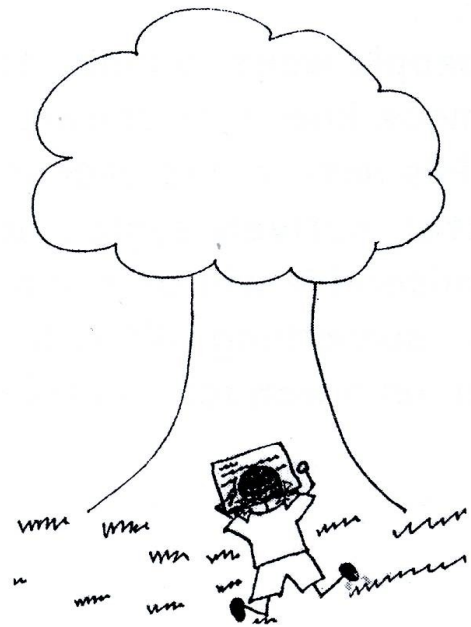


What's In Your Vessel?

Dear God,

You've given me a vessel, or a body, as a home for my soul. When I became a believer, You made it possible for me to understand Your Word, Your thinking. You put a human spirit in my vessel. The purpose of the human spirit is to receive spiritual information which the Holy Spirit changes into knowledge or gnosis. When I study Bible doctrine, the Holy Spirit makes it understandable to me. Then it is up to me to choose to believe it or not. If I do believe it, it becomes epignosis or Your thinking which I can now use! It is up to me to use my volition to choose to learn, believe, and use Bible doctrine so my vessel will have something good in it.

John 14:26 But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, Whom the Father will send in My name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.



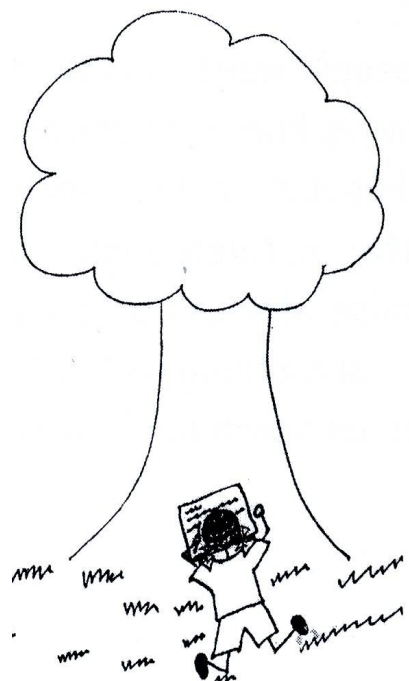
Dear God,

It was entirely my choice to believe in Jesus Christ as my Savior. I'm sure glad I did! You put 40 grace gifts* in my vessel and gave me Bible doctrine to learn. Because I chose to believe, You have mercy on me. If I didn't believe, I would have hardened my own heart just like Pharaoh did. ** I would have had a stubborn will and not chose You and Your plan. How awful. It is Your desire that no one hardens his heart, but it is definitely the person's own choice. You don't harden anyone's heart! You do use the stubborn will to honor You! Either way, softened or hardened heart, You will be honored. The choice is ours!

*Robert R McLaughlin Bible Ministries, the doctrine of *The Forty Grace Gifts Given at the Moment of Salvation*.

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

Exodus 9:16 But, indeed, for this reason I [God] have allowed you [Pharaoh] to remain, in order to show you My power and in order to proclaim My name through all the earth.

