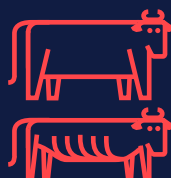


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SUS GROUP STUDY 1:

FAITHFULNESS IN GOD'S PROMISES – 1 Peter 1:1-12

KEY WORDS

Apostle – God's chosen eye-witnesses of Jesus

Elect – God's chosen people

Exiles – those who are living away from home.

Foreknowledge – God's unique ability to know everything before it happens.

Sanctifying – Being made more like Jesus

Mercy – Not being judged as our sins deserve

Messiah – God's Promised King

Gospel – God's good news

We have heard about God's covenant promises, announced to Abraham, to reverse the curse and bring in the blessing. We have been introduced to Jacob's messed up family, through whom God has promised to bless the world.

We're going to see in 1 Peter who God's family are now, how they have become God's family and how that impacts the life they are called to live.

Foreigners are people living in your country from other countries. If you go to live in another country for a short time, you would be a foreigner.

Other countries have different languages, foods, religions, laws & culture to what you might be used to. Sometimes when you go to other countries, you can get culture shock.

1.

a. Discuss where in the world you think it would be the most difficult place to adapt to another way of life?

E.g. Japan, Saudi Arabia, India, China, Russia, Korea, Egypt, Indonesia, Thailand, Nigeria, Greenland.

b. What would you miss the most about your home country if you had to live somewhere very different?

c. Why might you find it really helpful if you found a great church in that place?

WORD STUDY

Read 1 Peter 1:1-12

2. a. Look at verse 1. Who does Peter say he is writing to?

To God's e _____ ,
e _____ , scattered throughout the
provinces... (1)

b. Discuss what you think these two words might mean? How is this true of all Christians?

APPLY

c. If you're a Christian, how might you feel like a foreigner even in your own country?

WORD STUDY

3. In verses 3-5, Peter seems very excited about something amazing!

Fill in the table below to find the words he uses:

P _____ be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!
in his g _____ m _____
he has given us n ____ b _____
into a l _____ h _____ through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,
and into an i _____ that can never perish, spoil or fade.
This is kept in h _____ for you...

4. a. Look at all the words you've written down. Why do you think Peter is so excited about this?

b. Why is this good news for Christians?

5. In verses 6-9, Peter says: 'you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials'.

b. How do you think God might use these trials to make Christians stronger in their faith?

a. How would focusing on all the blessings that cannot be taken away from Christians be helpful? (v7-9)

CASE STUDY

Tony is a 12-year-old boy from England. He goes to church every Sunday with his family and always has done. At school, his friends all swear and often say mean things about other people. Sometimes, they send each other rude jokes and pictures on their phones.

Tony feels that this is wrong because he knows better than that. But sometimes he is tempted to join in with everyone else. It helps him to feel like he's a part of the group. On a bad day, he will swear and make rude jokes about others, just the same as anyone else. Sometimes he feels bad about that, but his parents don't know. They still think he's a nice boy.

a. Why is Tony giving in to the pressure to become like everyone else around him?

b. What would his church and parents hope he would be able to do at school?

c. How would his life look differently if he always obeyed Jesus at school?

d. What might happen to him if he lived for Jesus at school?



APPLY

6.

a. Do you find it easy to live for Jesus at school or difficult?

b. How does Peter's good news (3-5) give you something to look forward to when life is really hard?

c. How does Peter explain why bad things sometimes happen to you?

How much sympathy do you have for Tony?

Do you find that helpful?

Do you find that helpful?

PRAYER POINTS

PRAISE GOD

that no one can ever take away Christians' inheritance in heaven.

THANK GOD

for calling believers into His family and giving them the strength to follow Jesus, even when life is hard.

ASK GOD

to help you to live for Jesus at school when other people around you live very differently.

SUS GROUP STUDY 2: FAITHFULNESS IN TEMPTATION 1 Peter 1:13-21

KEY WORDS

Grace – God's undeserved kindness to sinners

Holy – Set apart, pure

Reverent fear – passionately living with God as your King

Redeemed – set free, bought back

Glorified – Christians given God's unique greatness

In this SUS group we're picking up the theme of staying faithful in temptation, having seen the contrast between how Judah and Joseph live out their identity as God's people. This is how Joseph responds to the temptation put before him by Potiphar's wife:

"No one is greater in this house than I am. My master has withheld nothing from me except you, because you are his wife. How then could I

do such a wicked thing and sin against God?"
(Genesis 39:9)

Joseph resisted temptation because he knew who he was and whom he was called to be. He was one of God's people, called to live in obedience to God. We as Christians can resist temptation by remembering who we are and whom we are called to be. This is what we're picking up in this part of 1 Peter.



