

Jesus Leads Us to Green Pastures

A Conversation with Jesus

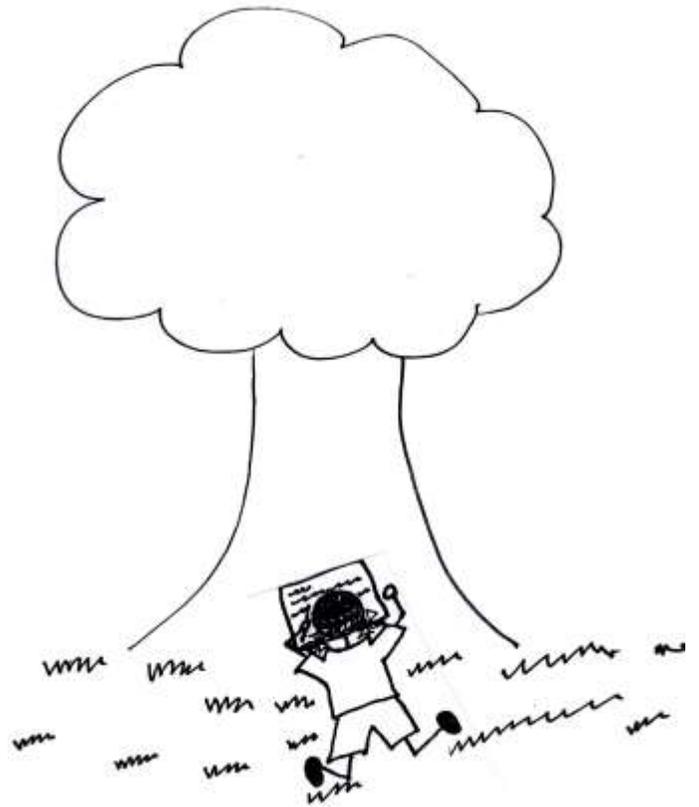
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Dearest Jesus,

I am so overwhelmed by what You have done for mankind! Your entire life was for the benefit of others; You laid down Your life for everyone! You had constant pressure to step out of the Father's plan. However, You had perfect dedication and obedience to the plan of God the Father. The power of God the Holy Spirit and Bible doctrine gave you the strength to follow the plan. The Father poured out His love on You because of Your positive decisions. While growing to maturity, all of Your decisions led You to Your most important decision, the cross; You went to the cross and paid the price for our sins! Jesus, You are truly my good Shepherd!

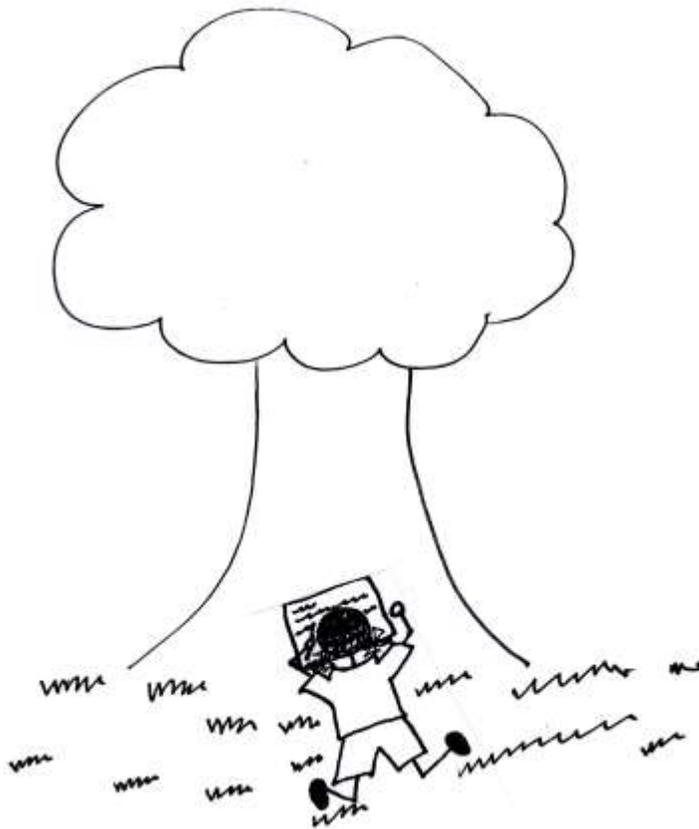
1 Peter 2:21-22 For you have been called for this purpose, since Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example for you to follow in His steps, WHO COMMITTED NO SIN, NOR WAS ANY DECEIT FOUND IN HIS MOUTH;

John 10:11 "I am the good shepherd; the good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep."