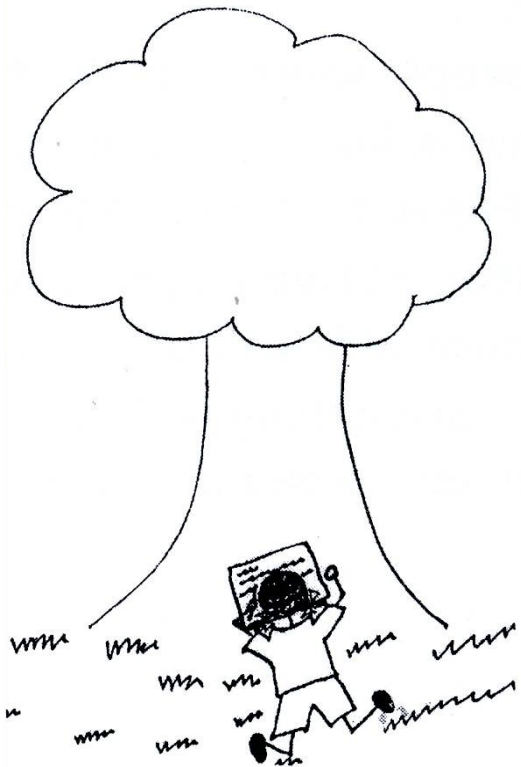


Dear God,

We are never to question why You do what You do. You do everything from Your love and according to what Your justice* will allow. Because of Who You are, Your divine essence**, You don't do anything wrong, unjust, or unfair. It is impossible! Therefore, all I need to do is rebound*** when necessary so I will be filled with the Holy Spirit and learn, believe, and use Bible doctrine. You'll do the job of filling or molding my vessel. I can just step aside, keep Jesus as my main focus, and let You do Your work!

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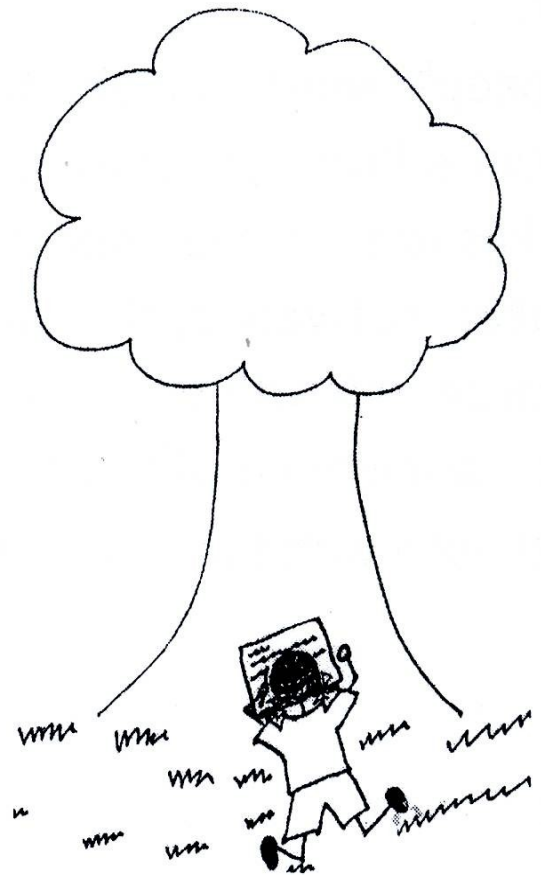
Read *Our God Is An Awesome God.* * Read *Rebound.*



Romans 9:20 On the contrary, who are you, O man, who answers back to God? The thing molded will not say to the molder, "Why did you make me like this," will it?

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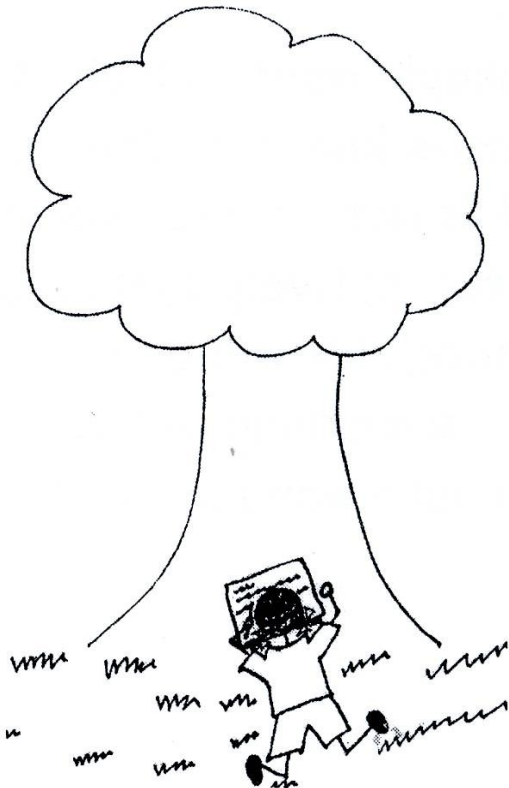
It is Your job to turn me into a beautiful vessel or container. However, I have to let You do Your job. That is why it is sooo important that I learn Your Word. It is the truth! The more I know of the truth, the more I will know You, rely on You and love You. I will get more capacity or room for You to put grace blessings in my vessel! I will become beautiful from the inside out!! It is best for me to follow Your plan and trust You for good results.



James 1:17 Every good thing given and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with Whom there is no variation or shifting shadow.

Dear God,

It is not always easy to step aside and let You do the work! Sometimes I'm chummy with my old sin nature. Not a good idea! My old sin nature hates You! It doesn't want to be humble. It wants to go against Your Word. When I'm chummy with my old sin nature, I have negative volition to Your Word. I'm not relying on Your thinking. However, if I don't get back in Your plan through my own self-induced misery, You always come through with some discipline. That's my wake-up call. It shows me I need to rebound and take in doctrine, Your Word. I need to surrender to Your authority or let You be in control! On my own I can't make my vessel beautiful; only You can!



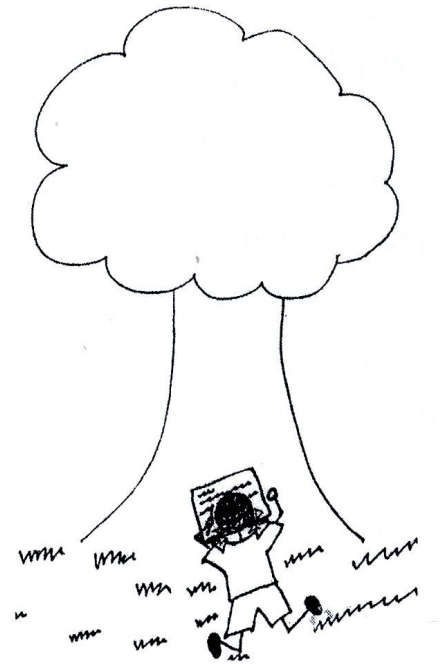
Isaiah 64:8 But now, O Lord, You are our Father, we are the clay, and You our potter; and all of us are the work of Your hand.

Dear God,

You have taught me that the soul is more important than the body. You know my soul intimately. The real me is my soul. The world wants people to think that the body is the most important. Satan wants me to be afraid of something happening to my body. He wants me to be afraid of death! Jesus came to stop all fear of death. As long as I believe in Jesus Christ as my Savior, I am eternally secure*. I have a place in heaven. My soul will go to heaven, and I will get a new resurrection body! I don't need to fear death!

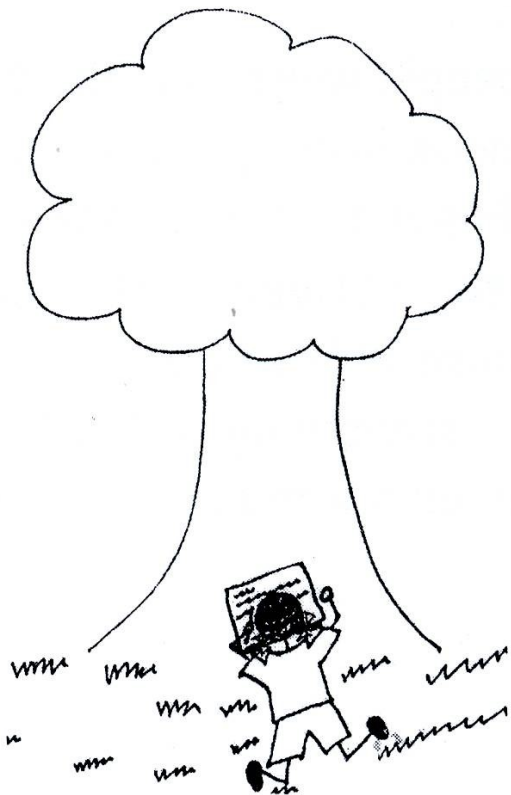
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Matthew 10:28-31 But do not fear those who kill the body but are unable to kill the soul; but rather fear Him Who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.



