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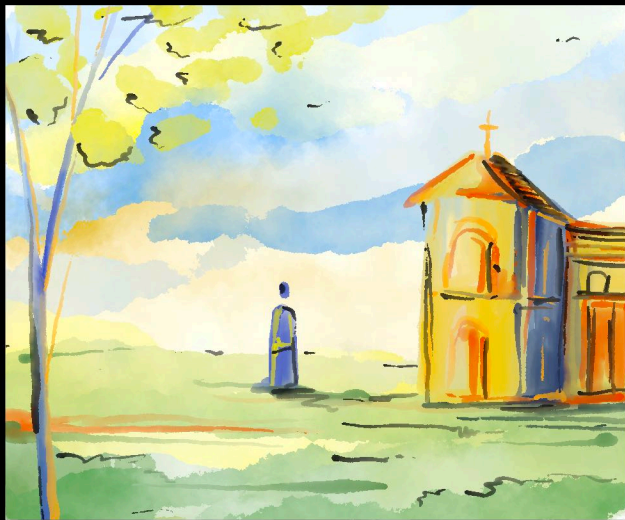
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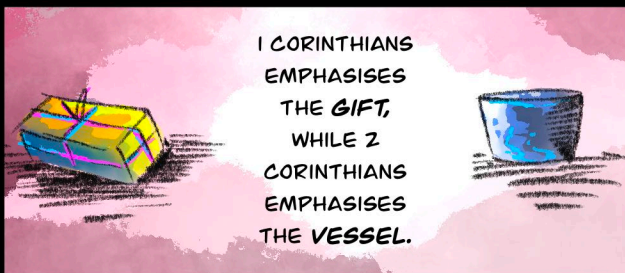
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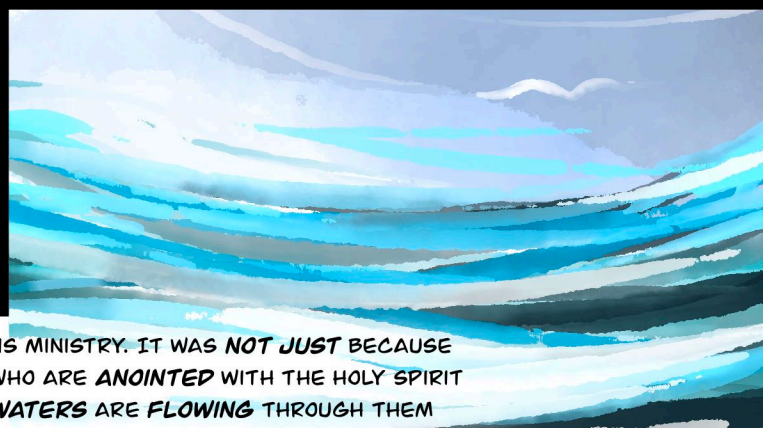
1 CORINTHIANS DEALS WITH A LOCAL CHURCH IN A CITY. 2 CORINTHIANS DEALS WITH THE INNER LIFE OF THE LEADER WHO LEADS THE LOCAL CHURCH.



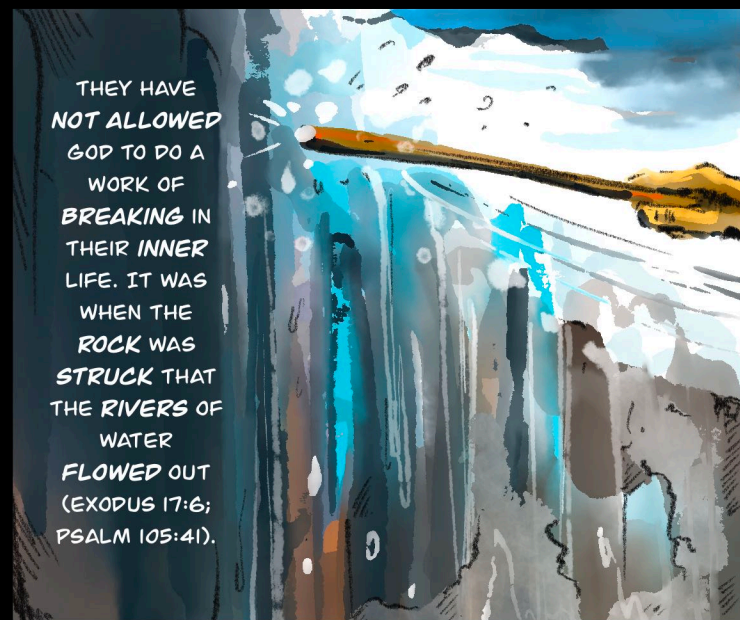
PAUL'S MINISTRY WAS EFFECTIVE, NOT PRIMARILY BECAUSE OF THE GIFTS GOD GAVE HIM, BUT BECAUSE OF HIS INNER WALK WITH GOD. AN EARTHEN VESSEL MAY NOT LOOK IMPRESSIVE, BUT IF IT CONTAINS WATER IT WILL SATISFY THE NEED OF A THIRSTY MAN MORE THAN AN EMPTY GOLDEN CUP. GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT ARE NECESSARY, BUT IT IS OUR INNER LIFE THAT WE COMMUNICATE TO OTHERS THROUGH OUR GIFT.



1 CORINTHIANS EMPHASISES THE GIFT, WHILE 2 CORINTHIANS EMPHASISES THE VESSEL.



IN 2 CORINTHIANS 1:1--8, WE SEE HOW PAUL OBTAINED HIS MINISTRY. IT WAS NOT JUST BECAUSE GOD HAD ANOINTED HIM WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT. MANY WHO ARE ANOINTED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT DO NOT HAVE A MINISTRY WHERE RIVERS OF LIVING WATERS ARE FLOWING THROUGH THEM

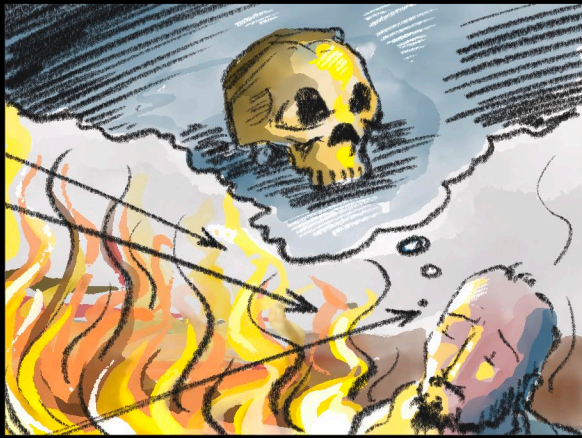


THEY HAVE NOT ALLOWED GOD TO DO A WORK OF BREAKING IN THEIR INNER LIFE. IT WAS WHEN THE ROCK WAS STRUCK THAT THE RIVERS OF WATER FLOWED OUT (EXODUS 17:6; PSALM 105:41).

IN 2 CORINTHIANS 1:3, 4, HE USES THE WORD "COMFORT" WHICH MEANS STRENGTH (FROM THE WORD "FORT").

