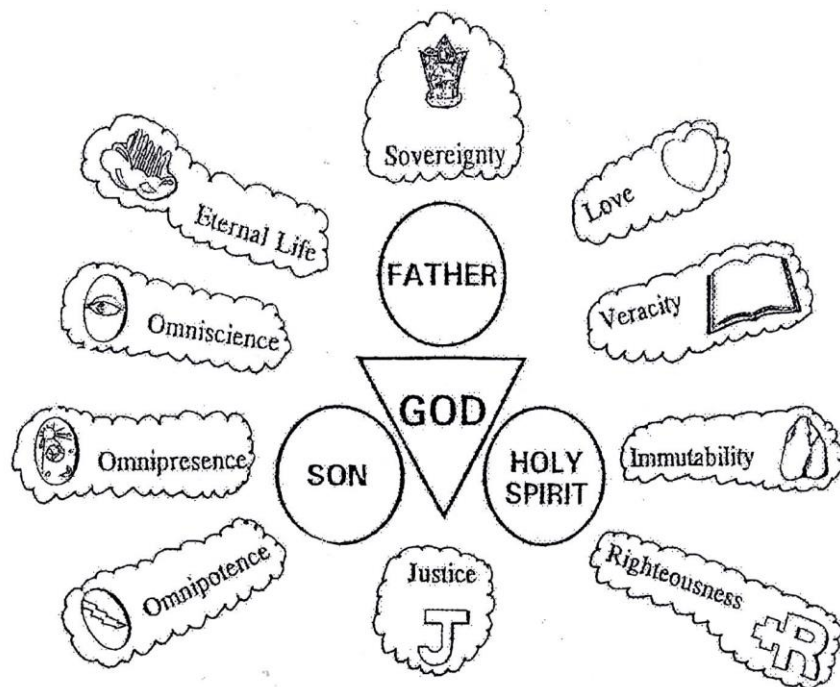


God Calms Our Storms

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Billions, and billions, and billions of years ago God thought of everything we would need to honor Him and be free from fear. He is omniscient so He knows everything; He is omnipotent so He has unlimited power! It is difficult to imagine that much knowledge and power! God used that knowledge and power to supply everything we need for our journey with Him. God gives us everything we need to calm our spiritual storms. What an awesome God we have!*

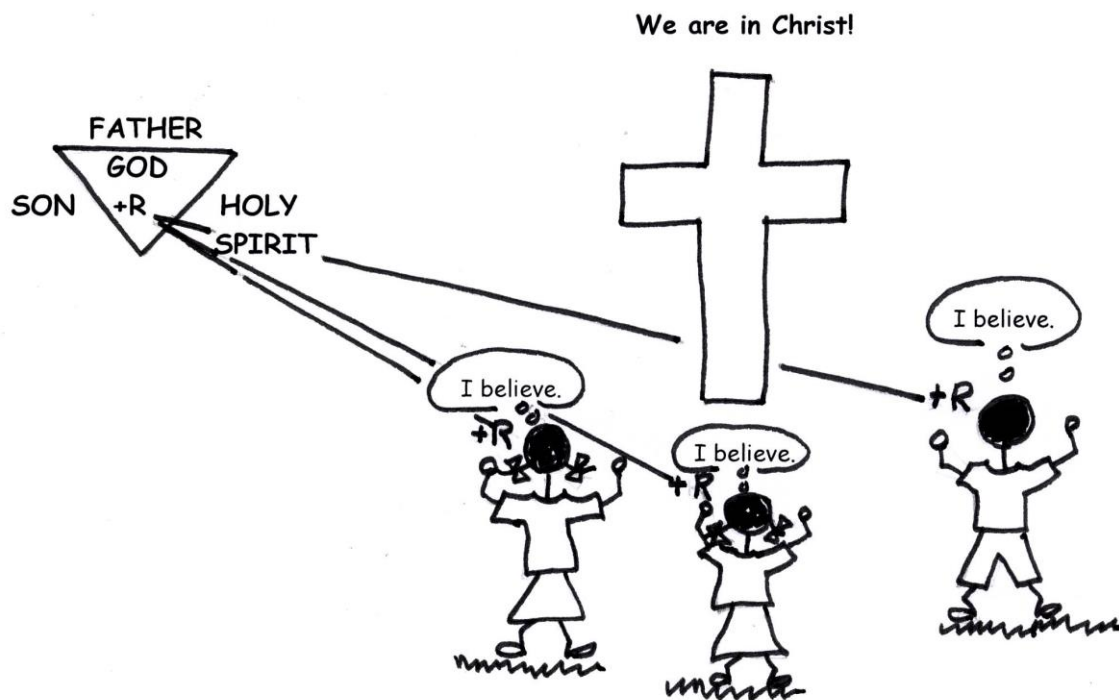
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Our God is an awesome God!

