

**Lonely** - Psalm 23, Psalm 27:10, Hebrews 13:5, I Peter 5:7

**Peace** - John 14:1-4, 27, John 16:33, Romans 5:1-5, Phil. 4:6 & 7

**Relationships** - I Corinthians 15:33, Proverbs 13:20, 17:17, 18:24

**Sickness / Pain** - II Corinthians 12:9 & 10, James 5:14 & 15

**Sorrow** - II Cor. 1:3-4, Psalm 23, Psalm 34:18, Psalm 147:3

**Stress** - Psalm 27:5, Psalm 30:5, Psalm 37:7-8

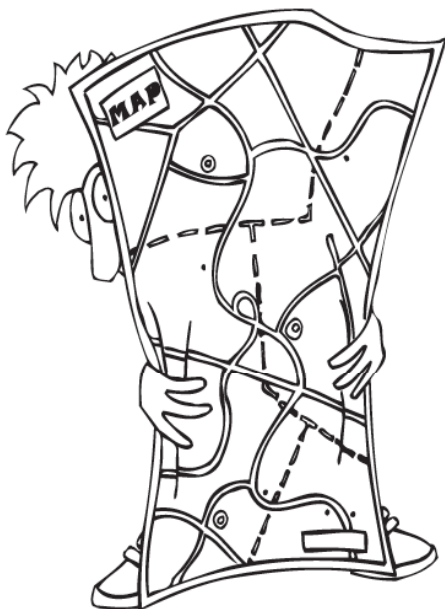
**Suicide** - Psalm 147:7-11

**Temptation** - I Corinthians 10:12-13, I Timothy 6:11, James 4:7

**Trouble** - Psalm 20:1-2, Psalm 23, Psalm 71:1-2

**Weary** - Matthew 11:28-30, Galations 6:9

**Worried** - Matthew 6:19-34, I Peter 5:6-7



## St Patrick

Prophetic Missionary to Ireland

Source: Revival Bible, internet, and other public sources

**Patrick** was born in Scotland about 389 AD, when the Roman Empire was collapsing. His father, Calphurnius, was a deacon in a *New Testament church*. When Patrick was only sixteen he was captured and taken to Ireland as a slave of a Celtic high priest. During these six years, despite his cultic environment, Patrick grew closer to God, and he had a miraculous escape.



He went to Gaul (ancient Central Europe) to avoid re-capture, and to study. One day God spoke to him regarding his former captors, and called him to go back to Ireland, this time as a missionary. He, along with some friends, set out to confront what was then believed to be the most terrifying nation of his time. It is said that it was so controlled by the demonic that even Rome could not conquer it.

Patrick was a man of humility, boldness, and sensitivity to God. His legendary life was filled with miracles, including accounts of raising the dead. He preached in Ireland's forest and began scores of churches, baptizing thousands of converts across the land. Cannibalistic chiefs were converted, and Ireland became an island of peace in the midst of the chaos of the collapse of Western civilization.

will be like the angels in heaven. <sup>31</sup>What about the dead rising? Haven't you read what God said to you? <sup>32</sup>He said, "I am the God of Abraham. I am the God of Isaac. And I am the God of Jacob." (*Exodus 3:6*) He is not the God of the dead. He is the God of the living.'

<sup>33</sup>When the crowds heard this, they were amazed by what he taught.

### The most important commandment

<sup>34</sup>The Pharisees heard that the Sadducees weren't able to answer Jesus. So the Pharisees got together. <sup>35</sup>One of them was an authority on the law. So he tested Jesus with a question. <sup>36</sup>'Teacher', he asked, 'which is the most important commandment in the Law?'

<sup>37</sup>Jesus replied, "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul. Love him with all your mind.'" (*Deuteronomy 6:5*) <sup>38</sup>This is the first and most important commandment. <sup>39</sup>And the second is like it. "Love your neighbour as you love yourself." (*Leviticus 19:18*) <sup>40</sup>Everything that is written in the Law and the Prophets is based on these two commandments.'

### Whose son is the Messiah?

<sup>41</sup>The Pharisees were gathered together. Jesus asked them, <sup>42</sup>'What do you think about the Messiah? Whose son is he?'

'The son of David,' they replied.

<sup>43</sup>He said to them, 'Then why does David call him "Lord"? The Holy Spirit spoke through David himself. David said,

<sup>44</sup> "The Lord said to my Lord,  
'Sit at my right hand  
until I put your enemies  
under your control.'" (*Psalms 110:1*)

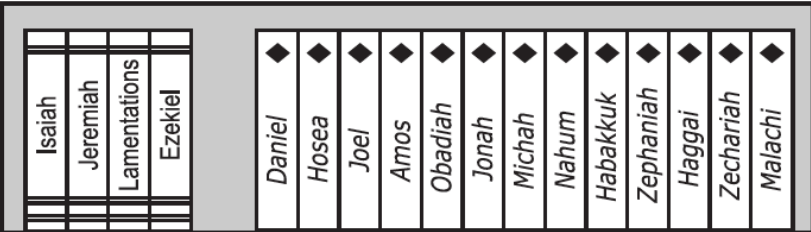
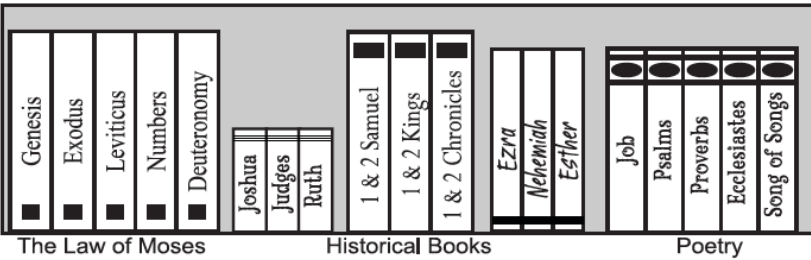
<sup>45</sup>So if David calls him "Lord", how can he be David's son?' <sup>46</sup>No one could give any answer to him. From that day on, no one dared to ask him any more questions.