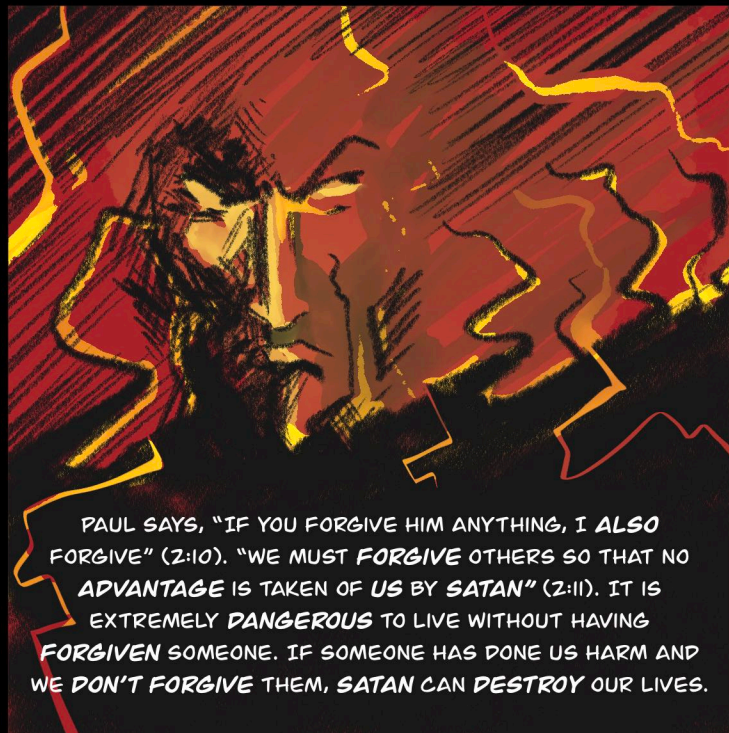
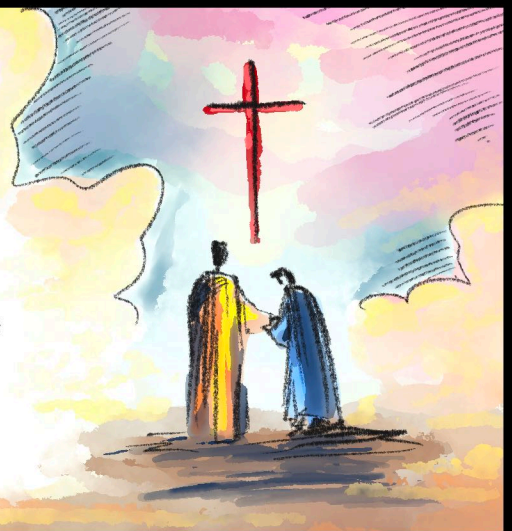


THE STRENGTH AND ENCOURAGEMENT AND VICTORY THAT GOD GIVES US TO OVERCOME IN OUR TRIALS AND AFFLICTIONS IS WHAT WE CAN THEN SHARE WITH OTHERS. THIS IS NEW-COVENANT MINISTRY.



HE WENT THROUGH SO MANY AFFLICTIONS THAT HE THOUGHT HE MAY EVEN DIE. -1:8

IN CHAPTER 2, WE READ ABOUT THE RESTORATION OF THE BROTHER WHOM PAUL HAD DISCIPLINED EARLIER (1 CORINTHIANS 5). NOW PAUL SAYS, "YOU SHOULD RECEIVE HIM BACK NOW" (2:6--8). THE PURPOSE OF ALL DISCIPLINE IS TO BRING A BROTHER BACK INTO FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD AND THE CHURCH.

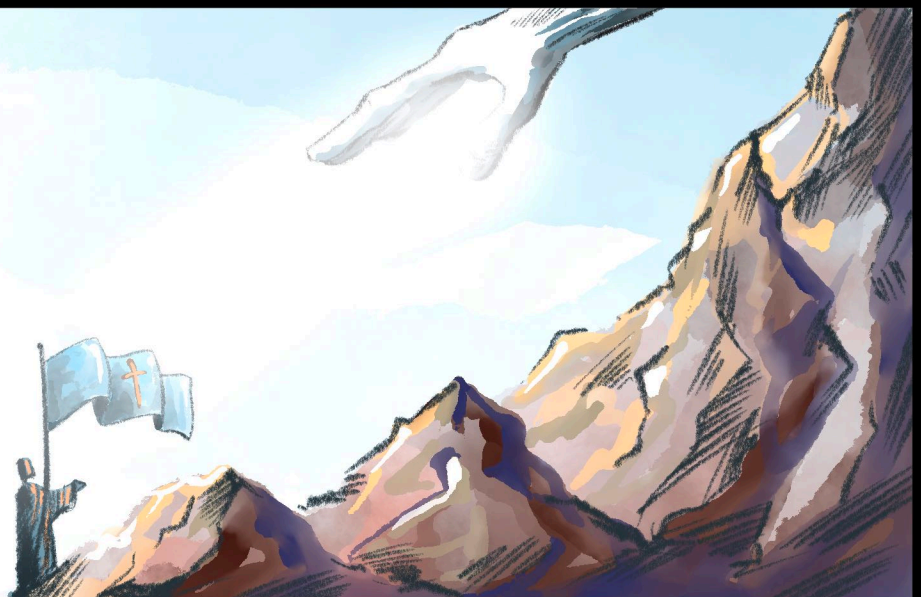


PAUL SAYS, "IF YOU FORGIVE HIM ANYTHING, I ALSO FORGIVE" (2:10). "WE MUST FORGIVE OTHERS SO THAT NO ADVANTAGE IS TAKEN OF US BY SATAN" (2:11). IT IS EXTREMELY DANGEROUS TO LIVE WITHOUT HAVING FORGIVEN SOMEONE. IF SOMEONE HAS DONE US HARM AND WE DON'T FORGIVE THEM, SATAN CAN DESTROY OUR LIVES.

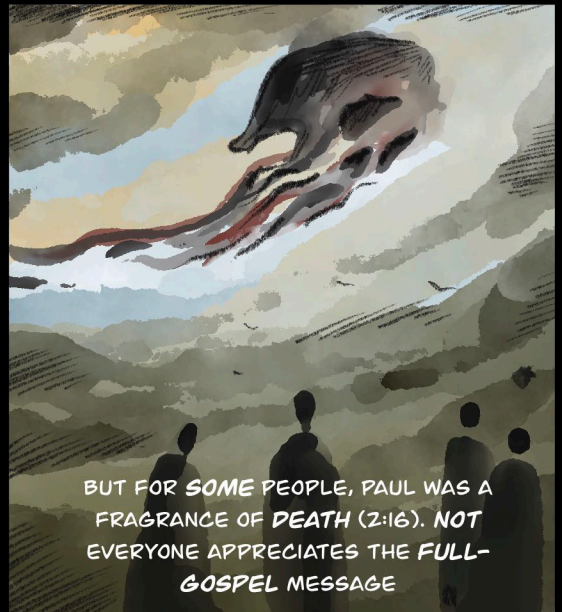


PAUL SAYS, "WE ARE NOT IGNORANT OF HIS SCHEMES" (2:11). WHY DO YOU THINK SATAN CONSTANTLY REMINDS YOU OF THE EVIL THINGS THAT OTHERS HAVE DONE TO YOU IN THE PAST? DO YOU THINK HE IS SYMPATHISING WITH YOU? NO. HE ALREADY GOT A HOLD OF THAT OTHER PERSON TO HARM YOU. NOW HE WANTS TO GET A HOLD OF YOU AS WELL!

PAUL'S TESTIMONY IN 2:14 -- "THANKS BE TO GOD WHO ALWAYS LEADS US IN HIS TRIUMPH IN CHRIST" HE DIDN'T SAY THAT HE WAS WALKING IN TRIUMPH BY HIS OWN POWER. NO. HE SAID THAT IT WAS GOD WHO LED HIM IN TRIUMPH ALWAYS. SO PAUL WAS AN OVERCOMER. HE WASN'T PERFECT.



A TRUE SERVANT OF GOD WILL BE ABLE TO TESTIFY: "THANKS BE TO GOD WHO ALWAYS LEADS ME IN TRIUMPH IN EVERY SINGLE PLACE, AND MANIFESTS THROUGH ME THE SWEET AROMA OF THE KNOWLEDGE OF CHRIST." IT WAS THE FRAGRANCE OF CHRIST THAT CAME THROUGH PAUL WHEREVER HE WENT -- AND NOT HIS OWN FRAGRANCE. AND SO GOD GOT ALL THE GLORY.