Read 1 Peter 1:13-21

1. Who does Peter say 'Christians' OR 'the elect exiles' are in verse 14?

2. How does Peter call them to live in verse 14-16?

3. What price has God paid so Christians can live the life they're called to live (v18-19)?

**4. As a result, who can we put our faith and our hope in? (v13, 21)
Why does that mean fighting temptation is worth it?**

APPLY

What temptations do Christians face living in a ‘foreign’ world where people live for themselves?

Use the boxes below to identify specific temptations:

Sexual Temptation – Desire for Pleasure	Social Temptations – Desire to be Accepted
Security Temptations – Desire for Comfort	Temptations for Stuff – Desire for Material Wealth

5. How do the truths from this passage help Christians fight these temptations?

6. What might living a holy (set apart) life look like for a Christian at school?

PRAYER POINTS

PRAISE GOD

that believers get to be children of God.

THANK GOD

for Jesus through whom we can believe and have faith and hope.

ASK GOD

to help us live out our time here as foreigners in reverent fear and to not conform to the evil desires we had when we lived in ignorance of Him.

SUS GROUP STUDY 3: FAITHFULNESS IN SUFFERING 1 Peter 2:21, 3:8-18, 4:12-16

KEY WORDS

Blessing – Receiving
God's goodness

Righteous – In right
relationship with God

Revere – Worship, put
first

Unrighteous – NOT in
right relationship with
God

In this SUS group we will be reflecting on the suffering we have heard that Joseph went through and how he stayed faithful to God. We will then see how Peter calls us as Christians to do exactly the same.

Where have we seen Joseph suffering already?

Choose one of the following situations and think how we might face similar today.

2. *Being punished by someone else for doing the right thing.*

3. *Being forgotten*

Examples:

1. *Being totally rejected or betrayed by people you thought you could trust.*

Do we tend to view suffering positively or negatively? Why?

WORD STUDY

Read 1 Peter 4:14-16.

1. **What type of suffering is Peter talking about?**

Friends turning their backs on you

Being laughed at

A cancer diagnosis

Being in prison

Struggling financially

Being excluded

Suffering with a mental illness

APPLY

2. **Look at the following list. Which of these might be general suffering, which are types of suffering for being a Christian, which could be either?**

WORD STUDY

3. Look at the following passages. Circle the words from the following verses which tell us what suffering might be like/what suffering for Christ might involve.

3:9	<i>Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult.</i>
3:14	<i>But even if you should suffer for what is right, you are blessed. "Do not fear their threats; do not be frightened."</i>
3:16	<i>...so that those who speak maliciously against your good behaviour in Christ may be ashamed of their slander.</i>
4:12	<i>Dear friends, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that has come on you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you.</i>

WORD STUDY

4. Why does God allow Christians to suffer?

2:21	
4:12	
4:13	
4:14	

APPLY

5. How might this change our view about suffering?

WORD STUDY

6. Read 3:8-16. How are we to live during times of suffering for Christ?

CASE STUDY

Amelia's birthday is coming up. A school friend is coming for a sleepover on the Saturday evening. Amelia is nervous about what the youth group bible study might be about – recently they've been looking at what the Bible says about marriage and gender etc. Amelia asks her youth leader how long the current series is going on for.

1. Why might Amelia have asked how long the current series is going on for? What is making her nervous?

2. If her friend doesn't like what the Bible says, what could happen?

3. Think about what we've seen in today's SUS. What would you say to Amelia in this situation?



PRAYER POINTS

PRAISE GOD

that Christ suffered for his people, that we might know God.

THANK GOD

that when we suffer there is purpose behind it, it's not that something has gone wrong.

ASK GOD

to help believers continue to be faithful to Him, especially when they suffer.

SUS GROUP STUDY 4: FAITHFULNESS IN RELATIONSHIPS 1 Peter 2:4-10 17-24



Joseph and his brothers have been reconciled to one another. Wrongs have been forgiven and relationships have been restored. We see here in 1 Peter how the gospel and our identity as God's people effects how we relate to one another.