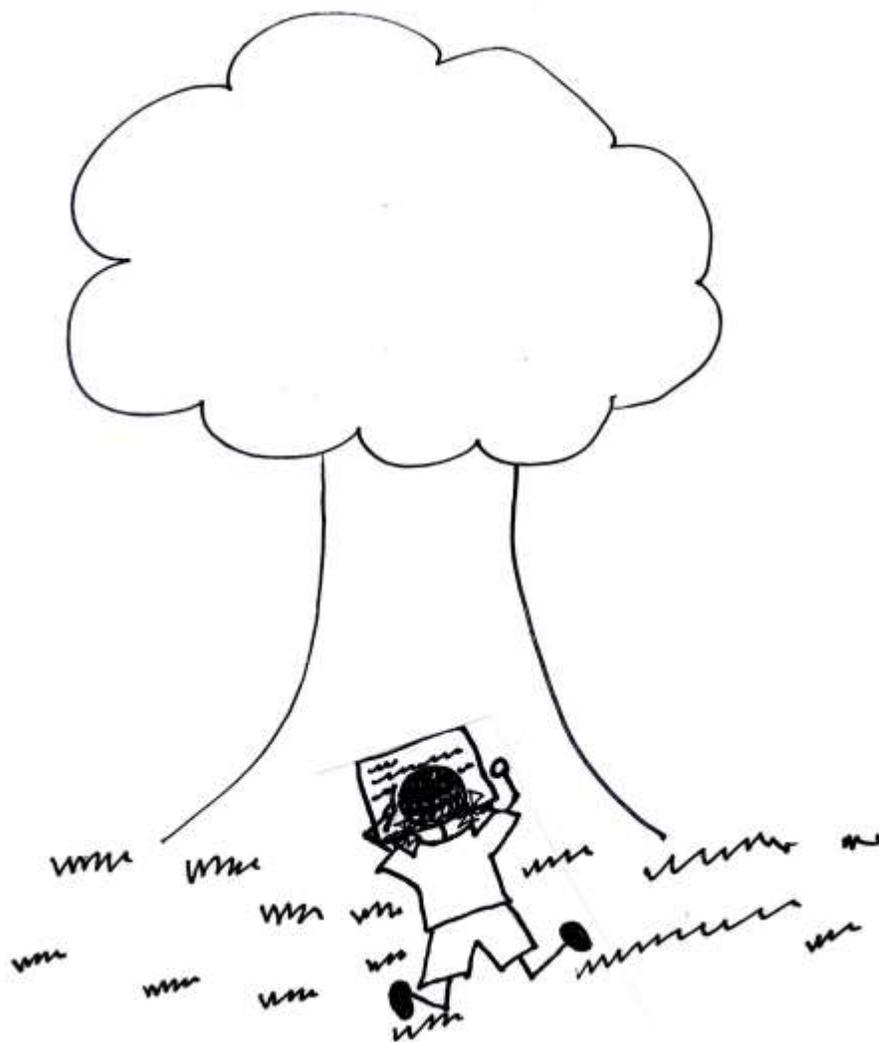


John 10:14-15 "I am the good shepherd, and I know My own and My own know Me, even as the Father knows Me and I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep."

Jesus, You are also My greatest Friend. You provided the means for me to have this fantastic friendship with You. You and God the Father know and love each other. There couldn't be this love relationship with You and the Father unless You had made all positive decisions in Your life. Now I just have to make one positive decision to have that same love - believe in You as my Savior. This opens the door so I can share God's love and happiness! Being occupied with You gives me great happiness.



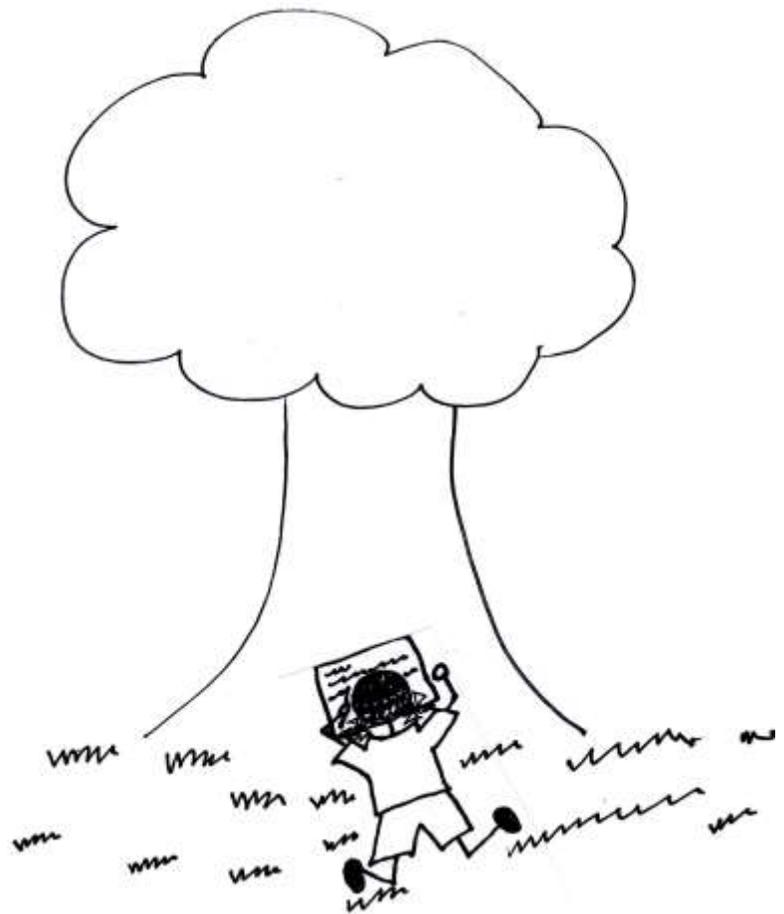
God the Father wanted me to believe in You as my Savior. His love was freed to express itself through the cross. His love is limitless! He wanted to share His love with me the same as He shares it with You. He put the desire in my mind to have a relationship with Him. He put the desire in my mind to have a relationship with You, Jesus. I do have a deep desire for You. I want to know You more and more. God has given me everything I need to learn about You and to love You.



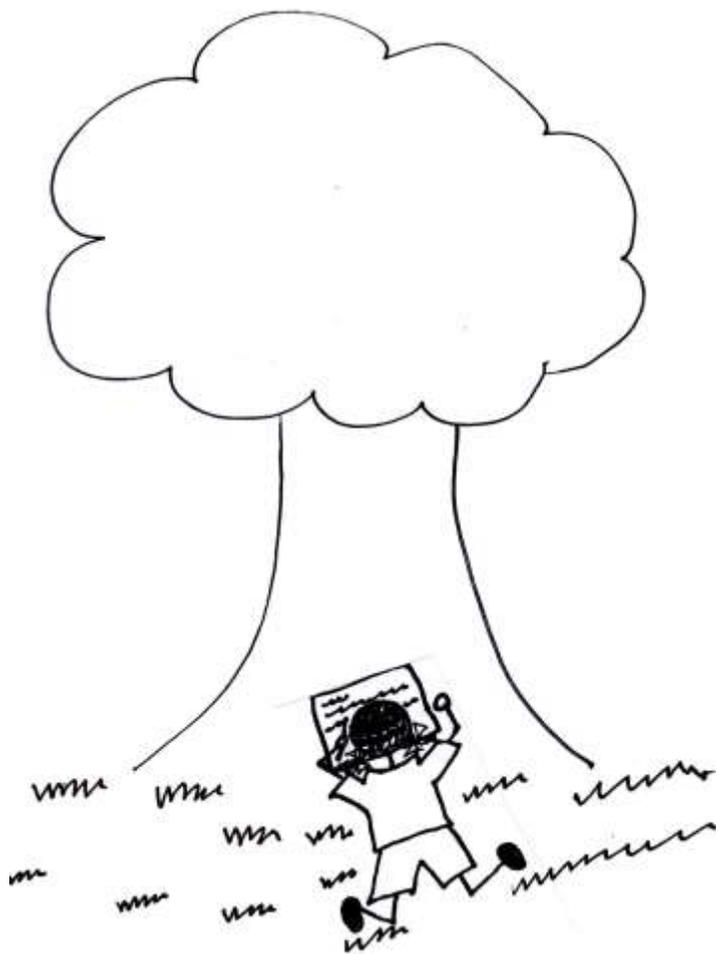
John 10:17 For this reason the Father loves Me, because I lay down My life so that I may take it again.

Jesus, this desire to know You and be Your friend must be greater than my desire to be the friend of my old sin nature. That only happens through learning Your word. You bring me to green pastures, the word of God for the Church Age. You lead me to blessings that I can't even imagine! I have no clue as to what these blessings will be, but I know they will be unbelievable. I don't know how You will bring me through all that I need to go through in life. The path is pretty bumpy at times! I just know that You will always lead me to a life I never have imagined - the green pasture!

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 [Church Age] and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever. Amen.



Jesus, You laid down Your life for me, Your sheep. You are the only one that could lead me. Since I can't see You, I need to have faith in You and believe that You will always lead me. You will lead me with Your word, Bible doctrine. The question is, "Will I follow You?" I must make myself available to learn Your word and be held up and led by Your thinking. You will teach me the love You and the Father have. Because of the cross, I can experience the same love! The only thing that can stand in the way of this experience is my negative decisions. I'm lost without the word of God! I must not quit! Lead on, my precious Shepherd!



John 17:26 And I have made Your name [person] known to them, and will make it known, so that the love with which You loved Me may be in them, and I in them.

Jesus, the kingdom of darkness doesn't want me to have confidence in the cross. It doesn't want me to be secure in Your love. It doesn't want me to know that my loving relationship with You, the Father and the Holy Spirit is set in stone! It can't be changed! It doesn't want me to follow You, my Shepherd. It doesn't want me to realize that our loving God gives undeserved suffering to those He loves. It's a grace gift. You experienced the greatest undeserved suffering of all! Because of it You accomplished the greatest gift of all - salvation for all mankind. You, Lord Jesus Christ, opened the door for God's love to come to us. It is up to us to receive and experience that gift!

Philippians 3:8-11 More than that, I count all things to be loss in view of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them but rubbish so that I may gain Christ....