### A warning against doing things for the wrong reasons

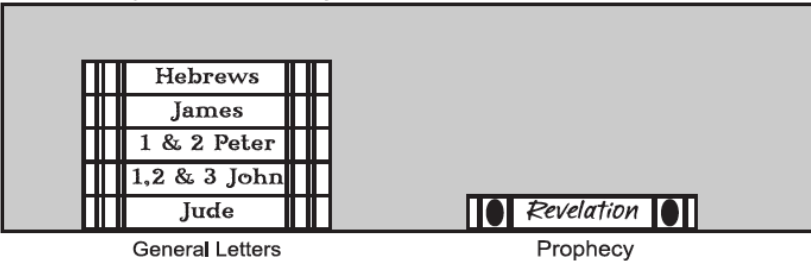
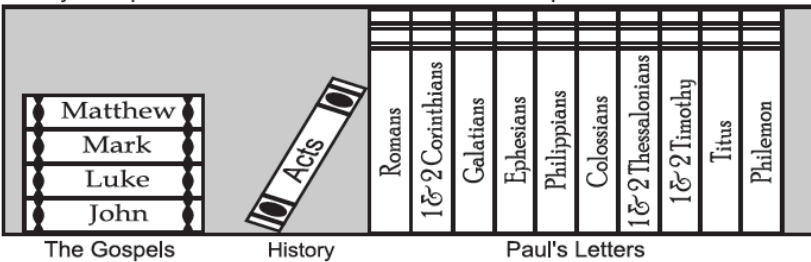
**23** Jesus spoke to the crowds and to his disciples. <sup>2</sup>'The teachers of the law and the Pharisees sit in Moses' seat,' he said. <sup>3</sup>'So you must be careful to do everything they say. But don't do what they do. They don't practise what they preach. <sup>4</sup>They tie up heavy loads that are hard to carry. Then

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boat. But Jesus was sleeping. <sup>25</sup>The disciples went and woke him up. They said, 'Lord! Save us! We're going to drown!'

<sup>26</sup>He replied, 'Your faith is so small! Why are you so afraid?' Then Jesus got up and ordered the winds and the waves to stop. It became completely calm.

<sup>27</sup>The disciples were amazed. They asked, 'What kind of man is this? Even the winds and the waves obey him!'

## Jesus heals two men controlled by demons

<sup>28</sup>Jesus arrived at the other side of the lake in the area of the Gadarenes. Two men controlled by demons met him. They came from the tombs. The men were so wild that no one could pass that way. <sup>29</sup>'Son of God, what do you want with us?' they shouted.

over, had arranged a signal with them. 'The one I kiss is the man,' he said. 'Arrest him and have the guards lead him away.' <sup>45</sup>So Judas went to Jesus at once. Judas said, 'Rabbi!' And he kissed Jesus. <sup>46</sup>The men grabbed Jesus and arrested him. <sup>47</sup>Then one of those standing nearby pulled his sword out. He struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his ear.

<sup>48</sup>'Am I leading a band of armed men against you?' asked Jesus. 'Do you have to come out with swords and clubs to capture me?' <sup>49</sup>Every day I was with you. I taught in the temple courtyard, and you didn't arrest me. But the Scriptures must come true.' <sup>50</sup>Then everyone left him and ran away.

<sup>51</sup>A young man was following Jesus. The man was wearing nothing but a piece of linen cloth. When the crowd grabbed him, <sup>52</sup>he ran away naked. He left his clothing behind.

### Jesus is taken to the Sanhedrin

<sup>53</sup>The crowd took Jesus to the high priest. All the chief priests, the elders, and the teachers of the law came together. <sup>54</sup>Not too far away, Peter followed Jesus. He went right into the courtyard of the high priest. There he sat with the guards. He warmed himself at the fire.

<sup>55</sup>The chief priests and the whole Sanhedrin were looking for something to use against Jesus. They wanted to put him to death. But they did not find any proof. <sup>56</sup>Many witnesses lied about him. But their stories did not agree.

<sup>57</sup>Then some of them stood up. Here is what those false witnesses said about him. <sup>58</sup>'We heard him say, "I will destroy this temple made by human hands. In three days I will build another temple, not made by human hands."' <sup>59</sup>But what they said did not agree.

<sup>60</sup>Then the high priest stood up in front

of them. He asked Jesus, 'Aren't you going to answer? What are these charges these men are bringing against you?' <sup>61</sup>But Jesus remained silent. He gave no answer.

Again the high priest asked him, 'Are you the Messiah? Are you the Son of the Blessed One?'

<sup>62</sup>'I am', said Jesus. 'And you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Mighty One. You will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven.'

<sup>63</sup>The high priest tore his clothes. 'Why do we need any more witnesses?' he asked. <sup>64</sup>'You have heard him say a very evil thing against God. What do you think?'

They all found him guilty and said he must die. <sup>65</sup>Then some began to spit at him. They blindfolded him. They hit him with their fists. They said, 'Prophecy!' And the guards took him and beat him.

### Peter says he does not know Jesus

<sup>66</sup>Peter was below in the courtyard. One of the high priest's female servants came by. <sup>67</sup>When she saw Peter warming himself, she looked closely at him.

'You also were with Jesus, that Nazarene,' she said.

<sup>68</sup>But Peter said he had not been with him. 'I don't know or understand what you're talking about,' he said. He went out to the entrance to the courtyard.