1. **Look at 1 Peter 2:17 - How are Christians to treat fellow brothers and sisters?**
2. **Look at 1 Peter 2:4-5, 9-10. How are God's people/church described? What do these descriptions mean?**

CASE STUDY

Danielle arrives home from church in tears. She has discovered there's a group chat created by others in the youth group which she has been excluded from. There have been cruel comments mocking her.

3. **Why would that be hard for Danielle to love her fellow brothers and sisters as Peter calls her to?**
4. **How might these descriptions of Church from Q2 help Danielle?**
5. **Think back to Joseph's story. How did he respond when he was treated badly by his brothers?**

WORD STUDY

6. **Look at 1 Peter 2:21-24. How was Christ treated and what did he do for those he loved?**
7. **What did Christ achieve on the cross? How is he now our example?**

APPLY

8. What do you make of Christ dying in your place?

9. If you're a Christian, in what practical ways will this view of Christ and the Church shape your behaviour with your fellow brothers and sisters in the church?

PRAYER POINTS

PRAISE GOD

that we can receive mercy with Christ suffering in our place.

THANK GOD

that Christians have been made his precious people and he has bound us to each other.

ASK GOD

to bring us into his family if we are not yet a Christian and to help us to love our brothers and sisters even when it's hard – in a way that distinguishes us from the world.

SUS GROUP STUDY 5:

FAITHFULNESS IN THE WORLD

1 Peter 2:3-3:7

We have been seeing this week the promises of God and that his covenant people were to be, amongst other things, a blessing to the nations.

We've seen this in the life of Joseph as he sought to be faithful to God in a foreign country through trial, temptation and prosperity. This has impacted the world around him as the nations have come to Joseph and been saved from starvation.

God's people are called to be faithful in the world around them – even when this means standing out. This is picked up in this final SUS study in 1 Peter.

ICE BREAKER: Odd one out

Word round

Coat hat pig scarf

Number round

9 25 51 81

Picture round



THE LINK

This game helps you to identify the odd one out. But this study is going to help you see what it looks like to stand out as a Christian in a world full of darkness.

WORD STUDY

1. Looking at 1 Peter 2:9-12, find the opposites to spot the difference between Christians & Unbelievers.

Unbelievers	Christians
v9 out of darkness	v9
v10 not a people	v10
v10 not received mercy	v10
v11 sinful desires	v12
v12 accused of doing wrong	v12

2. Verse 9 describes God's people as a holy nation, what does the word holy mean?

3. Verse 12 says 'live such good lives among the pagans'.

- What are pagans?

- What would it look like for God's people to live good lives? Look at the 2 quotes below and find some examples of good deeds:

"Show proper respect to everyone, love the family of believers, fear God, honour the emperor." **1 Peter 2:17**

"⁸Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. ⁹Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. ¹⁰Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms." **1 Peter 4:8-10**

Good Deeds

4. Verse 11 says ‘abstain from sinful desires which wage war against your soul’

- What does abstain mean?
- Look at the following quote and find some examples of sinful desires:

“³For you have spent enough time in the past doing what pagans choose to do—living in debauchery, lust, drunkenness, orgies, carousing and detestable idolatry. “They are surprised that you do not join them in their reckless, wild living, and they heap abuse on you.” **1 Peter 4:3-4**

Sinful Desires

5. What would it look like for God's people to abstain from sinful desires?

6. APPLY

Which of these things below happen in your school or at home?

Shoplifting

Gossip

Sexting

Smoking

Bullying

Looking at porn

Saying hateful things

Swearing

Taking drugs

Fighting

Anger

Disobeying a teacher

Arguing with your family

Using Jesus' name as a swear word

'This is what a culture of darkness looks like...' , any other ideas?

• **What might your friends think of you if you don't join in?**

• **Let's have one minute of silence, where we talk to God about something that is a temptation for us which we would like his help with.**

CASE STUDY

Eric is 14 years old and doesn't believe in God. In Year 9, he started drinking alcohol with his friends after school.

A number of times he had too much, and lost control of his words and actions. Because he was drunk, he sent some inappropriate messages to girls and boys in his class and now he can't undo it.