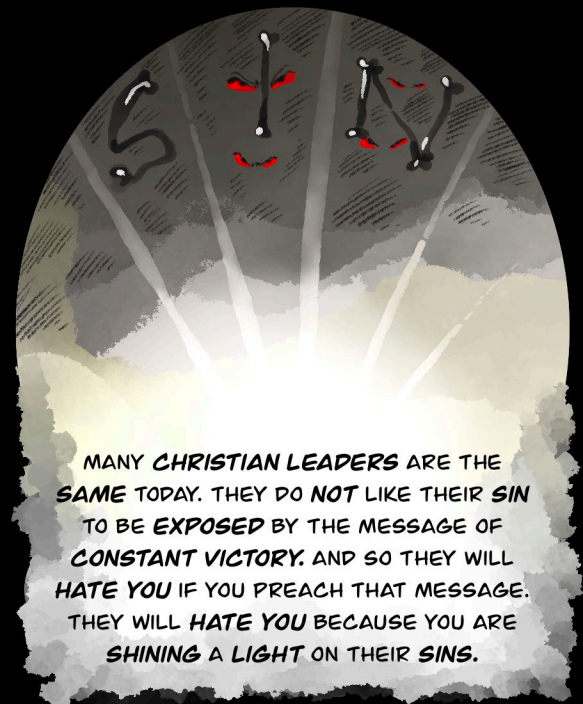


BUT FOR SOME PEOPLE, PAUL WAS A FRAGRANCE OF DEATH (2:16). NOT EVERYONE APPRECIATES THE FULL-GOSPEL MESSAGE

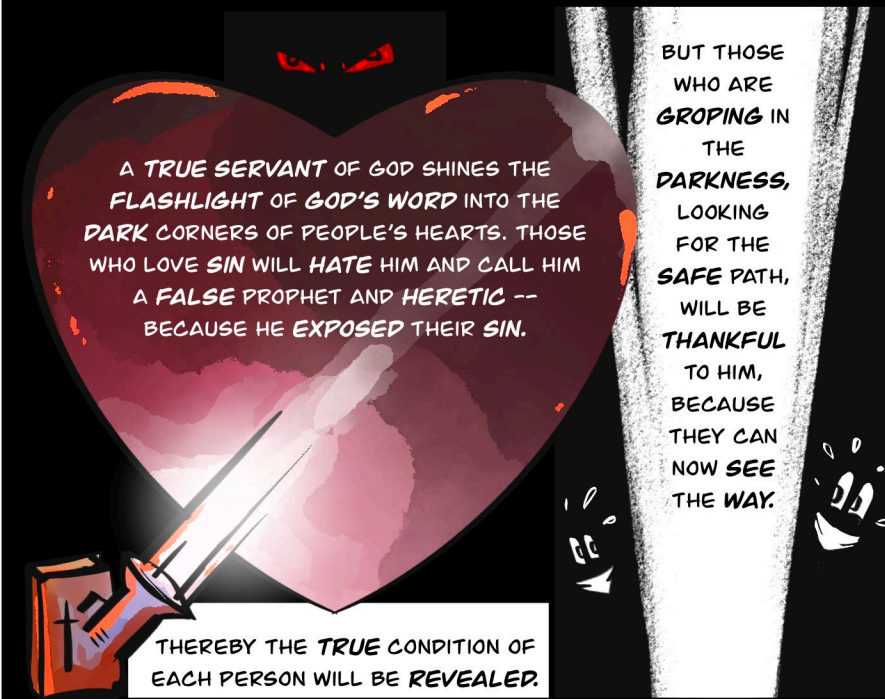


ONE WOULD THINK THAT EVERYONE SHOULD BE DELIGHTED TO HEAR THE MESSAGE OF VICTORY.

BUT MANY DO NOT LIKE THE MESSAGE, BECAUSE IT SHOWS UP THEIR SIN. WHEN JESUS CAME MANIFESTING THE LIFE OF GOD, MANY HATED HIM AND PUT HIM TO DEATH.



MANY CHRISTIAN LEADERS ARE THE SAME TODAY. THEY DO NOT LIKE THEIR SIN TO BE EXPOSED BY THE MESSAGE OF CONSTANT VICTORY. AND SO THEY WILL HATE YOU IF YOU PREACH THAT MESSAGE. THEY WILL HATE YOU BECAUSE YOU ARE SHINING A LIGHT ON THEIR SINS.



A TRUE SERVANT OF GOD SHINES THE FLASHLIGHT OF GOD'S WORD INTO THE DARK CORNERS OF PEOPLE'S HEARTS. THOSE WHO LOVE SIN WILL HATE HIM AND CALL HIM A FALSE PROPHET AND HERETIC -- BECAUSE HE EXPOSED THEIR SIN.

THEREBY THE TRUE CONDITION OF EACH PERSON WILL BE REVEALED.

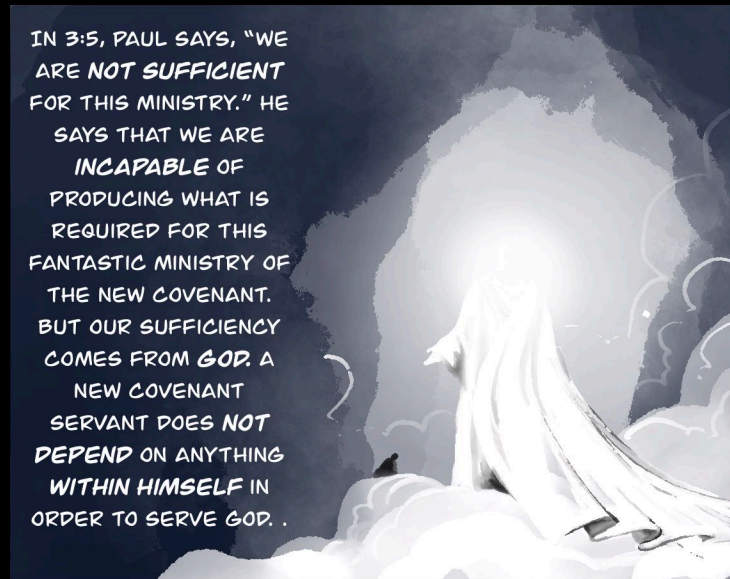
BUT THOSE WHO ARE GROPING IN THE DARKNESS, LOOKING FOR THE SAFE PATH, WILL BE THANKFUL TO HIM, BECAUSE THEY CAN NOW SEE THE WAY.



2:17 IS A WORD THAT ALL CHRISTIAN WORKERS SHOULD TAKE HEED TO: "WE ARE NOT LIKE MANY PEOPLE WHO PEDDLE THE WORD OF GOD." TO "PEDDLE THE WORD OF GOD" IS TO SELL IT FOR MONEY - LIKE VEGETABLE VENDORS PEDDLE THEIR WARES FOR MONEY.



IN CHAPTER 3 PAUL SPEAKS ABOUT A **NEW COVENANT SERVANT**. A NEW COVENANT SERVANT DOES NOT GET HIS **MINISTRY BY STUDYING ALONE**. HE HAS TO **EXPERIENCE THE MESSAGE**. THEN HE **SPEAKS OUT OF HIS EXPERIENCE**.



IN 3:5, PAUL SAYS, "WE ARE **NOT SUFFICIENT** FOR THIS MINISTRY." HE SAYS THAT WE ARE **INCAPABLE** OF PRODUCING WHAT IS REQUIRED FOR THIS FANTASTIC MINISTRY OF THE NEW COVENANT. BUT OUR SUFFICIENCY COMES FROM **GOD**. A NEW COVENANT SERVANT DOES NOT **DEPEND** ON ANYTHING **WITHIN HIMSELF** IN ORDER TO SERVE GOD.



GOD GIVES IT TO HIM AND HE GIVES IT OUT -- JUST LIKE THE SERVANTS IN **CANA** DISTRIBUTED THE **NEW WINE**. THOSE SERVANTS TOOK **WATER** TO **JESUS**. HE TURNED IT INTO **WINE**. THEN THEY **DISTRIBUTED IT**.



IN THE SAME WAY THE DISCIPLES TOOK FIVE LOAVES AND TWO FISH TO **JESUS**. HE MULTIPLIED THEM -- AND THEY **DISTRIBUTED** THEM. WE ALSO TAKE OUR **LIMITED RESOURCES** TO THE LORD. HE **ANOINTS** THEM, **BLESSES** THEM AND **MULTIPLIES** THEM; AND WE **PASS THEM ON TO OTHERS**. WE ARE CALLED TO BE IN THE **DISTRIBUTION BUSINESS**, NOT IN THE **PRODUCTION BUSINESS**



IN THE **NEW COVENANT**, WE ARE **NOT SERVANTS** OF THE **LETTER** BUT OF THE **SPIRIT** (3:6).