<sup>69</sup>The servant saw him there. She said again to those standing around, 'This fellow is one of them.' <sup>70</sup>Again he said he was not.

After a little while, those standing nearby said to Peter, 'You must be one of them. You are from Galilee.'

<sup>71</sup>Then Peter began to curse. He said to them, 'I don't know this man you're talking about!'

<sup>72</sup>Right away the cockerel crowed the second time. Then Peter remembered what Jesus had spoken to him. 'The cockerel will



Being a Christian is more than just an instantaneous conversion - it is a daily process whereby you grow to be more and more like Christ. - Billy Graham

Jared was the son of Mahalalel.  
Mahalalel was the son of Kenan.

<sup>38</sup>Kenan was the son of Enosh.  
Enosh was the son of Seth.  
Seth was the son of Adam.  
Adam was the son of God.

### Jesus is tempted in the desert

**4** Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, left the River Jordan. The Spirit led him into the desert. <sup>2</sup>There the devil tempted him for 40 days. Jesus ate nothing during that time. At the end of the 40 days, he was hungry.

<sup>3</sup>The devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread.'

<sup>4</sup>Jesus answered, 'It is written, "Man must not live only on bread."' (Deuteronomy 8:3)

<sup>5</sup>Then the devil led Jesus up to a high place. In an instant, he showed Jesus all the kingdoms of the world. <sup>6</sup>He said to Jesus, 'I will give you all their authority and glory. It has been given to me, and I can give it to anyone I want to. <sup>7</sup>If you worship me, it will all be yours.'

<sup>8</sup>Jesus answered, 'It is written, "Worship the Lord your God. He is the only one you should serve."' (Deuteronomy 6:13)

<sup>9</sup>Then the devil led Jesus to Jerusalem. He had Jesus stand on the highest point of the temple. 'If you are the Son of God,' he said, 'throw yourself down from here. <sup>10</sup>It is written,

"The Lord will command his angels to take good care of you.

<sup>11</sup>They will lift you up in their hands.  
Then you won't trip over a stone.'" (Psalm 91:11,12)

<sup>12</sup>Jesus answered, 'Scripture says, "Do not test the Lord your God."' (Deuteronomy 6:16)

<sup>13</sup>When the devil finished all this tempting, he left Jesus until a better time.



To gather with God's people in united adoration of the Father is as necessary to the Christian life as prayer. -Martin Luther

### Jesus is not accepted in Nazareth

<sup>14</sup>Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Holy Spirit. News about him spread through the whole countryside. <sup>15</sup>He was teaching in their synagogues, and everyone praised him.

<sup>16</sup>Jesus went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. On the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue as he usually did. He stood up to read. <sup>17</sup>And the scroll of Isaiah the prophet was handed to him. Jesus unrolled it and found the right place. There it is written,

<sup>18</sup>"The Spirit of the Lord is on me.

He has anointed me  
to announce the good news to poor  
people.

He has sent me to announce freedom  
for prisoners.

He has sent me so that the blind will  
see again.

He wants me to set free those who are  
treated badly.

<sup>19</sup> And he has sent me to announce the  
year when he will set his people  
free.' (Isaiah 61:1,2)

<sup>20</sup>Then Jesus rolled up the scroll. He gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were staring at him. <sup>21</sup>He began by saying to them, 'Today this passage of Scripture is coming true as you listen.'

<sup>22</sup>Everyone said good things about him. They were amazed at the gracious words they heard from his lips. 'Isn't this Joseph's son?' they asked.

<sup>23</sup>Jesus said, 'Here is a saying you will certainly apply to me. "Doctor, heal yourself!" And you will tell me this. "Do the things here in your home town that we heard you did in Capernaum."'

<sup>24</sup>"What I'm about to tell you is true,' he continued. 'A prophet is not accepted in his

temple. But the chief priests and the teachers of the law were trying to kill him. So were the leaders among the people.<sup>48</sup> But they couldn't find any way to do it. All the people were paying close attention to his words.

### The authority of Jesus is questioned

**20** One day Jesus was teaching the people in the temple courtyard. He was announcing the good news to them. The chief priests and the teachers of the law came up to him. The elders came with them.<sup>2</sup> 'Tell us by what authority you are doing these things,' they all said. 'Who gave you this authority?'

<sup>3</sup>Jesus replied, 'I will also ask you a question. Tell me, <sup>4</sup>was John's baptism from heaven? Or did it come from people?'

<sup>5</sup>They talked to one another about it. They said, 'If we say, "From heaven", he will ask, "Why didn't you believe him?"' <sup>6</sup>But if we say, "From people", all the people will throw stones at us and kill us. They believe that John was a prophet.'

<sup>7</sup>So they answered Jesus, 'We don't know where John's baptism came from.'

<sup>8</sup>Jesus said, 'Then I won't tell you by what authority I am doing these things either.'

### The story of the tenants

<sup>9</sup>Jesus went on to tell the people a story. 'A man planted a vineyard,' he said. 'He rented it out to some farmers. Then he went away for a long time.<sup>10</sup> At harvest time he sent a slave to the tenants. They were supposed to give him some of the fruit of the vineyard. But the tenants beat the slave. Then they sent him away with nothing.<sup>11</sup> So the man sent another slave. They beat that one and treated him badly. They also sent him away with nothing.<sup>12</sup> The man sent a third slave. The tenants wounded him and threw him out.'

<sup>13</sup>'Then the owner of the vineyard said, "What should I do? I have a son, and I love him. I will send him. Maybe they will respect him."

<sup>14</sup>But when the tenants saw the son,



## John Wesley

**John Wesley** was born in 1703, the fifteenth of nineteen Children to Samuel and Susannah Wesley. He was an outstanding Anglican student at Oxford, England, and became an ordained minister and missionary to the United States. On the ship headed to the US there was a bad storm. A group of Moravian missionaries befriended John in the storm.