What are the consequences of acting like this?

Why does Peter not want Christians to live like Eric?

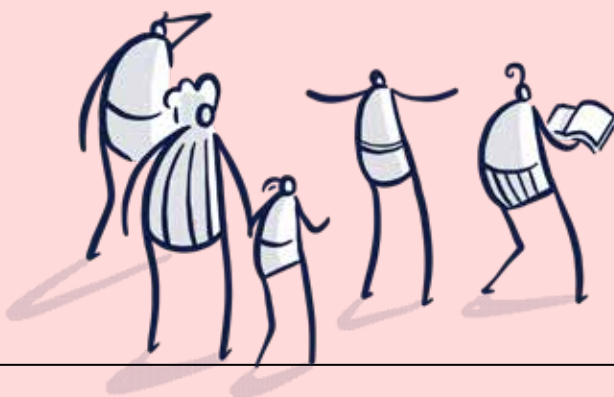
Read the verses below.

"¹² Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us." **1 Peter 2:12**

"Since Jesus went through everything you're going through and more, learn to think like him. Think of your sufferings as a weaning from that old sinful habit of always expecting to get your own way. Then you'll be able to live out your days free to pursue what God wants instead of being tyrannized by what you want... Everything in the world is about to be wrapped up, so take nothing for granted. Stay wide-awake in prayer."

1 Peter 4:1-2 & 4:7
(The Message)

How would these verses help you to fight against the temptation to join in with everyone else's sinful behaviour?



PRAYER POINTS

PRAISE GOD

who calls his people out of darkness into his wonderful light.

THANK GOD

that although life is hard now, believers will experience the reward of living with Christ forever in heaven.

ASK GOD

to help you avoid sinful behaviour and grow in self-control to withstand the temptation to live like everyone else in the world.

SUS GROUP STUDY 6: LEARNING REVIEW

**What is one thing that struck you
from the teaching?**

**What is one thing you will do
differently when you get home?**

**What is one thing that
encouraged you this week?**

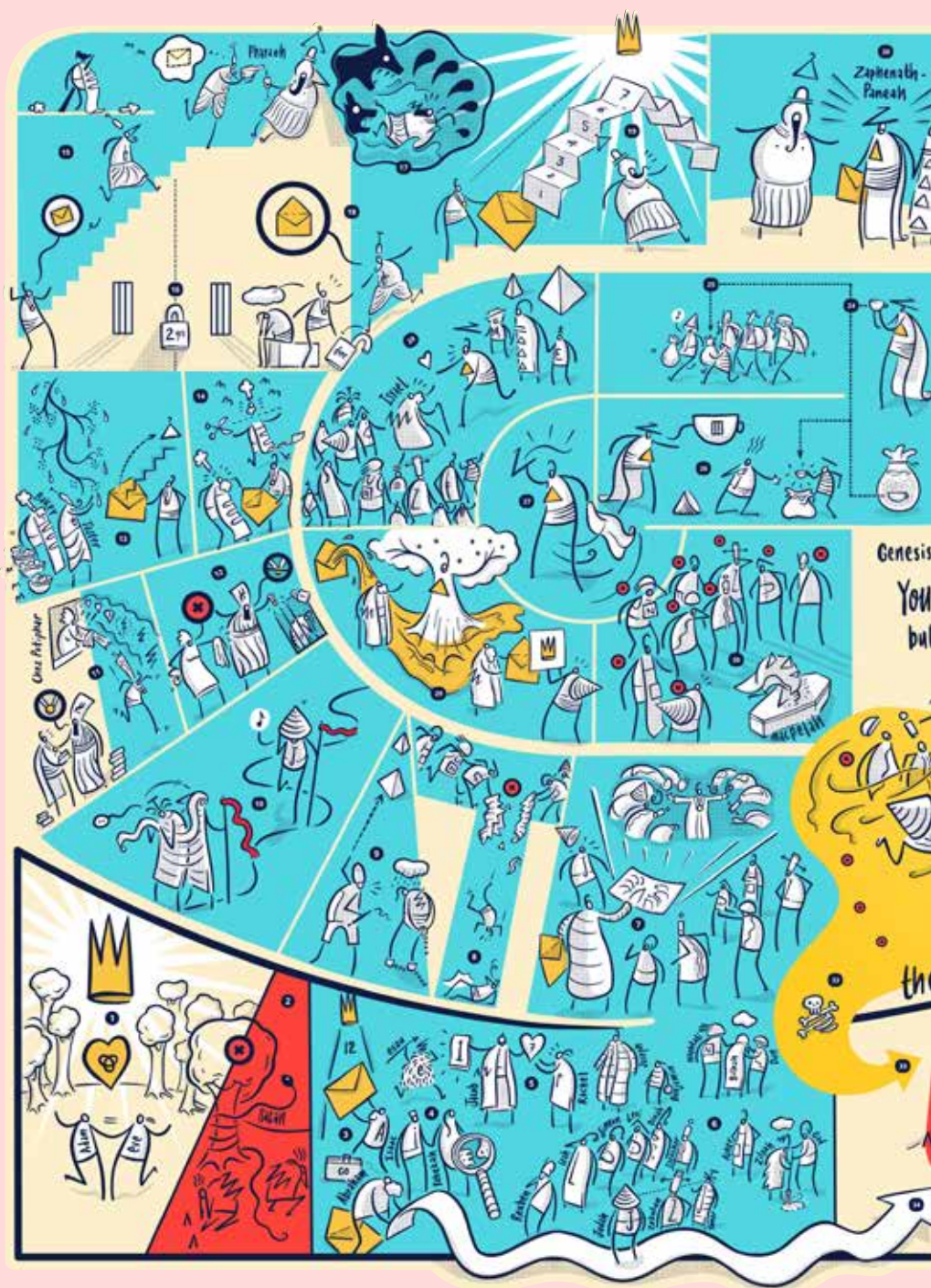
**What could you pray for (Praise
God, Thank God, Ask God?) See
below...**