IN 3:9, TWO MINISTRIES MENTIONED -- A MINISTRY OF **CONDEMNATION** AND A MINISTRY OF **RIGHTEOUSNESS**. IF WE **PUSH PEOPLE DOWN**, SAYING THEY ARE **BAD** AND **NOT GOOD ENOUGH**, THAT IS **OLD-COVENANT PREACHING**. **NEW-COVENANT PREACHING** **CONVICTS** BUT **LIFTS** PEOPLE UP AND GIVES THEM

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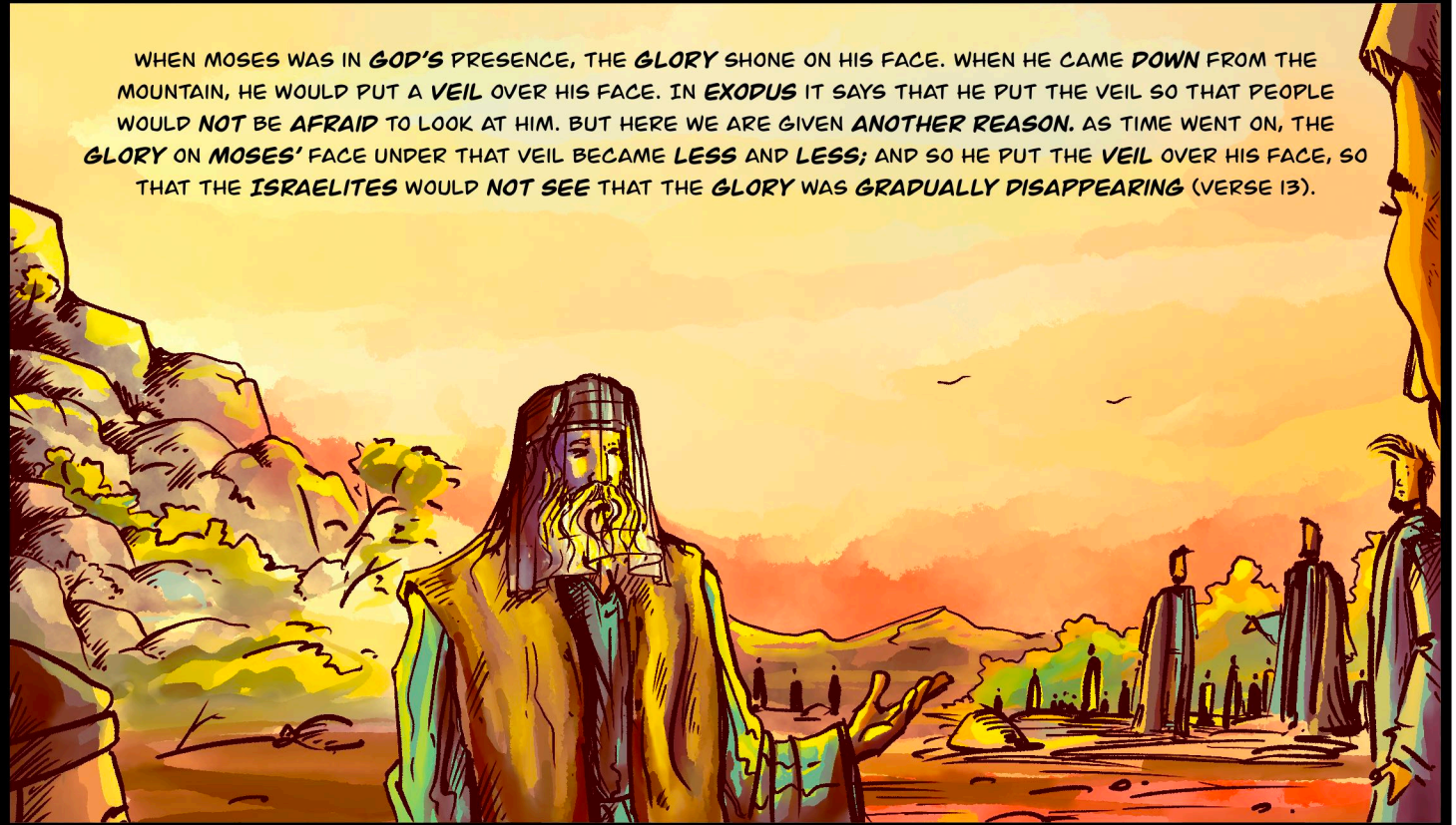


IN 3:13--18, PAUL COMPARES THE NEW COVENANT WITH THE OLD COVENANT, IN TERMS

OF **MOSES** AND
CHRIST.



WHEN MOSES WAS IN **GOD'S** PRESENCE, THE **GLORY** SHONE ON HIS FACE. WHEN HE CAME **DOWN** FROM THE MOUNTAIN, HE WOULD PUT A **VEIL** OVER HIS FACE. IN **EXODUS** IT SAYS THAT HE PUT THE VEIL SO THAT PEOPLE WOULD **NOT** BE **AFRAID** TO LOOK AT HIM. BUT HERE WE ARE GIVEN **ANOTHER REASON**. AS TIME WENT ON, THE **GLORY** ON **MOSES'** FACE UNDER THAT VEIL BECAME **LESS AND LESS**; AND SO HE PUT THE **VEIL** OVER HIS FACE, SO THAT THE **ISRAELITES** WOULD **NOT** SEE THAT THE **GLORY** WAS **GRADUALLY DISAPPEARING** (VERSE 13).

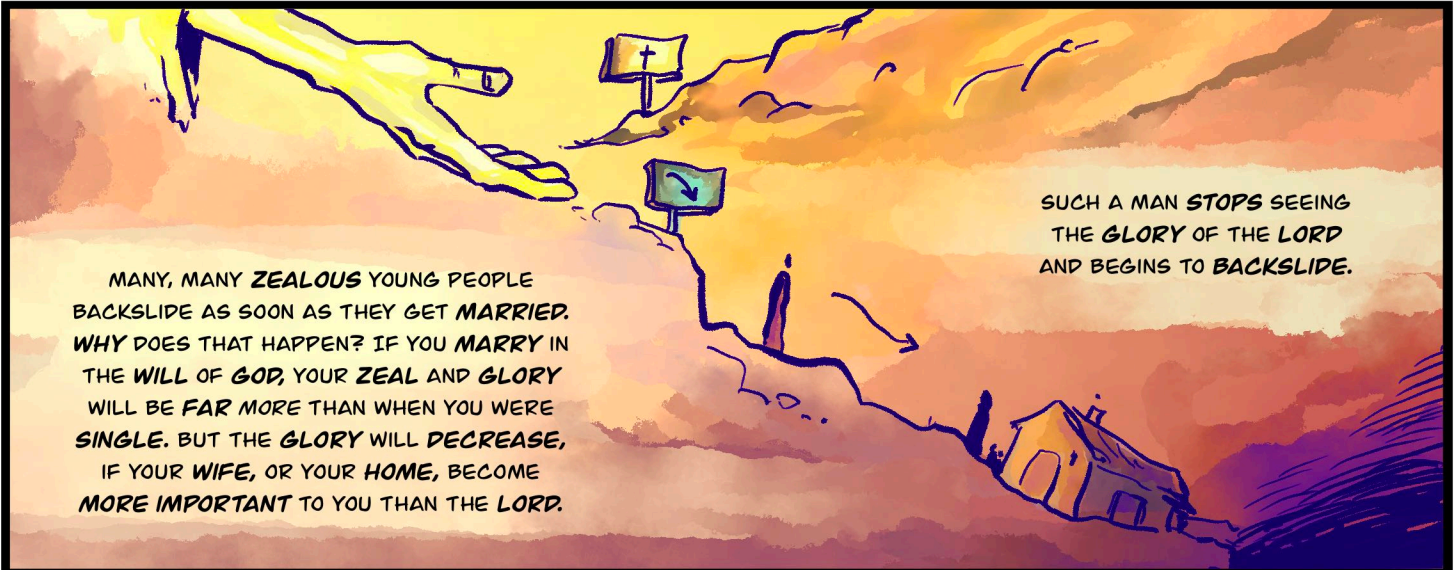


THERE ARE MANY CHRISTIANS TODAY IN WHOSE **PRIVATE LIFE** THE **GLORY** IS BECOMING **LESS AND LESS**. WHEN SOME OF TODAY'S 50-YEAR OLD PREACHERS WERE 25 YEARS OLD, THEY WERE ON **FIRE** FOR **GOD**. BUT NOW THEIR ATTITUDE TO **MONEY** AND **SIN** AND MANY OTHER **MATTERS** HAVE BECOME **UN-CHRISTLIKE**.



