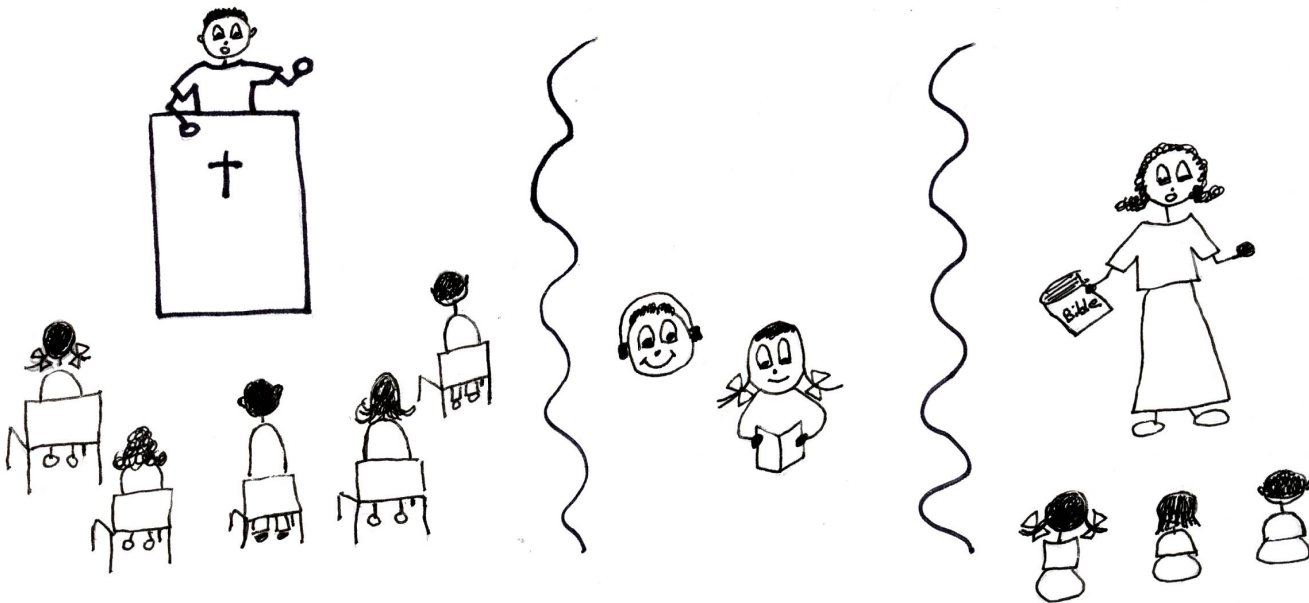


God's Spring Cleaning

My mom gave the house a big time cleaning every spring. It was called "spring cleaning". Luckily, I was in school! God does the same thing for the rooms in our souls. He cleans out the garbage we gather from our old sin natures, the kingdom of darkness, and Satan. However, He doesn't wait for spring; He does it when we have enough Bible doctrine in our thinking so we can understand what He is doing. He may do it in the summer, fall, winter, and spring! We all have rooms in our souls that need to be cleaned!



Don't worry! God will do the cleaning. He brings in situations that show us the garbage in our souls. We just have to make sure we learn, believe, and use Bible doctrine every day! God will be there to comfort us along the way because sometimes it isn't comfortable to clean out garbage in the rooms of our souls. Sometimes that garbage is comfortable in that room! Here are **some** things in soulrooms that need to be cleaned out: fear, peer pressure, putting people on pedestals, and depending on ourselves rather than on God.



We'll start looking at the soulroom of fear. It can be a pretty big room! We can be afraid of so many things. Each of us have different things that will cause us to fear. Our old sin nature, the kingdom of darkness, and Satan want us to be afraid. However, we know the solution; **HAVE FAITH AND TRUST IN GOD!*** He has given us so many promises to use.** If God is for us, and He is, who can be against us? Romans 8:31

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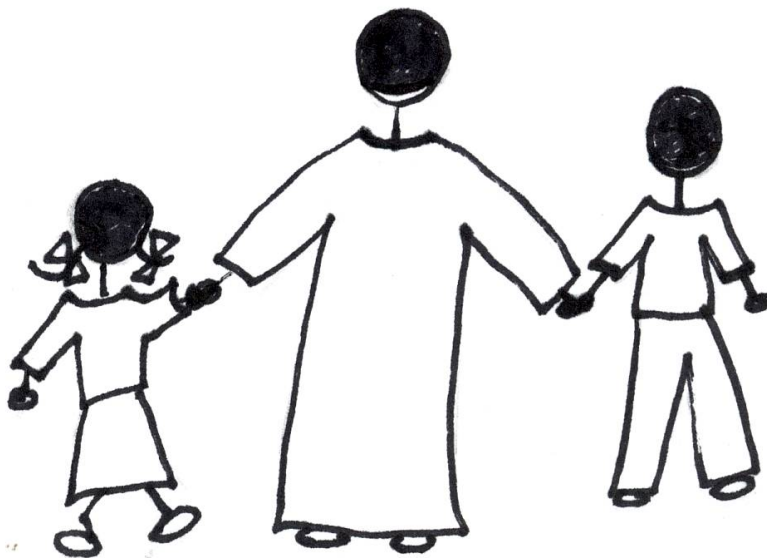
**Go to allaboardgodstrain.org and read *God Always Keeps His Promises*.



Isaiah 41:13 "For I am the Lord your God, Who upholds your right hand, Who says to you, 'Do not fear, I will help you.' "

There can be a soulroom filled with peer pressure. That means pressure coming from our friends to do certain things. We may feel we have to dress a certain way because our friends do. We may feel we have to act a certain way because our friends do. As long as the way we dress and act lines up with God's thinking, we are on the right path and don't need to be pressured by anyone!* If we let our friends influence us the wrong way, God will have to clean out that soulroom. He may take away some of those friends. But Jesus will always be our Friend and will make up for the loss of bad friends.**

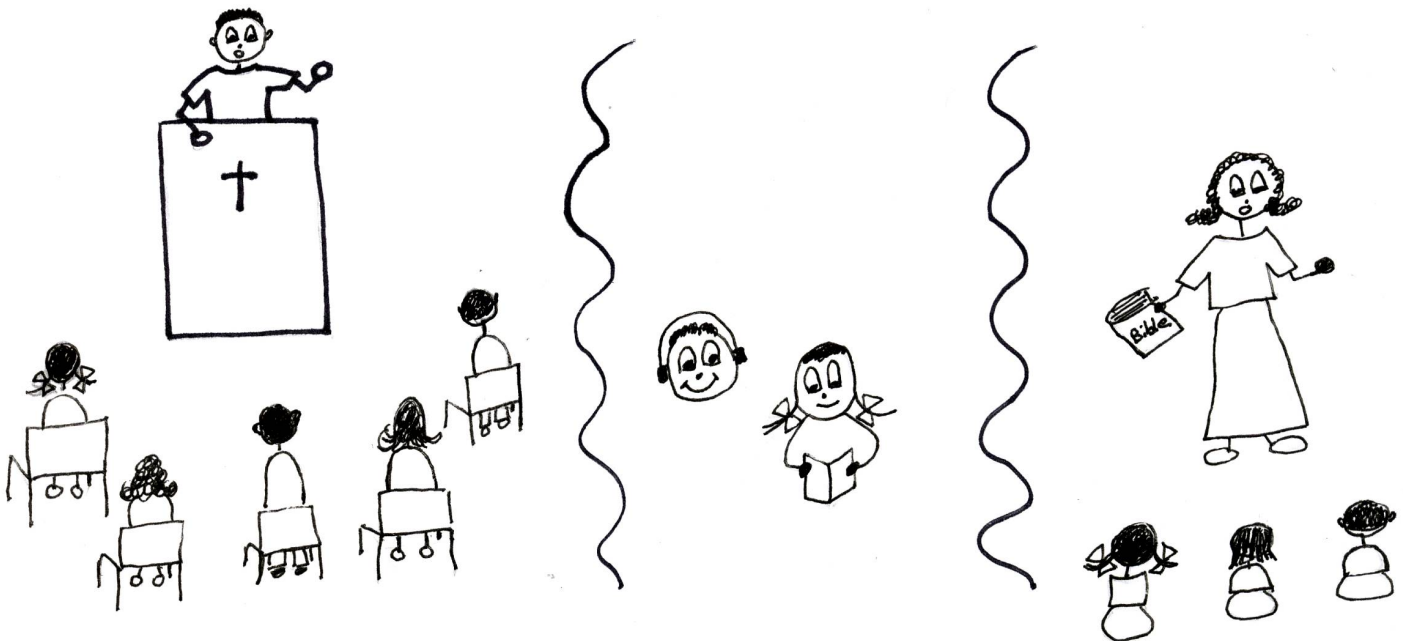
*Go to allaboardgodstrain.org and read from the ten problem-solving devices, *A Personal Sense of Destiny*. ***Jesus Is My Best Friend*



Psalm 37:23-24 The steps [thinking] of a man are established by the Lord, and He delights in his way. When he falls, he will not be hurled headlong, because the Lord is the One Who hold his hand.

There can be a soulroom filled with putting people or things on pedestals. Another way of saying this is making gods of things or people. That means we give too much importance to someone or something. We think more highly of someone or something than we do of God! They have top priority! Woops! That soulroom needs to be cleaned. God will show us in some way that the person or thing is not as important as He is. God needs to be top priority. Therefore, we need to learn about Him through Bible doctrine.* He is the only one worthy of being put on a pedestal!

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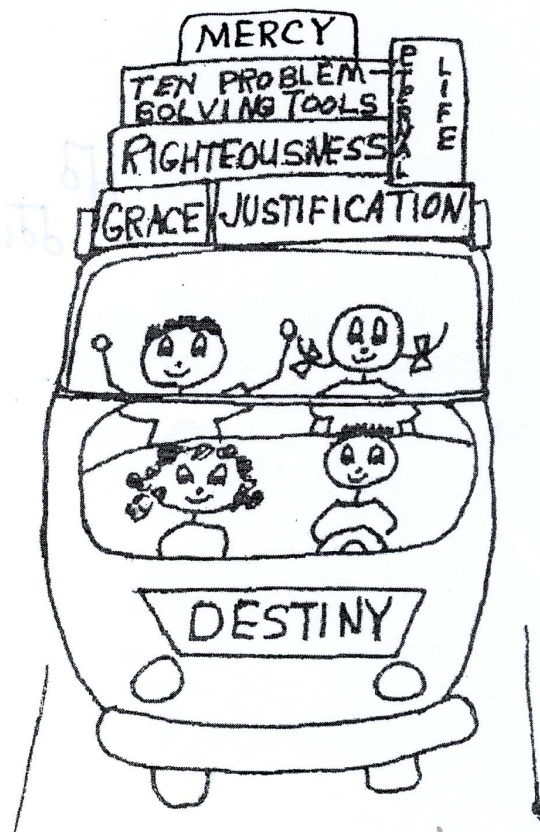
1 Chronicles 16:25 For great is the Lord and most worthy of praise, He is to be feared [respected] above all gods.

We can have a soulroom filled with depending on ourselves rather than depending on God. That's how Satan fell; he wanted to be independent from God.* He **never** changed his mind or repented. When we became believers in Jesus Christ as our Savior, we changed our minds and depended on God. We never lose our salvation.** However, we do take side roads and depend on ourselves rather than on God. Then we need to rebound*** and go forward in God's plan. God always has mercy and forgiveness for us no matter how many times we get off His road. We **are** completely dependent on God!!!

*Go to allaboardgodstrain.org and read *Looking at History with God's Timeline*

**Read the series on *Eternal Security*.

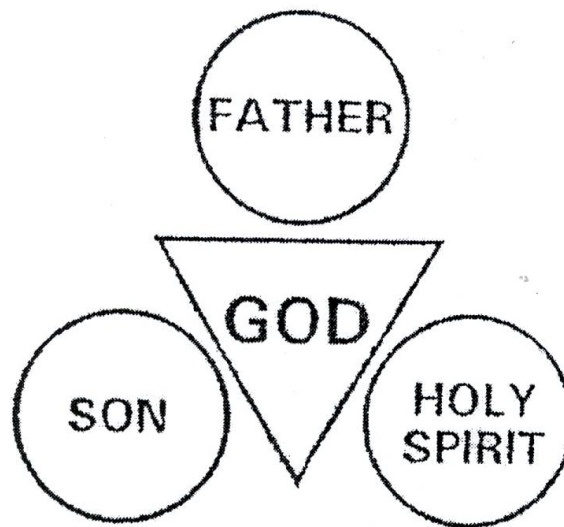
****Rebound*



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

God cares for us more than anyone could; He is the perfect soulroom cleaner! We may think that we don't want Him to go into a certain room. However, He knows that cleaning it is for our best interest. He'll do it in a way we can handle; He'll be right there with us. When it is cleaner, we'll really appreciate what He has done! We'll be able to concentrate more on Him and His mercy and grace!* The more of His thinking we get in our souls, the cleaner the rooms will be, and the better we'll be able to think. We'll be bringing in God's words of wisdom and not garbage!

**Go to allaboardgodstrain.org and read *God's Mercy and Grace Are Unbelievable*.*



GOD IS FOR US!

James 4:8 Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse [rebound] your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts [change your thinking], you double-minded.

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