

Anchored in Truth



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God wants us to be secure in **His truth**; His truth is in the facts that He reveals to us in the Bible. God gave us the Bible so we could learn these truths and obey Him. Since God never changes, these facts never change! If it was left up to us, we'd never come to know these truths; through the power of God the Holy Spirit, we come to learn, believe and obey the word of God. That is how God will secure us or anchor us in His truth! We can rest in God's truth!

Isaiah 40:8 The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God stands forever.

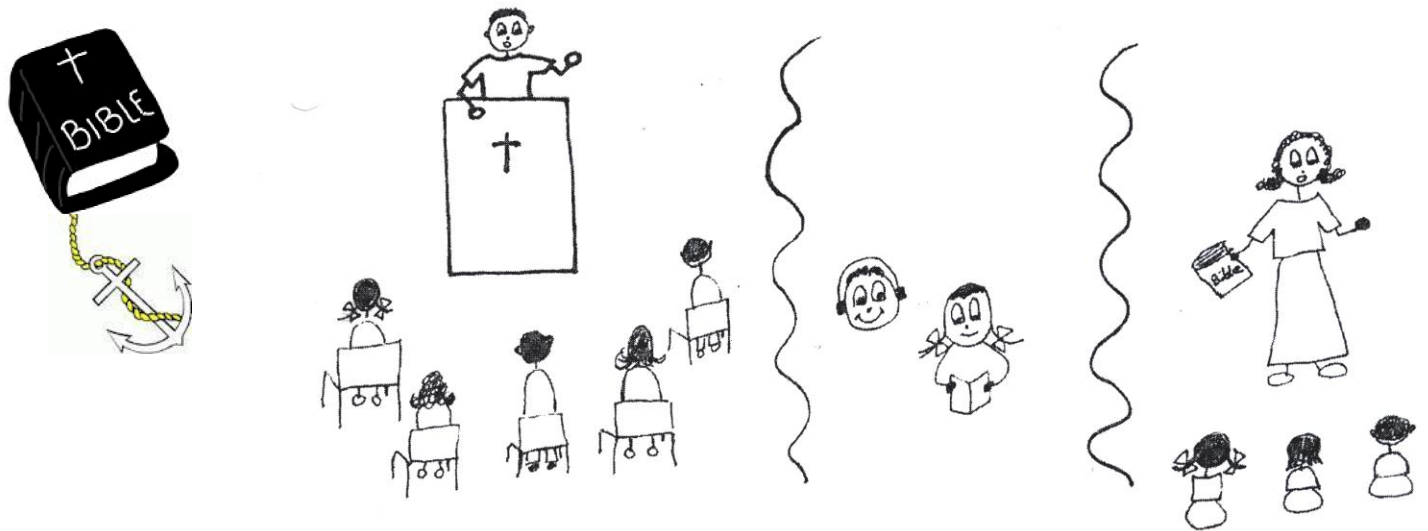


The first truth we need to know is that Jesus Christ is our Savior. *John 3:16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.* Isn't that amazing! GOD LOVES US SO MUCH THAT HE SENT HIS SON TO SAVE US! God tells us the truth, the facts, in the Bible. He knows that before we can believe His truths we need to read or hear them! Then we come to know the facts. Sometimes we need to read or hear again and again and again that we are sinners and that we need a savior! We can be so stubborn that sometimes we need to be brought to our knees before we wake up and know what God the Holy Spirit is telling us. He wants us to realize that we are sinners in need of a savior and to believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as our Savior!

Romans 10:17 So faith comes from hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ.



After we believe in Jesus Christ as our Savior, we need to learn more of God's truths from the Bible. These truths all start with Jesus Christ and what He has done for us and how He wants us to live. We come to know the facts by hearing or reading them over and over. Finally they sink into our thick skulls. After we experience trials and use God's solutions we can see that they work. God is soooo patient with us. He knows we must hear or read, know, and try out what the Bible teaches and then we can believe His ways work! Our enemy will try to mess up our mind; that is the time for us to consider God's truth again. God's word is the truth; He never lies to us!

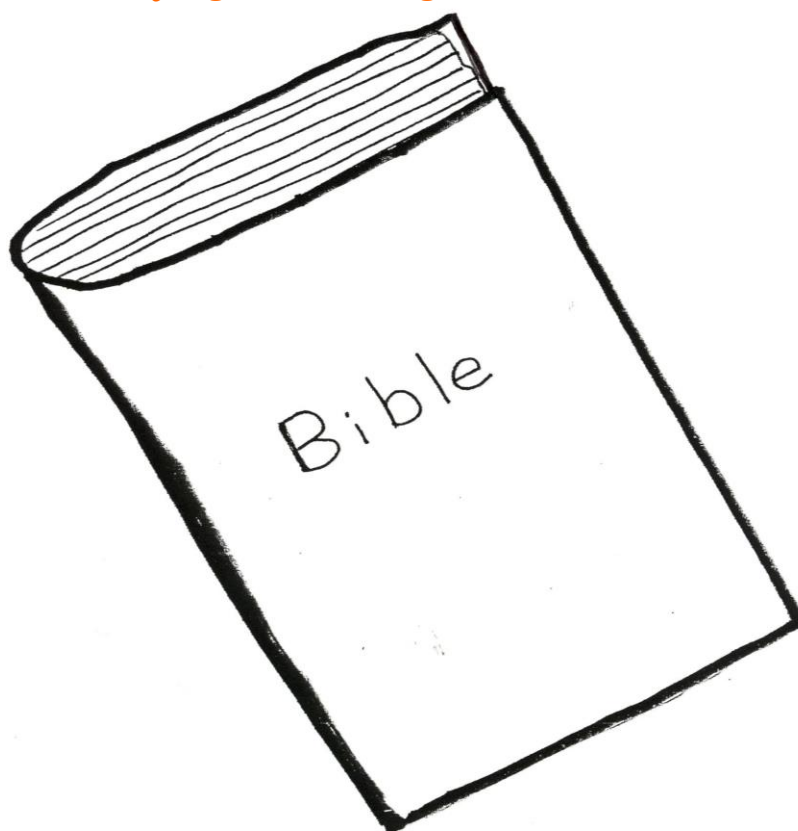


Psalm 33:4 For the word of the LORD is upright, and all His work is done in faithfulness.