IN THE **NEW COVENANT** "WHEN YOU TURN TO THE LORD THE **VEIL** IS **TAKEN AWAY**" (3:16). NOW WHEN WE SEE THE **GLORY** OF **JESUS** IN **GOD'S** WORD, THE **HOLY SPIRIT** CHANGES US FROM **ONE DEGREE** OF **GLORY** TO **ANOTHER** SO THAT HIS **GLORY** IN US **INCREASES** DAY BY DAY (VERSE 18).



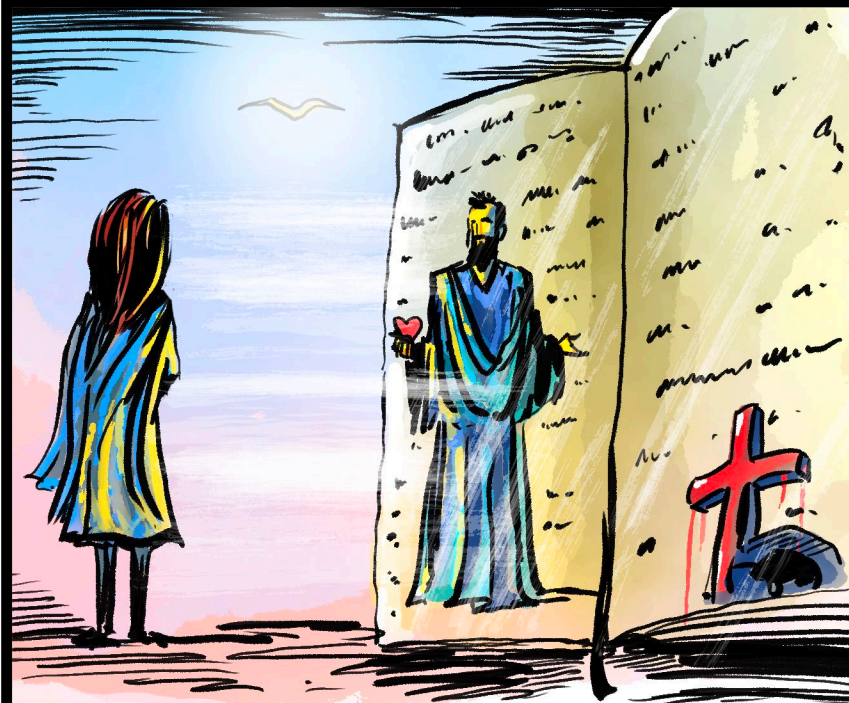


MANY, MANY **ZEALOUS** YOUNG PEOPLE BACKSLIDE AS SOON AS THEY GET **MARRIED**. WHY DOES THAT HAPPEN? IF YOU **MARRY** IN THE **WILL OF GOD**, YOUR **ZEAL AND GLORY** WILL BE **FAR MORE** THAN WHEN YOU WERE **SINGLE**. BUT THE **GLORY** WILL **DECREASE**, IF YOUR **WIFE**, OR YOUR **HOME**, BECOME **MORE IMPORTANT** TO YOU THAN THE **LORD**.

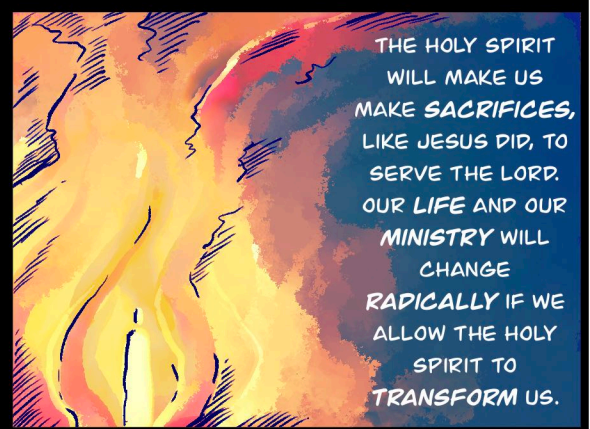
SUCH A MAN **STOPS** SEEING THE **GLORY** OF THE **LORD** AND BEGINS TO **BACKSLIDE**.



2 CORINTHIANS 3:18 SAYS "WHERE THE **SPIRIT OF THE LORD** IS, THERE IS **LIBERTY**" (VERSE 17). HE FREES US PRIMARILY FROM THE **POWER OF SIN**, BUT ALSO FROM THE **LOVE OF MONEY**, FROM THE **TRADITIONS** OF OUR **FATHERS AND ELDERS** THAT ARE **CONTRARY TO THE WORD**, FROM THE **OPINIONS OF PEOPLE**, ETC. THEN WE BECOME **FREE TO SERVE GOD** AND NOT **MAN**.



IN 3:18, WE ARE TOLD THAT THE **HOLY SPIRIT** SHOWS US THE **GLORY OF JESUS** IN THE **SCRIPTURES** (THE **MIRROR** IS THE **WORD OF GOD** -- JAMES 1:23--25). SOME PEOPLE READ THE **BIBLE** ONLY TO GET **SERMONS** AND CHECK **DOCTRINES**. BUT THE **HOLY SPIRIT** PRIMARILY WANTS TO SHOWS US THE **GLORY OF JESUS** IN THE **BIBLE**. AS WE SEE THAT **GLORY**, THE **HOLY SPIRIT** ALSO **CHANGES** US INTO THAT **LIKENESS**.



THE **HOLY SPIRIT** WILL MAKE US MAKE **SACRIFICES**, LIKE **JESUS** DID, TO **SERVE** THE **LORD**. OUR **LIFE** AND OUR **MINISTRY** WILL **CHANGE** **RADICALLY** IF WE ALLOW THE **HOLY SPIRIT** TO **TRANSFORM** US.



WE WILL BECOME **NEW COVENANT SERVANTS** -- AND WE **DON'T** HAVE TO **LEAVE** OUR **SECULAR** **EMPLOYMENT** TO BE **THAT**.

IN 4:1, PAUL CONTINUES TO DESCRIBE HIS MINISTRY. "BECAUSE WE HAVE RECEIVED THIS MINISTRY, AS WE RECEIVED MERCY, WE DO NOT LOSE HEART."

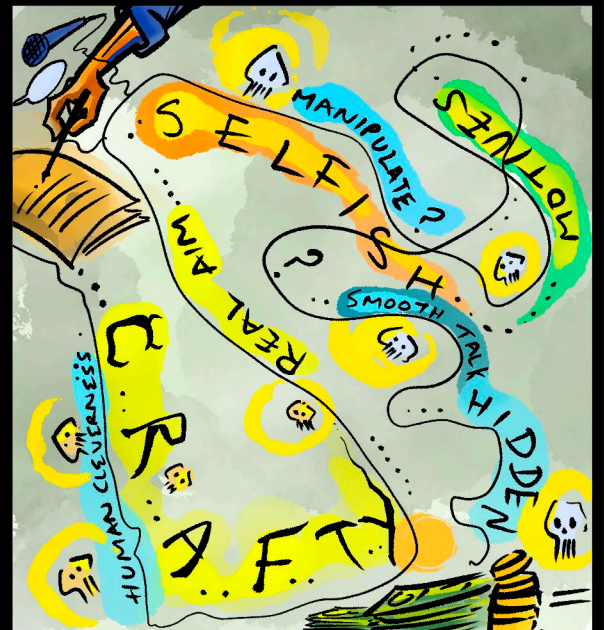
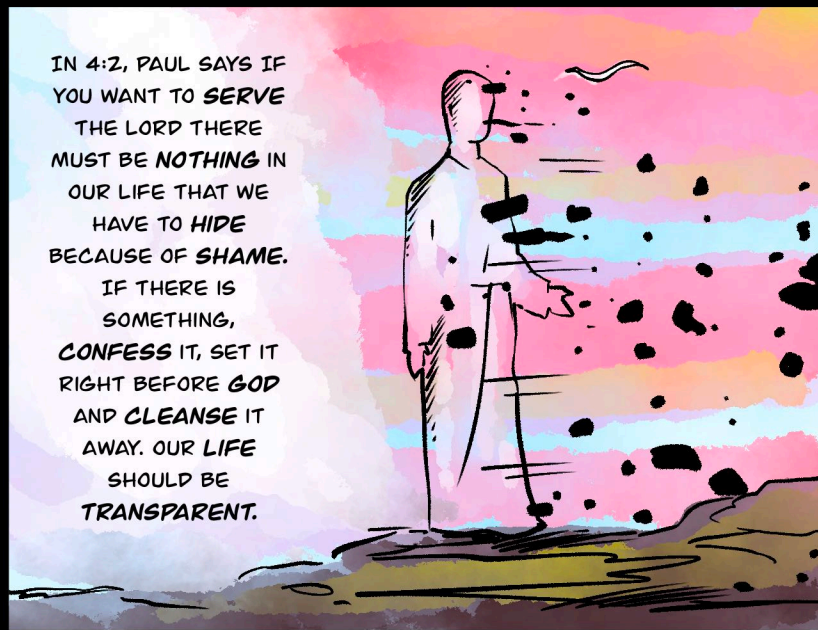


TO LOSE HEART MEANS TO GET **DISCOURAGED**. EVEN THE APOSTLE PAUL WAS **TEMPTED TO BE DISCOURAGED**. SO IF YOU ARE **TEMPTED TO BE DISCOURAGED**, THAT SHOULD NOT BE **CONSIDERED STRANGE**.

SO, ALTHOUGH WE WILL ALL BE **TEMPTED TO BE DISCOURAGED**, NONE OF US **NEED EVER GET DISCOURAGED**, IF WE **KEEP OUR EYES FIXED ON THE LORD**.



IN 4:2, PAUL SAYS IF YOU WANT TO **SERVE** THE LORD THERE MUST BE **NOTHING** IN OUR LIFE THAT WE HAVE TO **HIDE** BECAUSE OF **SHAME**. IF THERE IS SOMETHING, **CONFESS** IT, SET IT RIGHT BEFORE **GOD** AND **CLEANSE** IT AWAY. OUR LIFE SHOULD BE **TRANSPARENT**.



IN 4:2 HE ALSO TALKS ABOUT NOT BEING **CRAFTY**. FOR EXAMPLE, WHEN WE WRITE WHAT WE CALL "A PRAYER-LETTER", BUT OUR MAIN AIM IS TO GET **MONEY** FROM PEOPLE, THEN WE ARE BEING **CRAFTY**. WE SHOULD BE **HONEST** AND CALL IT "A LETTER ASKING FOR **MONEY**." THERE IS A LOT OF **DISHONESTY** LIKE THAT AMONG **CHRISTIAN WORKERS**.

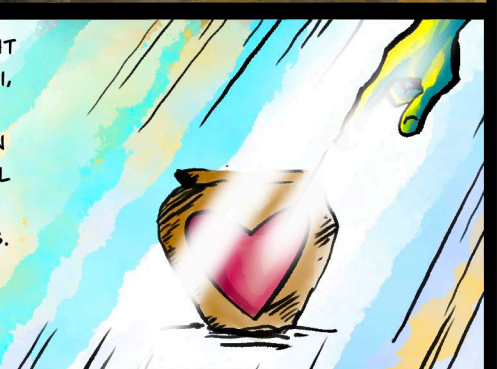


THEN PAUL BEGINS TO EXPLAIN WHAT THE GOSPEL IS. MANY PEOPLE CANNOT **UNDERSTAND** THE GOSPEL BECAUSE **SATAN** (THE GOD OF THIS WORLD) HAS **BLINDED** THEIR EYES SO THAT THEY **CANNOT SEE** IT. (4:4)

PAUL SPEAKS HERE ABOUT THE **GLORY OF GOD** AS THE ONLY **REAL TREASURE** THAT WE CAN HAVE ON **EARTH** (VERSE 6).

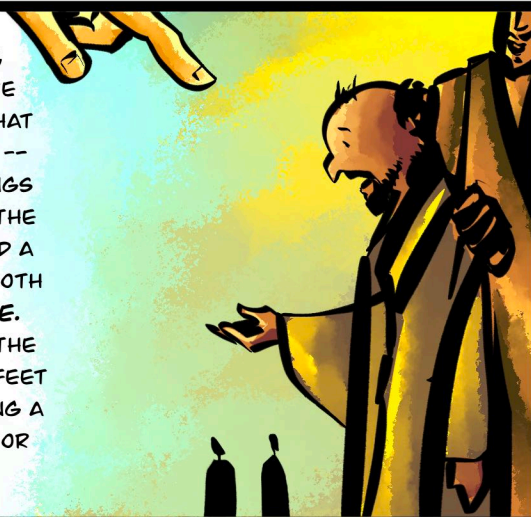


JUST AS **GOD** COMMANDED LIGHT TO SHINE WAY BACK IN **GENESIS 1**, HE HAS ALSO SHONE INTO OUR **HEARTS** -- AND THIS LIGHT IS IN AN **EARTHEN VESSEL** (4:7). TILL THE END OF OUR LIVES, WE WILL ALL BE ONLY **EARTHEN VESSELS**. THE ONLY **ATTRACTIVE** THING ABOUT THIS VESSEL IS THAT IT **CONTAINS THE GLORY OF GOD**.







IN THE OLD TESTAMENT, ABRAHAM AND DAVID WERE MATERIALLY WEALTHY. THAT WAS AN EARTHLY GLORY -- BECAUSE ALL HUMAN BEINGS GLORY IN WEALTH. BUT IN THE NEW TESTAMENT, GOD USED A MAN LIKE PAUL, WHO WAS BOTH POOR AND UNIMPRESSIVE. TRADITION TELLS US THAT THE APOSTLE PAUL WAS ONLY 4 FEET 11 INCHES TALL, BALD, HAVING A HOOKED NOSE AND SICK FOR MUCH OF HIS LIFE.




HE WAS A WEAK EARTHEN VESSEL BUT ONE THAT CONTAINED THE GLORY OF CHRIST INSIDE. MANY PEOPLE TODAY ARE IMPRESSED BY SO-CALLED GREAT SERVANTS OF GOD WHO STAND ON PLATFORMS LIKE FILM STARS.




THE LIGHT IN AN EARTHEN VESSEL (4:6, 7) REMINDS US OF GIDEON'S ARMY OF 300 SOLDIERS WHO HAD AN EARTHEN VESSEL EACH, WITH A LIGHT INSIDE.



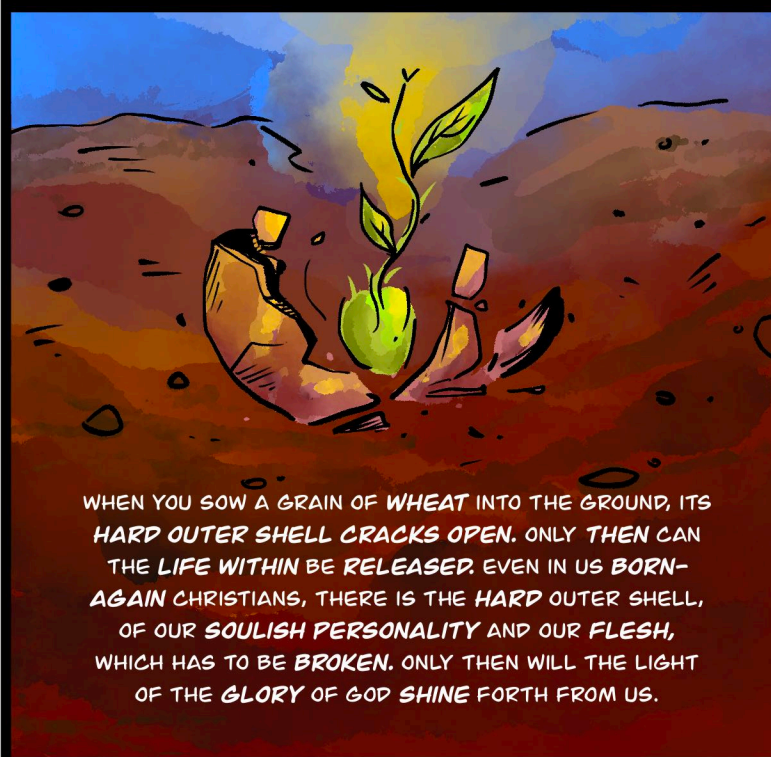
THESE 300 WERE SELECTED FROM A LARGER GROUP OF 32,000 BY GOD, AND ARE A TYPE OF THE OVERCOMERS IN THE LAST DAYS.



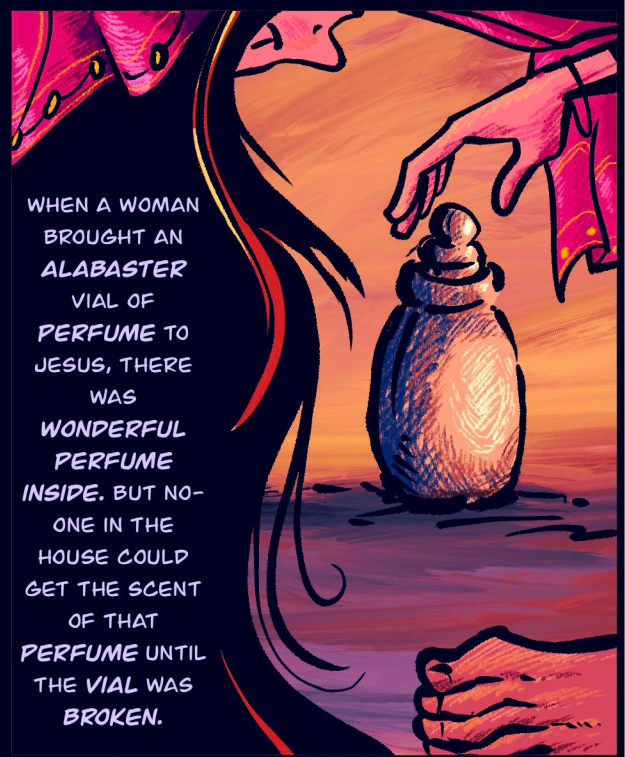

WHEN THEY GO TO BATTLE AGAINST SATAN, LIKE THOSE SOLDIERS, THEY HAVE A SWORD (WHICH IS THE WORD OF GOD). BUT THEY ALSO HAVE AN EARTHEN VESSEL WITH A LIGHT INSIDE.



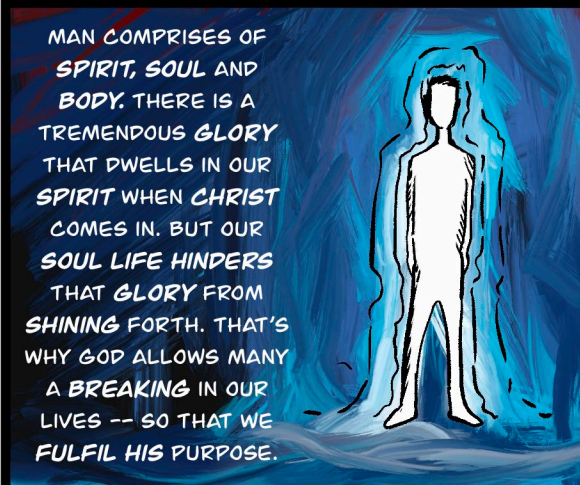
GIDEON'S SOLDIERS WERE TOLD TO BREAK THEIR EARTHEN VESSELS SO THAT THEIR LIGHTS WOULD SHINE OUT. PAUL TELLS US HOW HIS EARTHEN VESSEL HAD TO BE BROKEN FOR THE LIFE OF JESUS TO SHINE FORTH. HE HAD TO GO THROUGH AFFLICTION, PERPLEXITY, PERSECUTION AND BEING STRUCK DOWN, WITHOUT DESPAIRING (VERSES 8--12).



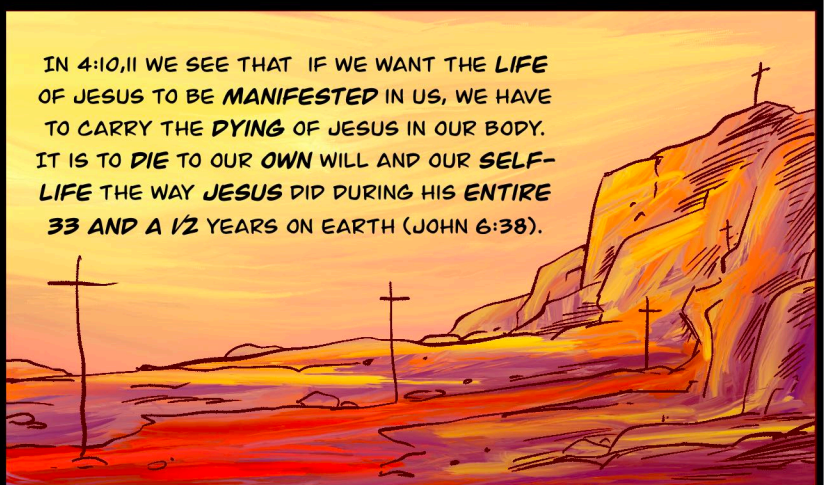
WHEN YOU SOW A GRAIN OF WHEAT INTO THE GROUND, ITS HARD OUTER SHELL CRACKS OPEN. ONLY THEN CAN THE LIFE WITHIN BE RELEASED. EVEN IN US BORN-AGAIN CHRISTIANS, THERE IS THE HARD OUTER SHELL, OF OUR SOULISH PERSONALITY AND OUR FLESH, WHICH HAS TO BE BROKEN. ONLY THEN WILL THE LIGHT OF THE GLORY OF GOD SHINE FORTH FROM US.



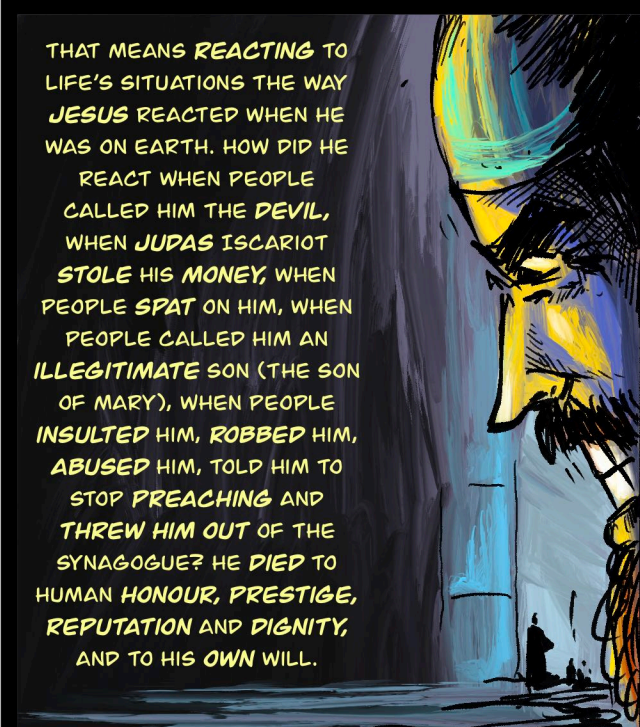
WHEN A WOMAN BROUGHT AN ALABASTER VIAL OF PERFUME TO JESUS, THERE WAS WONDERFUL PERFUME INSIDE. BUT NO-ONE IN THE HOUSE COULD GET THE SCENT OF THAT PERFUME UNTIL THE VIAL WAS BROKEN.



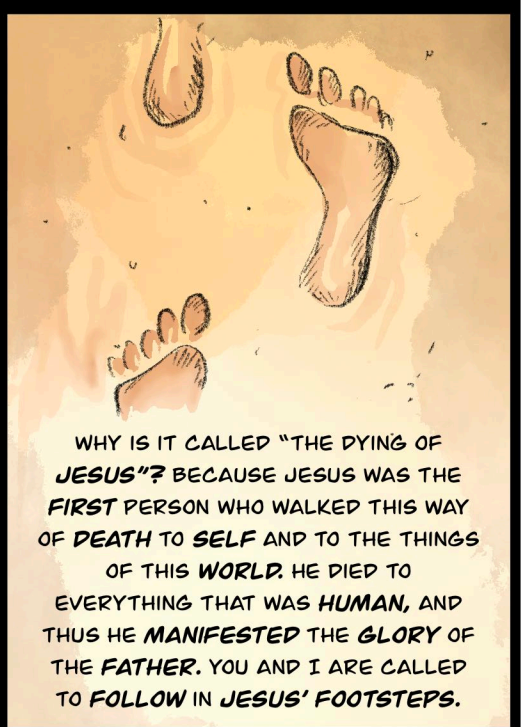
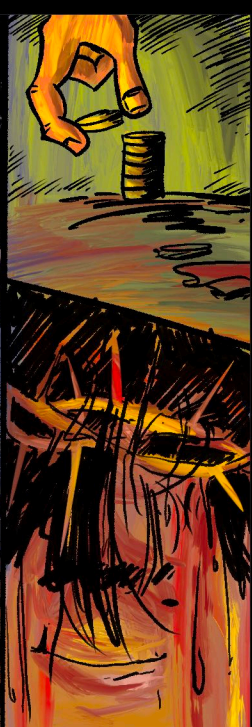
MAN COMPRISES OF SPIRIT, SOUL AND BODY. THERE IS A TREMENDOUS GLORY THAT DWELLS IN OUR SPIRIT WHEN CHRIST COMES IN. BUT OUR SOUL LIFE HINDERS THAT GLORY FROM SHINING FORTH. THAT'S WHY GOD ALLOWS MANY A BREAKING IN OUR LIVES -- SO THAT WE FULFIL HIS PURPOSE.