As John watched their faith in this storm he was so impressed with their love for Jesus and deep faith, even in the threat of death from the storm. It caused

him to realize that even with all his devotion he did not know God. This led him to search his own heart and the Bible in more earnest. He went to some of the Moravian conferences, spent time in prayer and searching the Bible.

Three months later (24 May, 1738) at a small Aldersgate prayer meeting John was listening to Martin Luther's *Preface to Romans*. He said, *I felt my heart strangely warmed. I felt I did trust Christ, Christ alone for salvation, and an assurance was given me that He had taken away my sins, even mine, and saved me from the law of sin and death.*

He woke up the next morning with "Jesus, Master" in his heart and in his mouth. A few months later he began a new Christian organization at a Moravian Chapel, which became known as *Methodist*. He spent the next fifty plus years traveling two hundred and fifty thousand miles, mostly on horseback, to give over forty thousand sermons.

*Source: Revival Bible, internet, and other public sources*

they talked the matter over. "This is the one who will receive all the owner's property someday," they said. "Let's kill him. Then everything will be ours."<sup>15</sup> So they threw him out of the vineyard. And they killed him.



## Sir Michael Niko Jones

Rugby *All Blacks* Great

**Michael** was born in April, 1965, in New Zealand, with a rich Samoan heritage. His father passed away when he was only four, so he was mostly raised by his godly mother, Maina, who was long regarded as a key Pacific Island Christian leader. He was named by *Rugby World* magazine as the third best All Black of the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

Michael was nicknamed "the Iceman" or "Ice" because of the number of icepacks he needed for injuries. He had serious knee injuries in '89 and '97 and a broken jaw in '93.

So strong were his religious beliefs, Michael would not play rugby on Sundays, even if it cost him. Once he was asked how such a committed Christian could be such an uncompromising tackler, he responded with a quote from the Bible: "It's better to give than receive."

After his successful rugby-playing career Michael became the national coach of Samoa. He also went on to earn three university degrees. In 2003 he was inducted into the International Rugby Hall of Fame. He was given the matai title (Samoan chiefly title) of La'auli and Savae from his Samoan aiga.

Michael has been a role model, especially for Pacific Island youth. In 1990 he received a New Zealand Medal for service to the Pacific Island community. He founded and is chairman of the *Village Community and Youth Trust* with the goal of keeping young people out of gang activity.

Pic: Michael Jones on the charge against France in the 1987 World Cup final at Eden Park.

That's because you have been with me from the beginning.

**16** 'I have told you all this so that you will not turn away from the truth. <sup>2</sup>You will be thrown out of the synagogue. In fact, the time is coming when someone may kill you. And they will think they are doing God a favour. <sup>3</sup>They will do things like that because they do not know the Father or me. <sup>4</sup>Why have I told you this? So that when their time comes, you will remember that I warned you about them. I didn't tell you this from the beginning because I was with you. <sup>5</sup>But now I am going to the one who sent me. None of you asks me, "Where are you going?" <sup>6</sup>Instead, you are filled with sadness because I have said these things. <sup>7</sup>But what I'm about to tell you is true. It is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Friend will not come to help you. But if I go, I will send him to you. <sup>8</sup>When he comes, he will prove that the world's people are guilty. He will prove their guilt concerning sin and godliness and judgment. <sup>9</sup>The world is guilty as far as sin is concerned. That's because people do not believe in me. <sup>10</sup>The world is guilty as far as godliness is concerned. That's because I am going to the Father, where you can't see me anymore. <sup>11</sup>The world is guilty as far as judgment is concerned. That's because the devil, the prince of this world, has already been judged.

<sup>12</sup>I have much more to say to you. It is more than you can handle right now. <sup>13</sup>But when the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own. He will speak only what he hears. And he will tell you what is still going to happen. <sup>14</sup>He will bring me glory. That's because what he receives from me he will show to you. <sup>15</sup>Everything that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said what the Holy Spirit receives from me he will show to you.'

**The disciples' sadness will turn into joy**

<sup>16</sup>Jesus continued, 'In a little while, you will no longer see me. Then after a little while, you will see me.'

Never See Me Again  
20:38

Don't Leave Us  
21:4

Stop Crying  
21:13

Home for Holidays  
21:17

Paul Arrested  
21:33

Deadly Sermon  
20:9

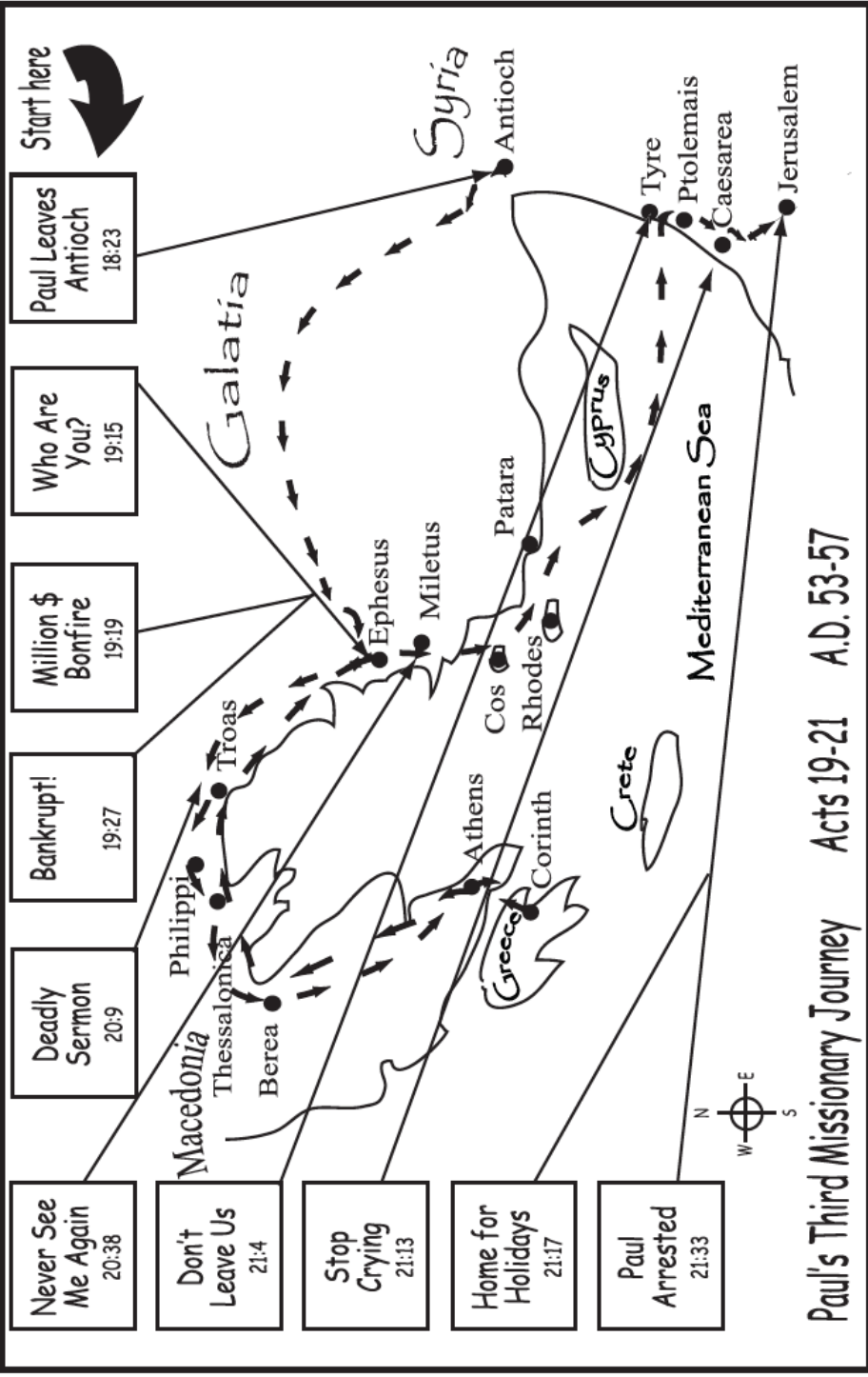
Bankrupt!  
19:27

Million \$ Bonfire  
19:19

Who Are You?  
19:15

Paul Leaves Antioch  
18:23

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Paul's Third Missionary Journey Acts 19-21 A.D. 53-57

# Open Book Quiz - The Book of Philippians

Read the letters from top to bottom and complete the answer below.



- 1 \_\_\_\_ Attacked the church ch. 3
- 2 \_\_\_\_ Heavenly prize ch. 3
- 3 \_\_\_\_ Forget the past and ... ch. 3
- 4 \_\_\_\_ Life's full meaning is in ch. 1
- 5 \_\_\_\_ Soldier of Christ ch. 2
- 6 \_\_\_\_ Every knee will ... ch. 2
- 7 \_\_\_\_ Without Christ all is ... ch. 3
- 8 \_\_\_\_ Don't worry about ... ch. 4
- 9 \_\_\_\_ Helped Paul write ch. 1
- 10 \_\_\_\_ Your love based on ch. 1
- 11 \_\_\_\_ God's riches will meet ch. 4
- 12 \_\_\_\_ Founded the church Intro.
- 13 \_\_\_\_ Held in chains ch. 1
- 14 \_\_\_\_ Like a son ch. 2

Select the best answer from the right column which matches items 1-14 in the left column.

Some letters are used more than once



- A - Athens
- B - Bethlehem
- F - Knowledge
- G - Bow
- I - Christ Jesus
- J - Garbage
- L - Paul
- N - Epaphoditus
- O - Anything
- Q - Rome
- U - Your needs
- V - Move on!
- W - Waldo
- Y -- Timothy

### Self-score

- 13 - 14 Shinning Star
- 10 - 12 Bright Star
- 7 - 9 Star
- 4 - 6 Falling Star
- 1 - 3 Black Hole

Answer:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

"The theme of the book of Philippians"

holy and godly and without blame. <sup>11</sup>You know that we treated each of you as a father treats his own children. <sup>12</sup>We gave you hope and strength. We comforted you. We really wanted you to live in a way that is worthy of God. He chooses you to enter his glorious kingdom.

<sup>13</sup>We never stop thanking God for the way you received his word. You heard it from us. But you didn't accept it as a human word. You accepted it for what it really is. It is God's word. It is really at work in you who believe. <sup>14</sup>Brothers and sisters, you became like the members of God's churches in Judea. They are believers in Christ Jesus, just as you are. Your own people made you suffer. You went through the same things the church members in Judea suffered from the Jews. <sup>15</sup>The Jews who killed the Lord Jesus and the prophets also forced us to leave. They do not please God. They are enemies of everyone. <sup>16</sup>They try to keep us from speaking to the Gentiles. These Jews don't want the Gentiles to be saved. In this way, these Jews always increase their sins to the limit. God's anger has come on them at last.

### Paul wants to see the believers in Thessalonica

<sup>17</sup>Brothers and sisters, we were separated from you for a short time. Apart from you, we were like children without parents. We were no longer with you in person. But we kept you in our thoughts. We really wanted to see you. So we tried very hard to do so. <sup>18</sup>We wanted to come to you. Again and again I, Paul, wanted to come. But Satan blocked our way. <sup>19</sup>What is our hope? What is our joy? When our Lord Jesus returns, what is the crown we will delight in? Isn't it you? <sup>20</sup>Yes, you are our glory and our joy.

**3** We couldn't wait any longer. So we thought it was best to be left by ourselves in Athens. <sup>2</sup>We sent our brother Timothy to give you strength and hope in your faith. He works together with us in God's service to spread the good news about Christ. <sup>3</sup>We sent him so that no one would be upset by times of testing. You know very well that we have to go through times of testing. <sup>4</sup>In fact, when we were with you, here is what we

### Corrie ten Boom (1892-1983)



**Corrie** was the daughter of a Dutch clockmaker, in the town of Haarlem, near Amsterdam. She was a quick learner and was the first woman to become a licensed watchmaker in the Netherlands. In

addition to helping the family business, Corrie started a youth club for teen girls. This included Bible instruction and classes on the performing arts, sewing and handicrafts.

But life took a major turn when the Nazi military invaded Holland. That's when Corrie and her Christian family began hiding Jews in their home to protect them from German death camps. Their faith inspired them to serve others in their community, to provide food, shelter and money, to those in need. All this, and much more, is told in the book and movie called, *The Hiding Place*.

Their work was eventually exposed, and she was sent to Ravensbruck, a women's labor camp in Germany. The horrific experiences she went through there prepared her for a worldwide ministry that took her to 60 countries. She preached about forgiveness and Christ's love well into her 80s.

kept telling you. We were telling you that our enemies would make us suffer. As you know very well, it has turned out that way. <sup>5</sup>That's the reason I sent someone to find out about your faith. I couldn't wait any longer. I was afraid that Satan had tempted you in some way. Then our work among you would have been useless.

### Timothy brings a good report

<sup>6</sup>But Timothy has come to us from you just now. He has brought good news about your faith and love. He has told us that you always have happy memories of us. He has also said that you desire to see us, just as we desire to see you. <sup>7</sup>Brothers and sisters, in all our trouble and suffering your faith encouraged us. <sup>8</sup>Now we really live, because you are standing firm in the Lord. <sup>9</sup>How can

## Paul commands Timothy

<sup>18</sup>My son Timothy, I am giving you this command. It is in keeping with the prophecies once made about you. By remembering them, you can fight the battle well. <sup>19</sup>Then you will hold on to faith. You will hold on to a good sense of what is right and wrong. Some have not accepted this knowledge of right and wrong. So they have destroyed their faith. They are like a ship that has sunk. <sup>20</sup>Hymenaeus and Alexander are among them. I have handed them over to Satan. That will teach them not to speak evil things against God.

## Teachings about worship

**2** First, I want you to pray for all people. Ask God to help and bless them. Give thanks for them. <sup>2</sup>Pray for kings. Pray for everyone who is in authority. Pray that we

can live peaceful and quiet lives. And pray that we will be godly and holy. <sup>3</sup>This is good, and it pleases God our Saviour. <sup>4</sup>He wants all people to be saved. He wants them to come to know the truth. <sup>5</sup>There is only one God. And there is only one go-between for God and human beings. He is the man Christ Jesus. <sup>6</sup>He gave himself to pay for the sins of all people. We have been told this message at just the right time. <sup>7</sup>I was appointed to be a messenger and an apostle to preach the good news. I am telling the truth. I'm not lying. God appointed me to be a true and faithful teacher of the Gentiles.

<sup>8</sup>So I want the men in every place to pray. I want them to lift up holy hands. I don't want them to be angry when they pray. I don't want them to argue. <sup>9</sup>In the same way, I want the women to be careful how they dress. They should wear clothes that

## William Carey

"Expect great things; attempt great things." Also known as the *Father of Modern Missions*

**William Carey** spoke to a group of Baptist leaders in England on the importance of overseas missions. An older minister interrupted William saying, "Young man, sit down! You are an enthusiast. When God pleases to convert the heathen, he'll do it without consulting you or me."

The Bible and the lives of Moravian missionaries influenced William. He was increasingly concerned at the Protestants' lack of interest in missions. So he wrote a paper on "... The Obligations of Christians to Use Means for Conversion..." He said that Jesus' Great Commission applied to all Christians of all times, and criticized his fellow believers for ignoring it.

William grew up as an Anglican in a small middle of England village. After accepting Jesus as Lord he continued as a cobbler (shoe



repairer) to put food on the table and studied languages after hours. He became a Baptist preacher and studied international affairs, especially the religious life of other cultures.

He formed a missionary organization and within a year he, a friend, his wife and three kids were on a ship to India. Life in India wasn't easy. Illness, loneliness, doubts... But he was persistent. He learned Bengali (one of the major languages in India) and translated the Bible into that language. He got malaria and his 5 year old son died of dysentery.

After seven years William baptized his first Christian convert and got the first Bengali New Testament published. He continued to faithfully serve the Lord in India. He spent a total of 41 years in India without a major break. He helped bring social reform, started a school that trained thousands every year, and inspired a missions movement including famous missionaries like: Adoniram Judson, Hudson Taylor, David Livingstone, and thousands of others.

## Ian Grant

Reaching Youth, Helping Families

**Ian Grant** grew up in the working-class suburb of Naenae, near Wellington. His Scottish father struggled to understand what it means to be a father. But his mother never stopped believing in him, even though he stuttered so much he could hardly say his name.

His stuttering can be traced to a teacher who didn't like anybody who used their left hand and forced them to switch to the right. "They've traced quite a few stutters back to that class." But put Ian on a stage or in front of a radio or TV microphone and the words just flow like a pro.

Ian and Mary Grant are the former directors of New Zealand's "Youth For Christ," a ministry that no longer exists. But it impacted generations of Kiwis like few other. **Campus Life** clubs could be found around the country. Y4C had it's own TV show, *The Herd*, and weekly youth rallies in major centres around New Zealand.

"We worked 32 years with young people and we realized that a lot of the teenage problems are really parent ones," he says. So they shifted their focus and started a new social service – or ministry – called at first **Parents Inc.**, now the **Parenting Place**, Motoua, oti atu oi. <https://www.theparentingplace.com>

Several hundred thousand parents have attended their seminars, relationship courses, and small group training sessions.



people. <sup>20</sup>He said, 'This is the blood of the covenant God has commanded you to keep.' (*Exodus 24:8*) <sup>21</sup>In the same way, he sprinkled the holy tent with blood. He also sprinkled everything that was used in worship there. <sup>22</sup>In fact, the law requires that nearly

everything be made 'clean' with blood. Without the spilling of blood, no one can be forgiven.

<sup>23</sup>So the copies of the heavenly things had to be made pure with these sacrifices. But the heavenly things themselves had to be made pure with better sacrifices. <sup>24</sup>Christ did not enter a sacred tent made with human hands. That tent was only a copy of the true one. He entered heaven itself. He did it to stand in front of God for us. He is there now. <sup>25</sup>The high priest enters the Most Holy Room every year. He enters with blood that is not his own. But Christ did not enter heaven to offer himself again and again. <sup>26</sup>If he had, he would have had to suffer many times since the world was created. But he has appeared once and for all time. He has come at the time when God's work is being completed. He has come to do away with sin by offering himself. <sup>27</sup>People have to die once. After that, God will judge them. <sup>28</sup>In the same way, Christ was offered up once. He took away the sins of many people. He will also come a second time. At that time he will not suffer for sin. Instead, he will come to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him.

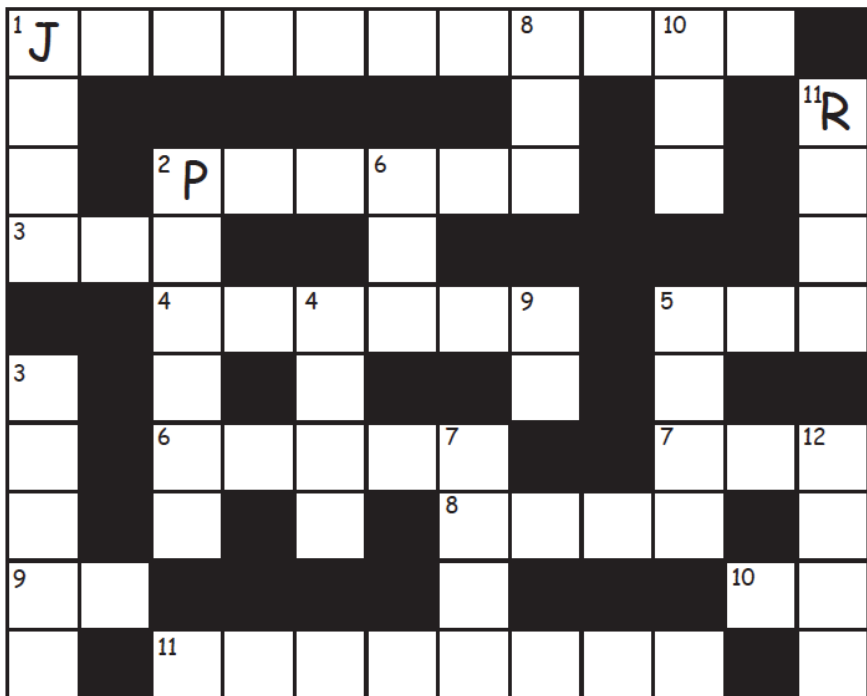
### Christ's sacrifice is once and for all time

**10** The law is only a shadow of the good things that are coming. It is not the real things themselves. The same sacrifices have to be offered over and over again. They must be offered year after year. That's why the law can never make perfect those who come near to worship. <sup>2</sup>If the law could, wouldn't the sacrifices have stopped being offered? The worshippers would have been made 'clean' once and for all time. They would not have felt guilty for their sins anymore. <sup>3</sup>But those offerings remind people of their sins every year. <sup>4</sup>It isn't possible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins.

<sup>5</sup>So when Christ came into the world, he said,



# HEBREWS



## Across

1. Same - Past, Present, Future ch. 13
2. Remember those in \_\_\_\_\_ ch. 13
3. Disaster signal ---
4. Jesus is higher than \_\_\_\_\_ ch. 1
5. Consume food ---
6. In Ark of Covenant ch. 9
7. Short for "Alfred" ---
8. Selection of meals ---
9. Listen \_\_\_ His voice ch. 3
10. Either, \_\_\_ ---
11. Contract with God ch. 8

## Down

1. The Hebrew people ---
2. Most quoted OT book ch. 1
3. Can't please God without ch. 11
4. Here today, \_\_\_ tomorrow ---
5. Godless like \_\_\_\_\_ ch. 12
6. Unholy will not \_\_\_ Jesus ch. 12
7. At end of prayer ch. 13
8. As in our race ch. 12
9. Abb. "south" ---
10. Greater than angel ch. 1
11. Peace, trust, salvation ch. 4
12. Burn up His enemies ch. 10

<sup>10</sup>They, too, will drink the wine of God's great anger. His wine has been poured full strength into the cup of his anger. They will be burned with flaming sulphur. The holy angels and the Lamb will see it happen.

<sup>11</sup>The smoke of their terrible suffering will rise for ever and ever. Day and night, there will be no rest for anyone who worships the beast and its statue. There will be no rest for anyone who receives the mark of its name.'

<sup>12</sup>God's people need to be very patient. They are the ones who obey God's commands. And they remain faithful to Jesus.