Ephesians 3:20 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.

At birth God breathes life into our bodies and gives us Adam's original sin; we are born physically alive and spiritually dead. We are in need of a savior! God to the rescue! God the Father sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to earth to pay the price for our sins. Jesus did that on the cross. We can have salvation and be declared by God the Father as righteous by believing in Jesus Christ as our Savior. Once we have salvation, we can have no fear! The secret is to keep our eyes on Jesus!



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.

The solution to keeping our eyes on Jesus is to use the power of the Holy Spirit and learn, believe, and use God's word found in the Bible! God's word is the thinking of Jesus. So, if we have Jesus' thinking in our mind, we have Jesus on our mind! Our old sin nature, the world or the cosmic system, and Satan don't want us to have Jesus' thinking. They hate God and want us to think the way they do; they don't use God's thinking! Their thinking is full of fear! They want us to be full of fear! They don't want us to see that Jesus Christ

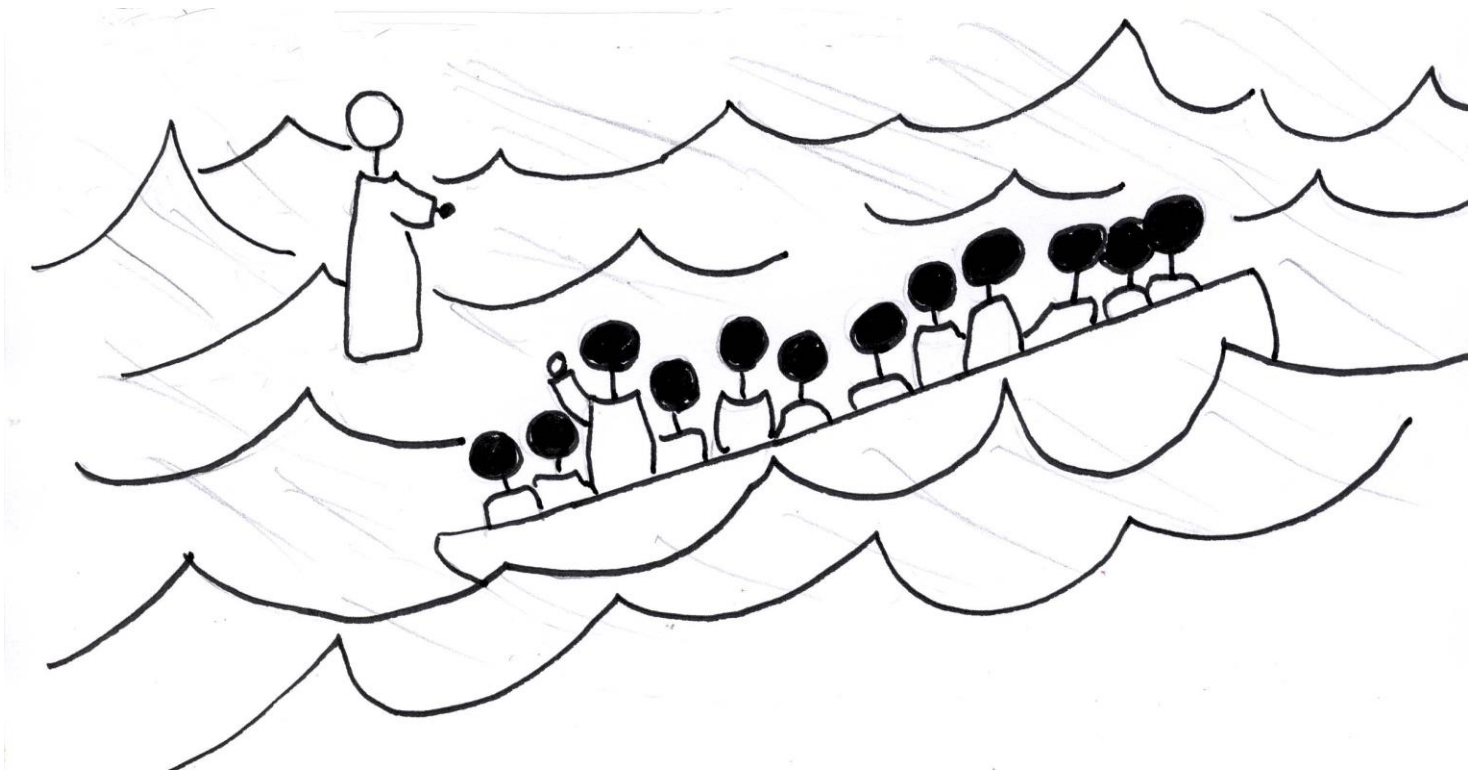
came to free us from the slave market of sin! They certainly don't want God to calm our storms!



2 Timothy 1:7 For God has not given us a spirit of timidity, but of power and love and discipline.

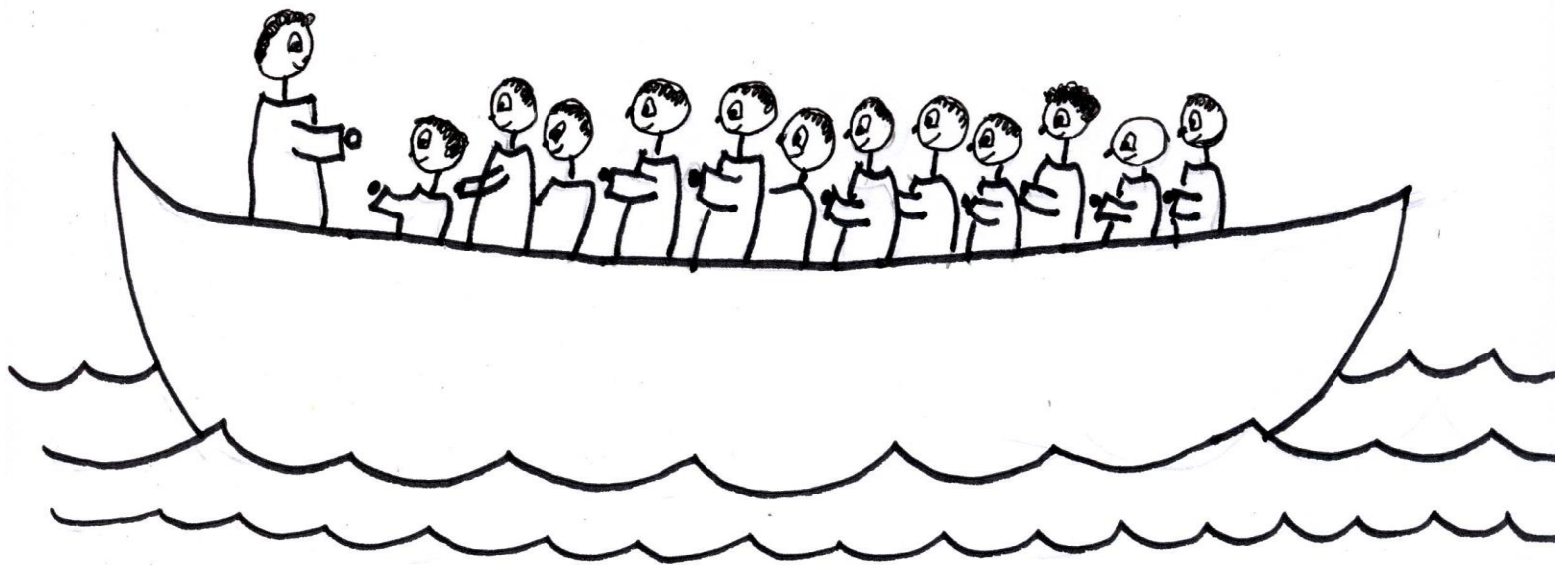
Read Matthew 14:22-33

God would send and allow different situations to test the faith of the disciples. Jesus had to keep reminding them not to fear. One time Jesus sent them by boat to the other side of the Sea of Galilee. He wanted to get away from the crowds and His disciples and be alone and pray to His Father. Because of where this sea is located, terrible storms would hit it. That is just what happened while the disciples were in the boat. They were afraid! When they saw what they thought was a ghost, they were even more afraid! God was testing their faith.

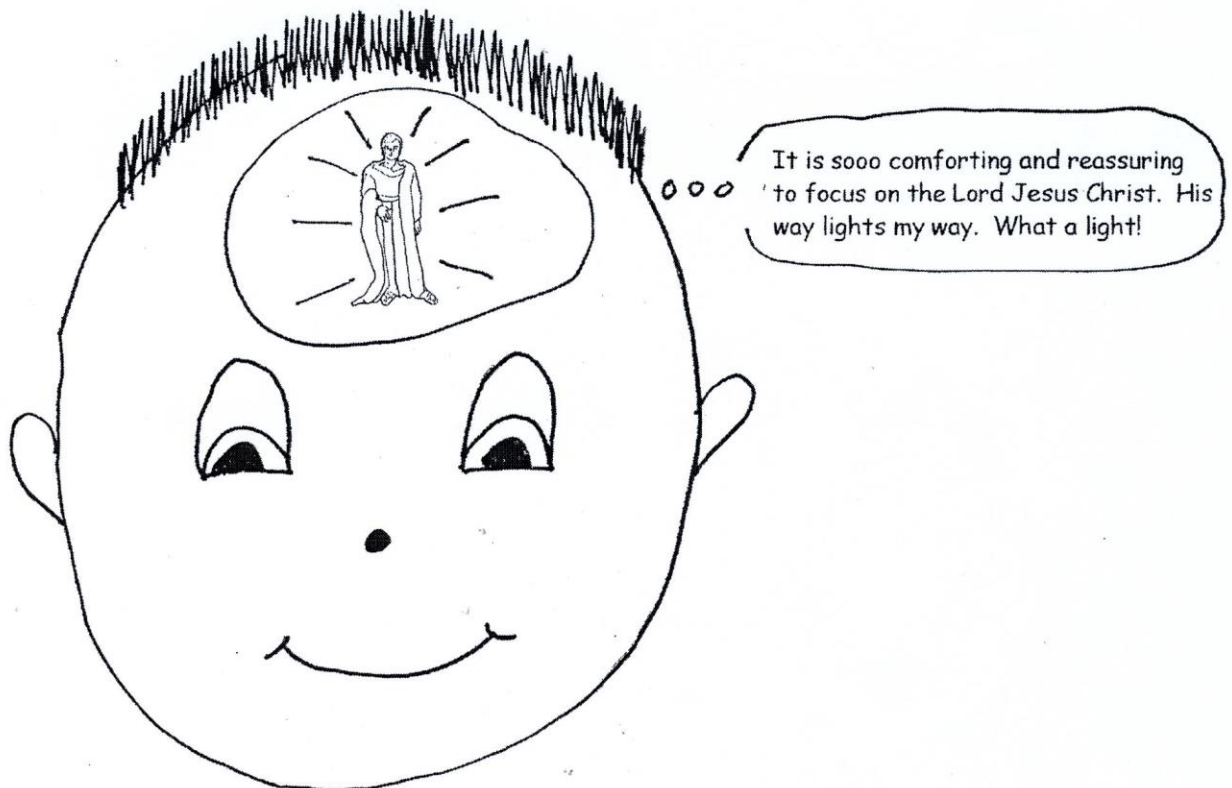


Matthew 14:26 When the disciples saw Him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, "It is a ghost!" And they cried [screamed] out in fear.

Matthew 14:27-33 But **immediately** Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid." Peter said to Him, "Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water." And He said, "Come!" And Peter got out of the boat, and walked on the water and came toward Jesus. But seeing the wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me?" **Immediately** Jesus stretched out His hand and took hold of him, and said to him, "You of [a] little faith, why did you doubt?" When Jesus and Peter got into the boat, the wind stopped. And those who were already in the boat worshiped Him, saying, "You are certainly God's Son!"



Jesus helped the disciples **immediately**. When Peter focused on Jesus, he could walk on the water. God gave him power over his fear. When Peter focused on the problem, the storm, he sank! We have to keep our eyes on Jesus and His thinking no matter how bad the storm! We have to keep our eyes on the solution, not the problem. We always have God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit inside of us. We must believe that God will always come through for us! There is nothing to fear unless we take our eyes off Jesus, off His thinking! Have faith! God, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit will **immediately** help us through our storms!



When Jesus got into the boat, the storm stopped. This showed that the disciples had faith in Him. They turned from their fear to having faith and trusting in Jesus. When we are in our spiritual storms and sin, we forget that Jesus is in our "boat". We sail away not focusing on Him. At that time, we need to acknowledge that we are sinning and turn back to Him, focus on Him and have faith in Him and His thinking.



We need to make sure we take in Bible doctrine daily! It is our spiritual food! God always gives us solutions to our problems through His thinking, the Bible. God gives us the opportunities to learn, believe, and use His thinking before the spiritual storms come. The storms in our thinking are the real problems. God calms those storms with His thinking through the power of God the Holy Spirit. And get this! Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit pray for us consistently! With Them on our sides, who can be against us?



2 Peter 1:3 Seeing that His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness [spiritual life], through the true knowledge of Him Who called us by His own glory and excellence.

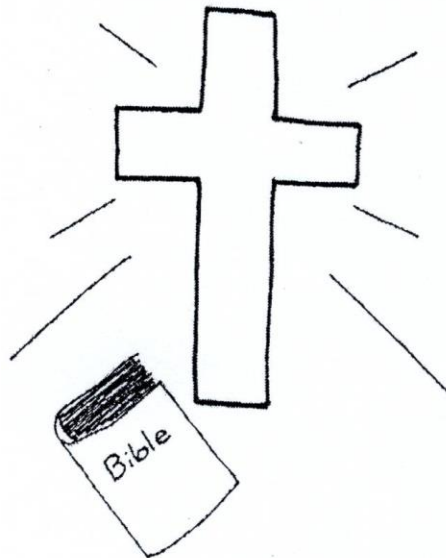
Romans 8:31 What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?

Jesus Christ has defeated all of our enemies. In order not to have fear, we have to believe this. We have to have faith in God. We first have to believe in Jesus Christ as our Savior and then we have to believe God's word in the Bible. We have to believe the promises of God and remember them when we are having problems. Through the power of God the Holy Spirit we can walk through the storms of life having courage and confidence. We must remember that billions of years ago God thought of and supplied everything we need to honor Him and be free from fear. Let God calm our storms!

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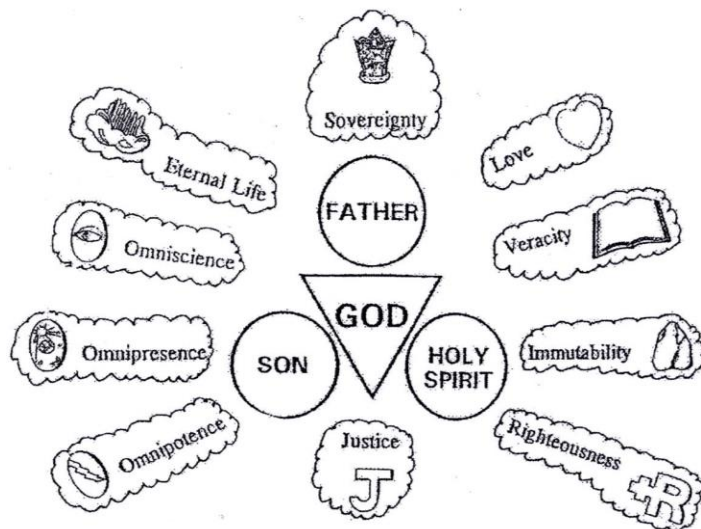
2 Peter 1:4 For by these [God's glory and excellence] He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises, so that by them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world by lust.

Psalm 56:3-4 When I am afraid, I will put my trust in You. In God, whose word I praise, in God I have put my trust; I shall not be afraid. What can mere man do to me?



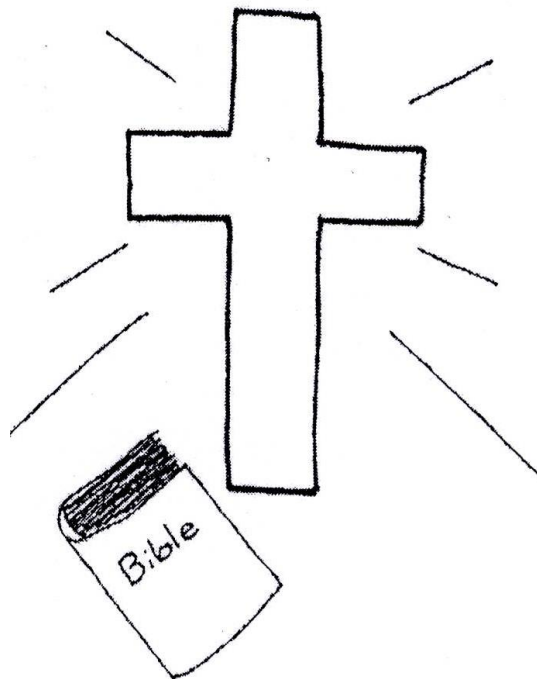
Points to Remember

1. God used His knowledge and power to supply everything we need for our journey with Him.
2. At birth God breathes life into our bodies and gives us Adam's original sin.
3. God the Father sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to earth to pay the price for our sins.
4. We can have salvation and be declared righteous by God the Father by believing in Jesus Christ as our Savior.
5. We must keep our eyes on Jesus.
6. Jesus had to keep reminding His disciples not to fear.
7. When Peter kept his eyes on Jesus, he walked on water; when he took his eyes off Jesus and saw the storm, he sank.
8. We have to keep our eyes on Jesus no matter how bad the storm!
9. God will immediately help us through our storms.
10. We need to make sure we take in Bible doctrine daily.
11. We have to have faith in God: first we have to believe in Jesus Christ as our Savior and then we have to believe God's word.



Questions for Discussion

1. Who gives us everything we need for our spiritual journey? How can He do this?
2. What does it mean to be born physically alive and spiritually dead?
3. Who paid the price for our sins?
4. What happens to us spiritually when we believe in Jesus Christ as our Savior?
5. What does it mean to keep our eyes on Jesus? How can we do this?
6. Why were the disciples sent across the Sea of Galilee in a boat?
7. What happened to them?
8. What happens when we take our eyes off Jesus Christ and onto our problems?
9. What do we need to handle our spiritual storms?



Promises to Illustrate

Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved.

Acts 16:31

Cast [throw or slam] all your cares on Him, for He cares for you.

1 Peter 5:7

**"I will not leave you comfortless; I will come to you."
John 14:18**

**Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.
HONOR YOUR FATHER AND MOTHER (which is the first
commandment with a promise), SO THAT IT MAY BE WELL
WITH YOU, AND THAT YOU MAY LIVE LONG ON THE EARTH.
Ephesians 6:1-3**

"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."

Isaiah 41:10

What time I am afraid I will trust in Thee. Psalm 56:3

**In peace I will both lie down and sleep. For You alone, O Lord,
make me live in safety. Psalm 4:8**

**But my God will supply all your needs according to His riches in
glory by Jesus Christ. Philippians 4:19**

What then shall I say to this? If God is for us, who is against us? Romans 8:31

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