You've also taught me not to fear rejection. Rejection is not being accepted by others. Satan wants me to fear being rejected. He knows if I fear people not liking me I will have my eyes on myself and not on You! Not a pretty sight! I need to focus on You and learn, believe, and use Bible doctrine daily. Then I will know You better and love You more. I need to rely on Your promises. If I am going to fear anything, it should be not believing Your promises! You have given me a lifestyle of rest*, not of fear!

*Go to allaboardgodstrain.org and read *Faith-Rest Drill, Rest - Part 1 and 2.*



Hebrews 4:1 Therefore, let us fear if, while a promise remains of entering His rest [predesigned plan of God] any one of you may seem to have come short of it.

Matthew 10:29-31 Are not two sparrows sold for a cent? And yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. So do not fear; you are more valuable than many sparrows.

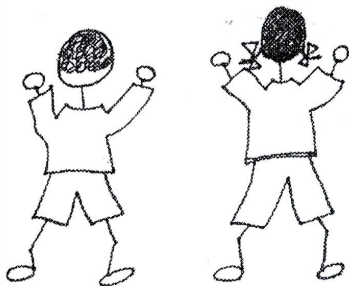
Dear God,

I must allow You to make my vessel awesome and unique. It's not about my ability but my availability to You. If I have a lifestyle of rebounding and having faith in Your Word and plan, You can mold me into a beautiful vessel. I can have complete confidence in the priceless work of my Master's hand. If I cooperate and rely on Your mercy and grace, You will mold me into the beautiful vessel You want me to be. You will get the honor because it will be all Your work! I will have the privilege and blessing of shining forth Your glory!!



Thank You, God, with all my heart,

(Put in your name.)



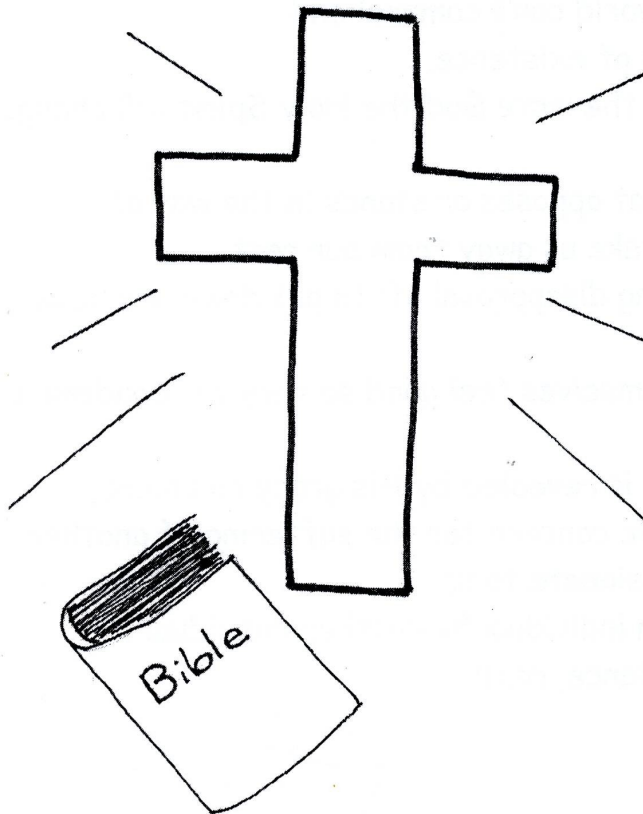
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Questions for Discussion

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7. What is most important, the body or the soul? Why?
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