IN 4:10,11 WE SEE THAT IF WE WANT THE LIFE OF JESUS TO BE MANIFESTED IN US, WE HAVE TO CARRY THE DYING OF JESUS IN OUR BODY. IT IS TO DIE TO OUR OWN WILL AND OUR SELF-LIFE THE WAY JESUS DID DURING HIS ENTIRE 33 AND A 1/2 YEARS ON EARTH (JOHN 6:38).

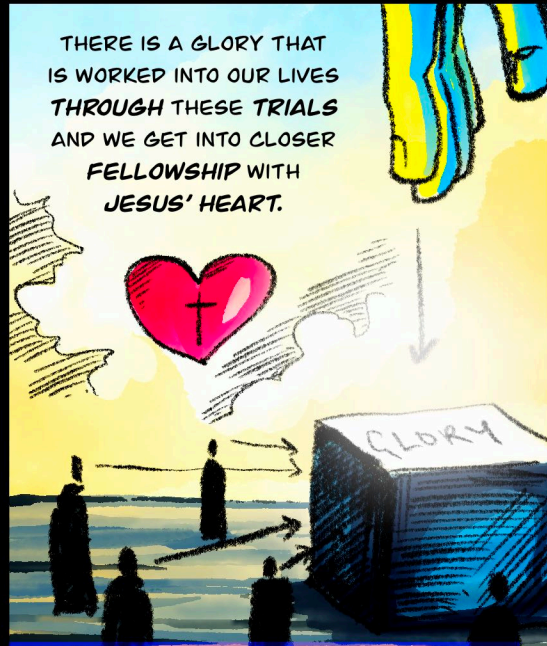


THAT MEANS REACTING TO LIFE'S SITUATIONS THE WAY JESUS REACTED WHEN HE WAS ON EARTH. HOW DID HE REACT WHEN PEOPLE CALLED HIM THE DEVIL, WHEN JUDAS ISCARIOT STOLE HIS MONEY, WHEN PEOPLE SPAT ON HIM, WHEN PEOPLE CALLED HIM AN ILLEGITIMATE SON (THE SON OF MARY), WHEN PEOPLE INSULTED HIM, ROBBED HIM, ABUSED HIM, TOLD HIM TO STOP PREACHING AND THREW HIM OUT OF THE SYNAGOGUE? HE DIED TO HUMAN HONOUR, PRESTIGE, REPUTATION AND DIGNITY, AND TO HIS OWN WILL.



WHY IS IT CALLED "THE DYING OF JESUS"? BECAUSE JESUS WAS THE FIRST PERSON WHO WALKED THIS WAY OF DEATH TO SELF AND TO THE THINGS OF THIS WORLD. HE DIED TO EVERYTHING THAT WAS HUMAN, AND THUS HE MANIFESTED THE GLORY OF THE FATHER. YOU AND I ARE CALLED TO FOLLOW IN JESUS' FOOTSTEPS.

IN 4:17, 18, PAUL SAYS, "ALL THIS AFFLICTION THAT WE GO THROUGH IS VERY LIGHT BECAUSE THE GLORY THAT IS GOING TO COME INTO US THROUGH THEM IS SO GREAT." BUT THIS GLORY CAN COME INTO US ONLY AS LONG AS "WE KEEP LOOKING AT THE THINGS THAT ARE UNSEEN AND REFUSE TO LOOK AT THE THINGS THAT ARE SEEN" (4:18). THAT MEANS THAT WE DON'T LOOK AT ANY OF OUR SUFFERINGS FROM A HUMAN VIEWPOINT, BUT FROM A DIVINE VIEWPOINT.



THERE IS A GLORY THAT IS WORKED INTO OUR LIVES THROUGH THESE TRIALS AND WE GET INTO CLOSER FELLOWSHIP WITH JESUS' HEART.



IN 5:9, PAUL SPEAKS ABOUT HIS AMBITION. ALL YOUNG PEOPLE HAVE AMBITIONS. THE PROBLEM IS THEY HAVE GOT THE WRONG AMBITIONS. THE AMBITION OF MANY IS TO MAKE MONEY, OR TO BECOME GREAT AND FAMOUS, AND TO MAKE A NAME FOR THEMSELVES.



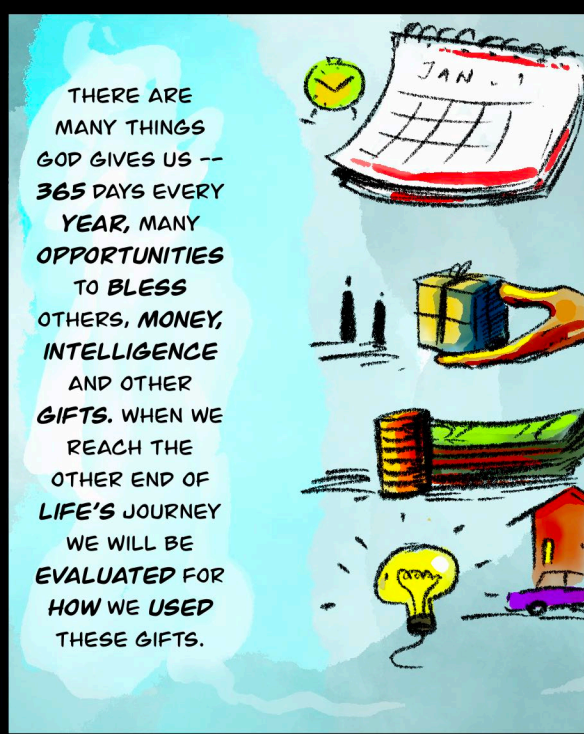
PAUL ALSO GOT AN AMBITION WHEN HE WAS CONVERTED. "WE HAVE AS OUR AMBITION WHETHER AT HOME OR ABSENT -- WHETHER WE ARE IN HEAVEN OR ABSENT FROM HEAVEN -- TO PLEASE HIM" (5:9).



THAT IS THE IDENTIFYING MARK OF A TRULY SPIRITUAL MAN. HE IS IN TUNE WITH GOD, BECAUSE HE IS IN TUNE WITH HEAVEN'S VALUES. SUCH A MAN WILL BE THE MOST EFFECTIVE SERVANT OF GOD ON EARTH BECAUSE HE IS IN TUNE WITH HEAVEN.



IN 5:10, 11, PAUL SAYS, "WE MUST ALL APPEAR BEFORE THE JUDGMENT SEAT OF CHRIST, SO THAT EACH ONE MAY BE RECOMPENSATED FOR HIS DEEDS IN THE BODY, ACCORDING TO WHAT HE HAS DONE, WHETHER GOOD OR BAD. THEREFORE, KNOWING THE FEAR OF THE LORD, WE PERSUADE MEN." THIS JUDGEMENT AND REWARDS FOR BELIEVERS, IS DIFFERENT FROM THE GREAT WHITE THRONE WHERE ALL UNBELIEVERS WILL BE JUDGED (REVELATION 20:11, 12).



THERE ARE MANY THINGS GOD GIVES US -- 365 DAYS EVERY YEAR, MANY OPPORTUNITIES TO BLESS OTHERS, MONEY, INTELLIGENCE AND OTHER GIFTS. WHEN WE REACH THE OTHER END OF LIFE'S JOURNEY WE WILL BE EVALUATED FOR HOW WE USED THESE GIFTS.