God is at work on our will! We can be very stubborn, but as I said before, God is very patient with us. How does God go about working on our will? He gives us much truth to consider in the Bible. We come to know the facts. When we believe the facts to be true we know the way to obey God. With our own volition we can choose to use our will to follow God's will! This drives Satan crazy! However, he can't change the **Bible** - **he can't change the facts and he hates that!**

Hebrews 4:12 For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.



2 Corinthians 12:8-9 Concerning this (Paul's thorn in his flesh) I implored the Lord three times that it might leave me. And He has said to me, "My grace [undeserved favor] is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness."

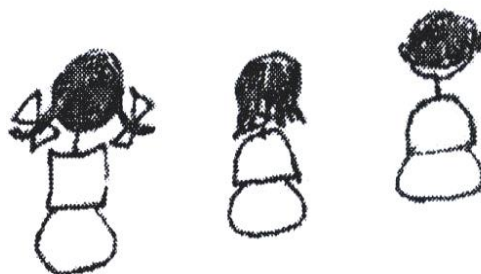
There are many times when we hear a Scripture and think, "That is good." But somehow we don't think it really applies to us. "My grace is sufficient for you." Do we really believe it? The apostle Paul was brought through **all** of his trials with God's grace even though he didn't deserve it! He **learned** to really believe that God would always help him.

*2 Corinthians 12:10
Therefore I am well content with weaknesses, with insults, with distresses, with persecutions, with difficulties, for Christ's sake; for when I am weak, then I am strong.*



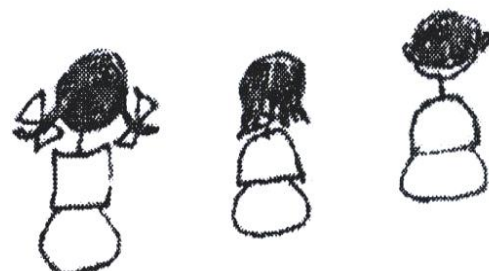
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God made Paul strong!
When we rely on God,
He makes us strong; He teaches us and prepares us all along the way through life. He shows us that His grace, which is undeserved, is sufficient for **all** of our trials!



Daniel 6:22-23 "My God sent His angel and shut the lions' mouths and they have not harmed me, inasmuch as I was found innocent before Him; and also toward you, O king, I have committed no crime." Then the king was very pleased and gave orders for Daniel to be taken up out of the den. So Daniel was taken up out of the den and no injury whatever was found on him, because he had trusted in his God.

Daniel was disliked and was accused of wrongdoing by some men under his command. They said he had broken a new law. The king had grown to like Daniel and didn't want to have him killed according to the new law. However, the law had to be obeyed even though it was a bad law. Daniel was thrown into a lions' den. Throughout his life he had been prepared by God to face trials and he relied on God's grace. He knew that God's grace would be sufficient for him to go through being thrown into the lions' den. Daniel was ready for whatever might happen. God had made Daniel spiritually strong! And, God saw to it that the lions didn't even hurt Daniel!



There are many other times in the Bible where God has shown His power and grace by bringing Christians through their trials. He provided training for them with His truths **before** allowing the tests. He wanted them to hear or read His word, know it, believe it and use it. He wanted them to know that they could use **His power and word** to get through all their trials in life. They just had to learn, believe and use His truth. God is FAITHFUL!

We are to read and listen to God's word! He is training us to use His grace - the things He freely gives us - and to see that it is sufficient for us to get through this life on earth! God wants us to know that in our weaknesses His grace will always be there for us! **God will make us strong with His power** and anchor us in His truth.

Isaiah 41:10 Do not fear, for I am with you; do not anxiously look about you, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, surely I will help you, surely I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.



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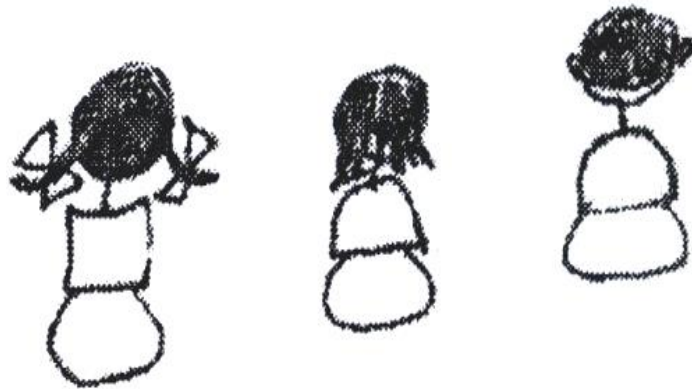




Romans 6:6-9 Knowing this, that our old man was crucified with Him, in order that our body of sin might be done away with, so that we would no longer be slaves to sin; for he who has died is freed from sin. Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him, knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, is never to die again; death no longer is master over Him.

We are to concentrate on what God HAS done for us, not on the problems we are having today. We know that we will live with Jesus Christ because we (in our old man) died with Him. We believe that we (in our new man) are going to live with Christ forever! Because we know something about Christ, we believe something about us. We are anchored in His truth!

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Romans 10-11 For the death that He died, He died to sin once for all; but the life that He lives, He lives to God. Even so consider yourselves to be dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus.