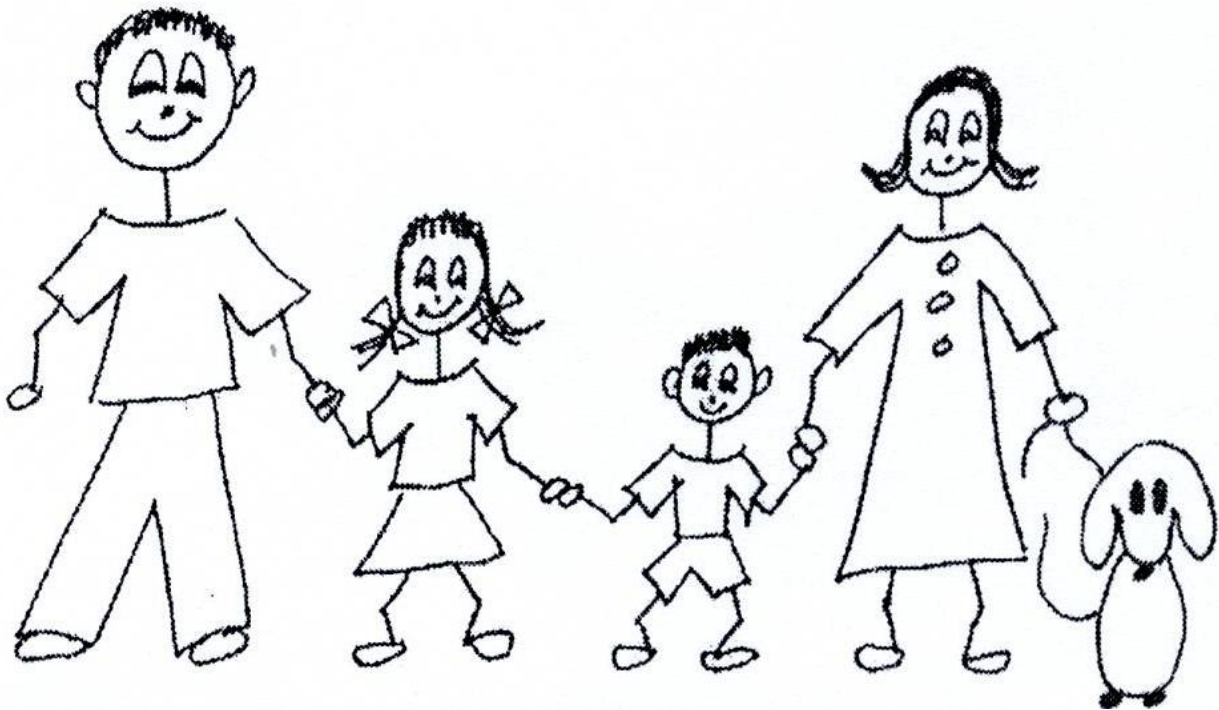


FAITH

In the dictionary **faith** is defined as: belief in the truth, value, or trustworthiness of someone or something. We first have faith in our parents. God gave us the parents He wants us to have. We trust them to take care of us. Parents have a big job taking care of us. Sometimes they will make mistakes but we are still to obey them. God is there to take care of the mistakes they make.* God never makes mistakes! We can have complete faith in that!!**

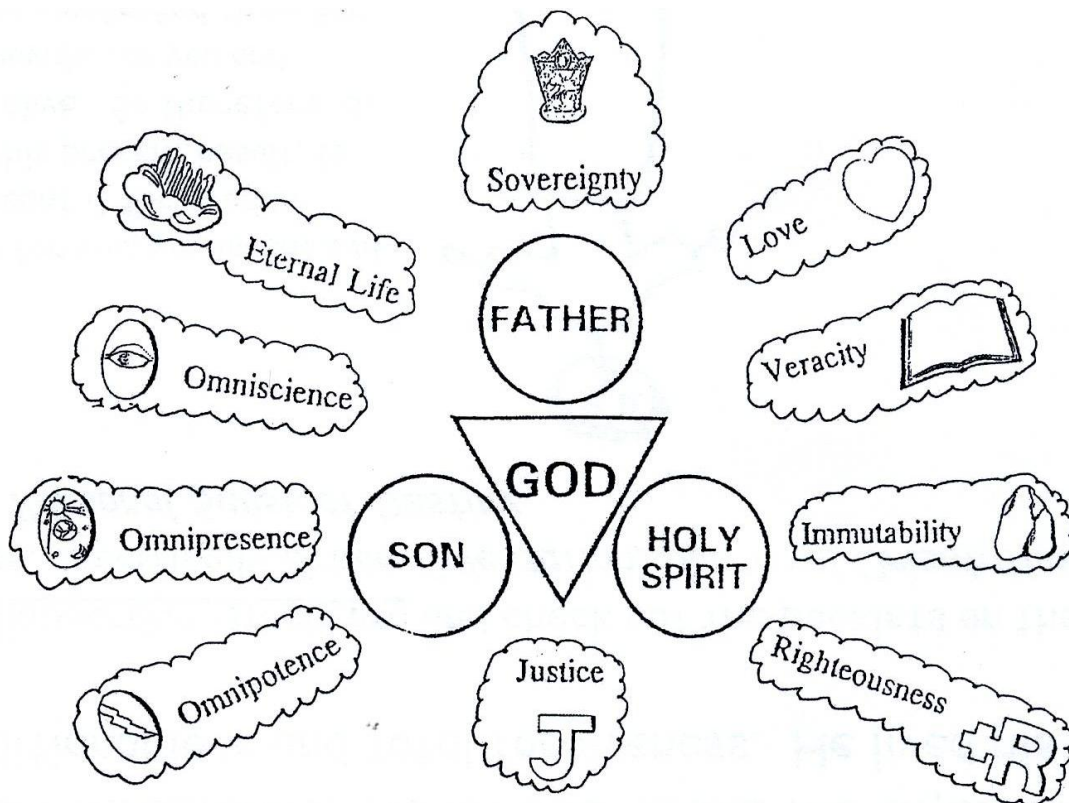
*Go to allaboardgodstrain.org and read *Man's Limitations Are Met And Solved By God's Unlimited Power!* ** Read *Our God Is An Awesome God.*



Proverbs 3:5 Trust in the Lord with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding.

We can have complete **faith** in God and His plan for our lives. God the Father made the plan, God the Son lived the plan, and God the Holy Spirit teaches us the plan and gives us the power to live in it. We call it the predesigned plan of God*. We are in the plan because we believed in, had **faith** in, Jesus Christ, the living word. After salvation we are to have **faith** in Bible doctrine, the written word.

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Our God is an awesome God!

2 Timothy 3:16-17 All scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.

Since we are to have **faith** in Bible doctrine, the written word, we have to learn it! God has given us everything we need to learn His Word: the Bible, a pastor-teacher, the local church, the filling of the Holy Spirit, rebound, the human soul, the human spirit*, physical life, and protection in the devil's world.** God gave us all these grace gifts so we could learn His word and have **faith** in it!

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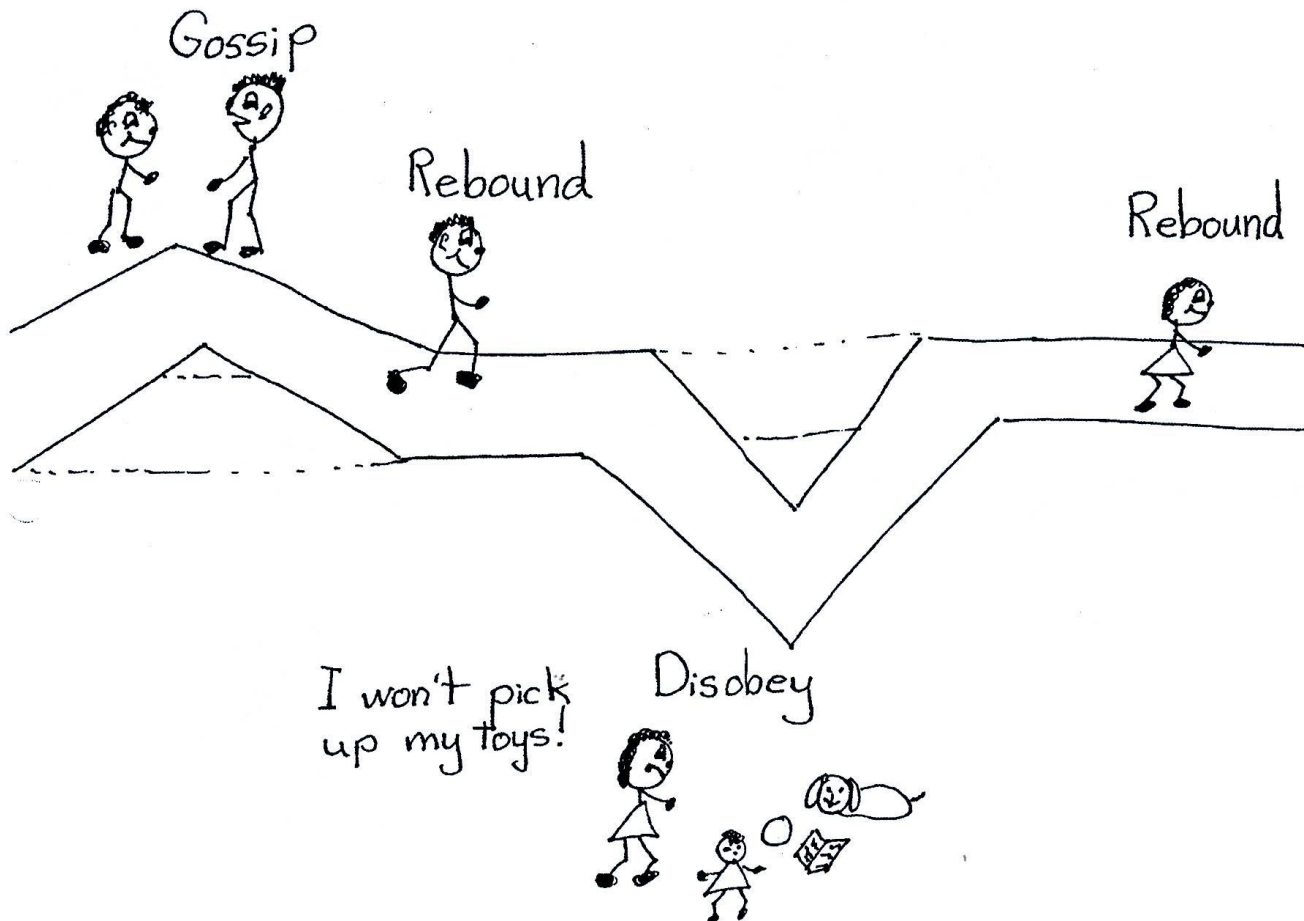


Psalm 30:5 Every word of God is flawless; He is a shield to those who take refuge in Him.

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.

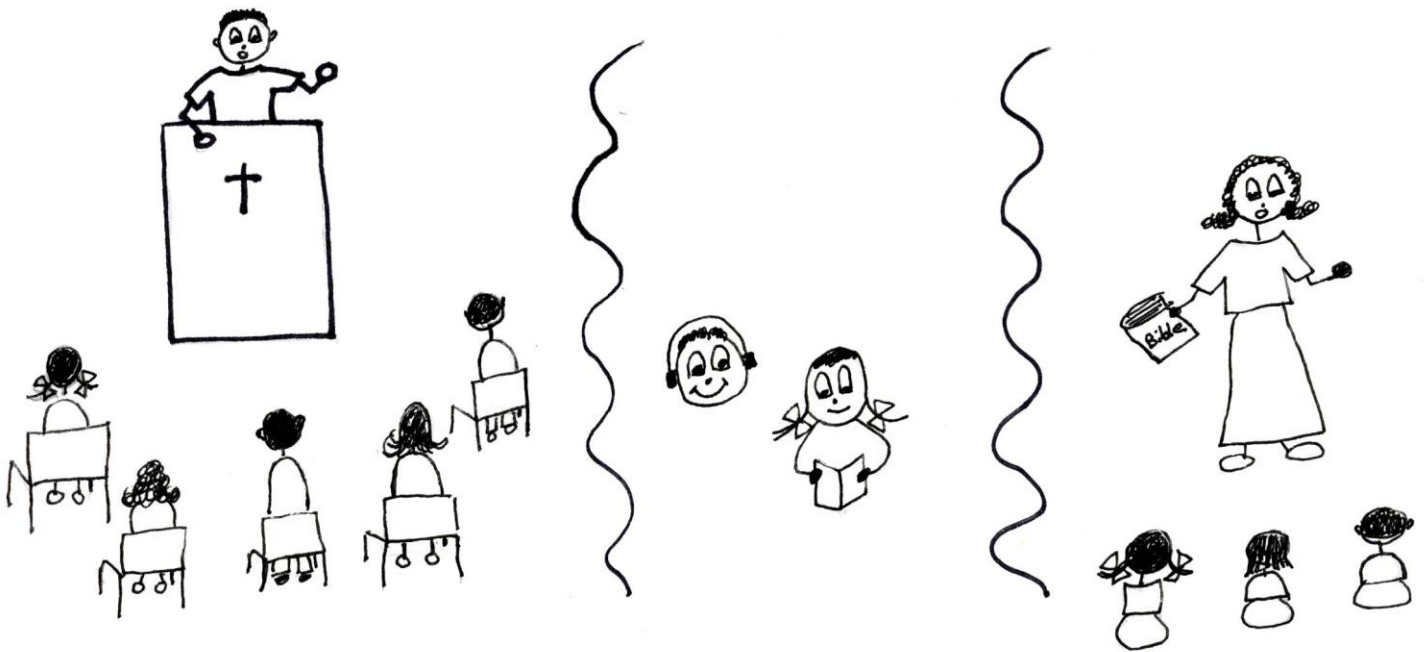
When we start our journey of learning and believing Bible doctrine, we won't have much doctrine to use. God knows and understands that. He wants us to know that one of the most important things to learn right away is rebound. This means for the believer to privately tell God the Father his or her sins. Then we are to isolate them, forget them and move forward in the spiritual life.* Because of Jesus Christ's work on the cross, we can absolutely have **faith** that our sins are forgiven!**

*Go to allaboardgodstrain.org and read *Rebound*. **Read *Forgiveness*.



1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

When we sin we lose the filling of the Holy Spirit. When we rebound we are filled with the Holy Spirit again. Yea! We need the filling of the Holy Spirit so He can make us understand Bible doctrine! God just wants us to keep learning His word and storing it in our human spirit so it will be ready for us to use. The more Bible doctrine we learn, believe and use the more we will see God's grace and the more **faith** we will have in God!



Proverbs 3:5-6 Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight.

God needs to test our **faith** in Him. If we don't see how He helps us in time of trouble how would we know that He protects us?* How would we see His grace, mercy and love? When we are ready, He will give us opportunities to use the Bible doctrine we have stored in our human spirit. There will be difficulties we have to experience. During those times we can claim a promise like Psalm 56:3, "What time I am afraid I will trust in You."** We can use the faith-rest drill. God gives us what we need to pass the tests!

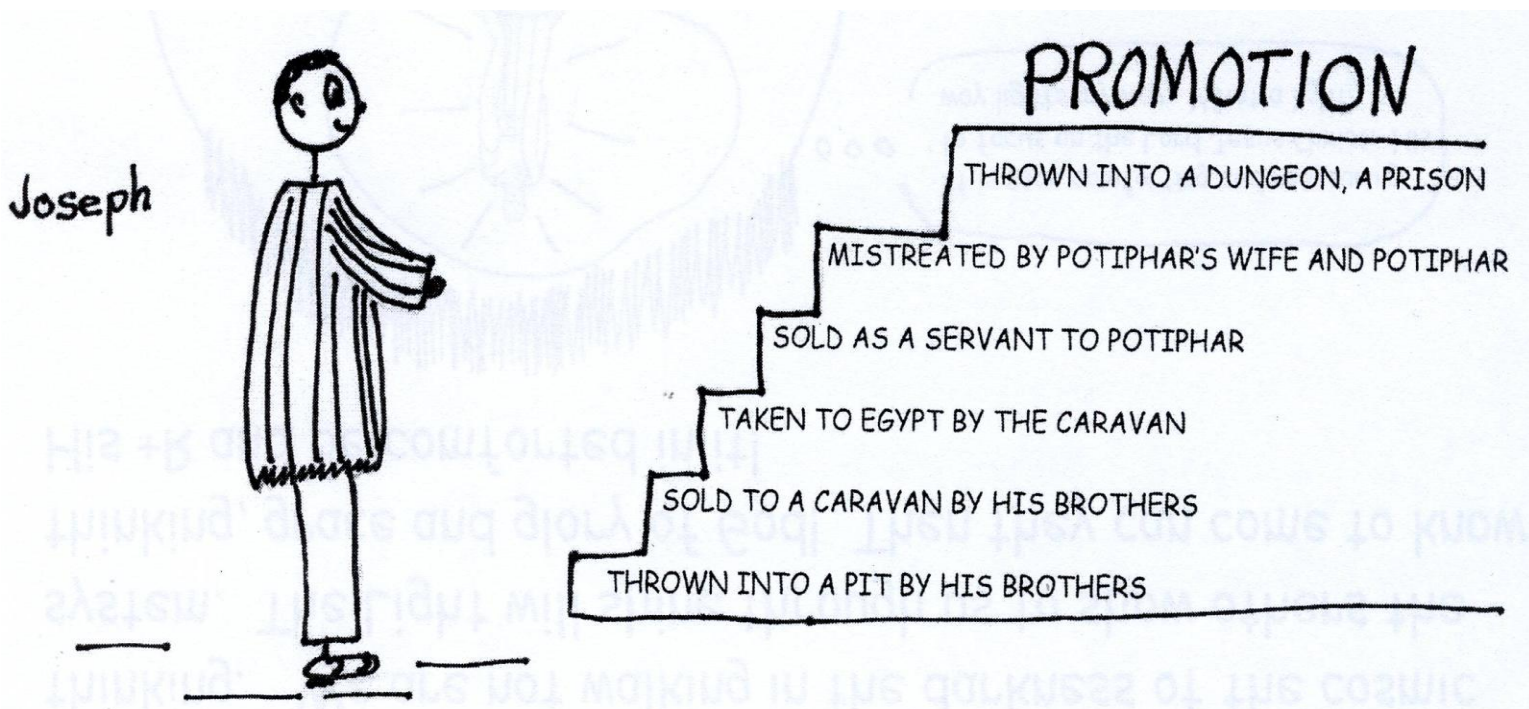
*Go to allaboardgodstrain.org and read *A Very Special Grace*.

**Read *God Always Keeps His Promises* and *Problem Solving Device #3, Faith-Rest Drill*.



There are many people in the Bible who had great faith in God. We are going to look at Joseph, one of the sons of Jacob. Joseph was a victim of great injustice. However, it was all a part of God's perfect plan for his life! Joseph was:

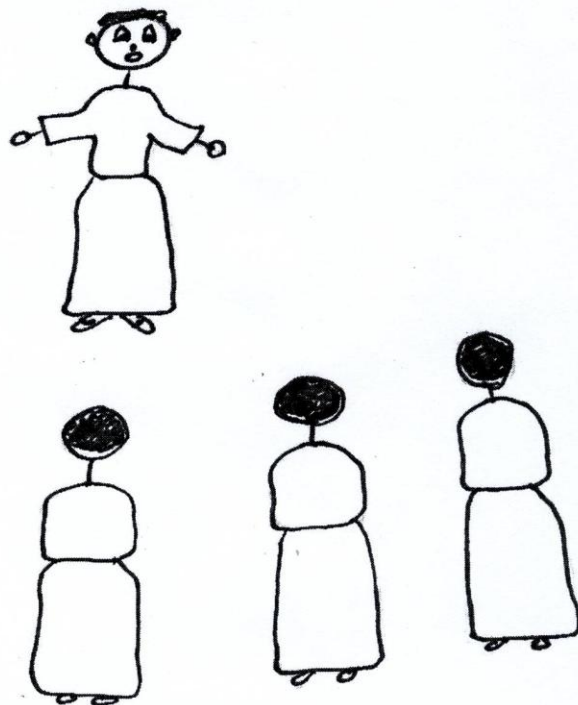
- thrown into a pit by his brothers,
- sold to a caravan by his brothers,
- taken to Egypt by the caravan,
- a servant to Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh,
- mistreated by Potiphar's wife and Potiphar,
- thrown into a dungeon, a prison.



Joseph did not feel handicapped because he had a "difficult childhood". Under God's perfect timing, he knew he was being prepared one step at a time for God's purpose. He would eventually be promoted. Joseph had great faith in God. He also had great forgiveness for his brothers.* When God knew he was ready, Joseph was promoted; he was made a ruler of Egypt.

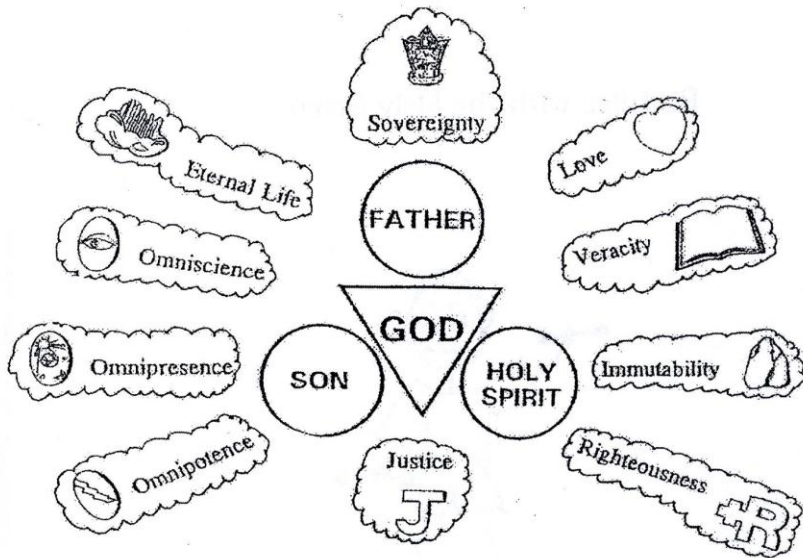
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Genesis 50:20-21 "As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good in order to bring about this present result, to preserve many people alive. So therefore, do not be afraid; I will provide for you and your little ones." So he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.



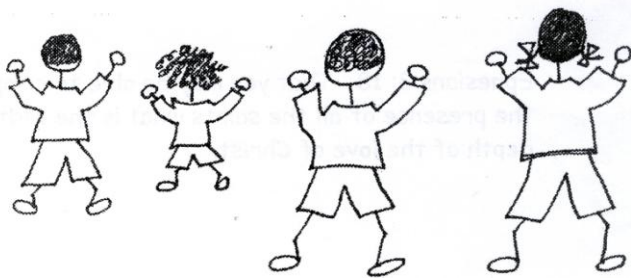
Genesis 41:39-41 So Pharaoh said to Joseph, "Since God has informed you of all this, there is no one so discerning and wise as you are. You shall be over my house, and according to your command all my people shall do homage; only in the throne I will be greater than you." Pharaoh said to Joseph, "See, I have set you over all the land of Egypt."

Joseph had great faith in God. His faith was tested many times before he was promoted by God. He was very alone in his tests except for God. He had the God of the universe on his side! Joseph knew this. He is an example in the Bible to teach us to have faith in God no matter how alone we may feel. We have the God of the universe on our sides. The kingdom of darkness and our old sin natures will try to make us weary or tired and to give up on God. When we do sin, we just need to rebound and move forward in God's plan once again! Because of Who God is, we can have complete **faith** in Him!



Deuteronomy 32:4 The Rock: His work is perfect. For all His ways are just; a God of faithfulness and without injustice. Righteous and upright is He.

Ephesians 3:20-21 Now to Him Who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us, to Him *be* the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever. Amen.



Points for Discussion

1. Faith is defined as: belief in the truth, value, or trustworthiness of someone or something.
2. We can have complete faith in God and His plan for our lives.
3. Since we are to have faith in Bible doctrine, the written word, we have to learn it.
4. One of the most important things for us to learn right away is rebound.
5. When we sin we lose the filling of the Holy Spirit. When we rebound we are filled with the Holy Spirit again.
6. God needs to test our faith in Him.
7. Joseph, the son of Jacob, was a victim of great injustice, but it was all a part of God's perfect plan for his life.
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10. Because of Who God is, we can have complete faith in Him!

Question for Discussion

1. How would you define the word **faith**?
2. Why can we have complete faith in God?
3. How do we get in God's predesigned plan of God?
4. Why can we have faith in Bible doctrine, the written word?
5. How do we develop faith in Bible doctrine?
6. What is rebound?
7. Why does God test our faith in Him?
8. What were some tests of faith Joseph, son of Jacob, had?
9. Why did Joseph have to go through the tests? How did he make it through the tests?
10. What tries to keep us from having faith in God?



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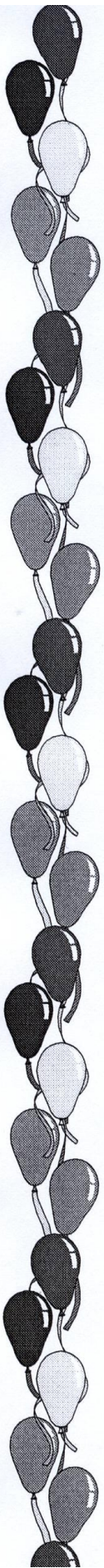
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