<sup>13</sup>Then I heard a voice from heaven. 'Write this', it said. 'Blessed are the dead who die as believers in the Lord from now on.'

'Yes', says the Holy Spirit. 'They will rest from their labour. What they have done will not be forgotten.'

### The harvest of the earth

<sup>14</sup>I looked, and there in front of me was a white cloud. Sitting on the cloud was one who looked 'like a son of man.' (*Daniel 7:13*) He wore a gold crown on his head. In his hand was a sharp, curved blade for cutting corn. <sup>15</sup>Then another angel came out of the temple. He called in a loud voice to the one sitting on the cloud. 'Take your blade,' he said. 'Cut the corn. The time has come. The earth is ready to be harvested.' <sup>16</sup>So the one sitting on the cloud swung his blade over the earth. And the earth was harvested.

<sup>17</sup>Another angel came out of the temple in heaven. He too had a sharp, curved blade.

<sup>18</sup>Still another angel came from the altar. He was in charge of the fire on the altar. He called out in a loud voice to the angel who had the sharp blade. 'Take your blade,' he said, 'and gather the bunches of grapes from the earth's vine. Its grapes are ripe.' <sup>19</sup>So the angel swung his blade over the earth. He gathered its grapes. Then he threw them into a huge winepress. The winepress stands for God's anger.

<sup>20</sup>In the winepress outside the city, the grapes were trampled on. Blood flowed out of the winepress. It spread over the land for about 180 miles. It rose as high as the horses' heads.

### Seven angels with seven plagues

**15** I saw in heaven another great and wonderful sign. Seven angels were about to bring the seven last plagues. The plagues would complete God's anger. <sup>2</sup>Then I saw something that looked like a sea of glass glowing with fire. Standing beside the sea were those who had won the battle over the beast. They had also overcome its statue and the number of its name. They held harps given to them by God. <sup>3</sup>They sang the song of God's servant Moses and of the Lamb. They sang,

'Lord God who rules over all,  
everything you do is great and  
wonderful.

King of the nations,  
your ways are true and fair.

<sup>4</sup>Lord, who will not have respect for  
you?

Who will not bring glory to your  
name?

You alone are holy.  
All nations will come  
and worship you.

They see that the things you do are  
right.'

<sup>5</sup>After this I looked, and I saw the temple in heaven. And it was opened. The temple is the holy tent where the tablets of the covenant law were kept. <sup>6</sup>Out of the temple came the seven angels who were bringing the seven plagues. They were dressed in clean, shining linen. They wore gold strips of cloth around their chests. <sup>7</sup>Then one of the four living creatures gave seven golden bowls to the seven angels. The bowls were filled with the anger of God, who lives for ever and ever. <sup>8</sup>The temple was filled with smoke that came from the glory and power of God. No one could enter the temple at that time. They had to wait until the seven plagues of the seven angels were completed.

### The seven bowls of God's great anger

**16** Then I heard a loud voice from the temple speaking to the seven angels.



## Psalm 23

The LORD is my shepherd. He gives me everything I need.

He lets me lie down in fields of green grass.

He leads me beside quiet waters.

He gives me new strength.

He guides me in the right paths for the honor of his name.

Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will not be afraid.

You are with me.

Your shepherd's rod and staff comfort me.

You prepare a feast for me right in front of my enemies.

You pour oil on my head.

My cup runs over.

I am sure that your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life.

And I will live in the house of the LORD forever.



## Psalm 24

The earth belongs to the LORD. And so does everything in it.

The world belongs to him. And so do all those who live in it.

He set it firmly on the oceans.

He made it secure on the waters.

Who can go up to the temple on the hill of the LORD?

Who can stand in his holy place?

Anyone who has clean hands and a pure heart.

He does not worship the statue of a god.

He doesn't use the name of that god when he makes a promise.

People like that will receive the LORD's blessing.

When God their Savior hands down his sentence, it will be in their favor.

The people who look to God are like that.

God of Jacob, they look to you.

Open wide, you gates.

Open up, you age-old doors.

Then the King of glory will come in.

Who is the King of glory?

The LORD, who is strong and mighty.

The LORD, who is mighty in battle.



## Psalm 37

Don't be upset because of sinful people.

Don't be jealous of those who do wrong.

Like grass, they will soon dry up.

Like green plants, they will soon die.

Trust in the LORD and do good.

Then you will live in the land and enjoy its food.

Find your delight in the LORD.

Then he will give you everything your heart really wants.

Commit your life to the LORD.

Here is what he will do if you trust in him.

# Proverbs

A person  
who talks  
about  
others tells  
secrets.  
So avoid  
anyone  
who talks  
too much.

Everything a man does  
might seem right to him.  
But the LORD knows  
what he is thinking.

Don't say,  
"I'll get even  
with you for  
the wrong you  
did to me!"  
Wait for the  
LORD, and he  
will save you.

We think even  
a foolish  
person is  
wise if he  
keeps silent.

An evil  
messenger  
gets into  
trouble. But  
a messenger  
who is trusted  
brings healing.

Food gained by  
cheating tastes  
sweet to a man.  
But he will end  
up with a mouth  
full of sand.

When the storm is over, sinners  
are gone. But those who do right  
stand firm forever.

Wise people act in keeping  
with the knowledge they have.  
But foolish people show how  
foolish they are.

Anyone who  
guards what  
he says guards  
his life.  
But anyone who  
speaks without  
thinking will  
be destroyed.

To know the Holy One is to gain understanding.

# It's time to plant God's word here again!



*A farmer went out to sow seed. Some seed fell...*

*Still other seed fell on good soil. It came up and yielded a crop, 100 times more than was sown. Whoever has ears to hear, let them hear....The seed is the word of God.*

*—Luke 8: 5, 8, 11*



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