PRAYER POINTS

PRAISE GOD

THANK GOD

ASK GOD





KEY WORDS

1. The Creation

2. The Fall

3. God promises a reverse of the fall in Genesis 12.

4. Isaac is born to a very old Abraham. He marries Rebekah who has twin boys Esau and Jacob.

5. Jacob deceives his brother. He is in love with Rachel.

6. Jacob has four wives and many children. His favourite is Joseph (and later Benjamin) via Rachel.

7. Joseph shares with his brothers a God-given vision of the future where they will bow down to him.

8. They almost kill him.

9. Joseph is sold into slavery to Egypt – Jacob is told that he is dead.

10. Judah badly mistreats Tamar but is also caught out by her.

11. Joseph is blessed by God as he serves in Potiphar's house.

12. Joseph is wrongly accused of abusing Mrs Potiphar.

13. In prison, Joseph correctly interprets the dreams of Pharaoh's wine taster...

14. ...and Pharaoh's baker.

15. Joseph asks for the taster to remember him when he is free.

16. He is forgotten for two years.

17. Pharaoh has two terrible dreams which no one can interpret.

18. The taster remembers Joseph and he is brought before Pharaoh.

19. Joseph is given the interpretation from God: seven years of great harvesting followed by seven of extreme famine are coming.

20. Joseph is elevated to become Pharaoh's main guy: Zaphenath-Paneah.

21. Joseph stores grain and then provides for the many who suffer in the famine.

22. Joseph's brothers come to Egypt to get grain. They don't recognise him.

23. Joseph devises a plan to bring Benjamin to Egypt by first accusing them of being foreign spies.

24. Joseph hides a silver cup in (25) Benjamin's grain sack.

26. Joseph accuses them of theft and threatens imprisonment – but Judah offers to take Benjamin's place to pay for the crime.

27. Joseph reveals his identity to great surprise.

28. Jacob is reunited with Joseph in Egypt (God reassures him that this is part of the big plan).

29. Jacob blesses each of his sons before he dies. Joseph is an example of thriving with God's grace even when things are tough. Judah is given a special message: his descendant will be like an awesome lion.

30. Jacob is buried and the brothers are reminded of their guilt in betraying Joseph so many years ago.

31. Instead of revenge, Joseph pours out forgiveness on his brothers. God's big good plan enables him to do this.

32. Joseph trusts God's plan: because his home is not in Egypt, he gives special instructions about his bones.

33. Many generations later – Jesus, the Lion of Judah – fulfils the promise given to Abraham (34) through his death and resurrection.

35. This wonderfully fulfilled promise and plan is for all people in every age.

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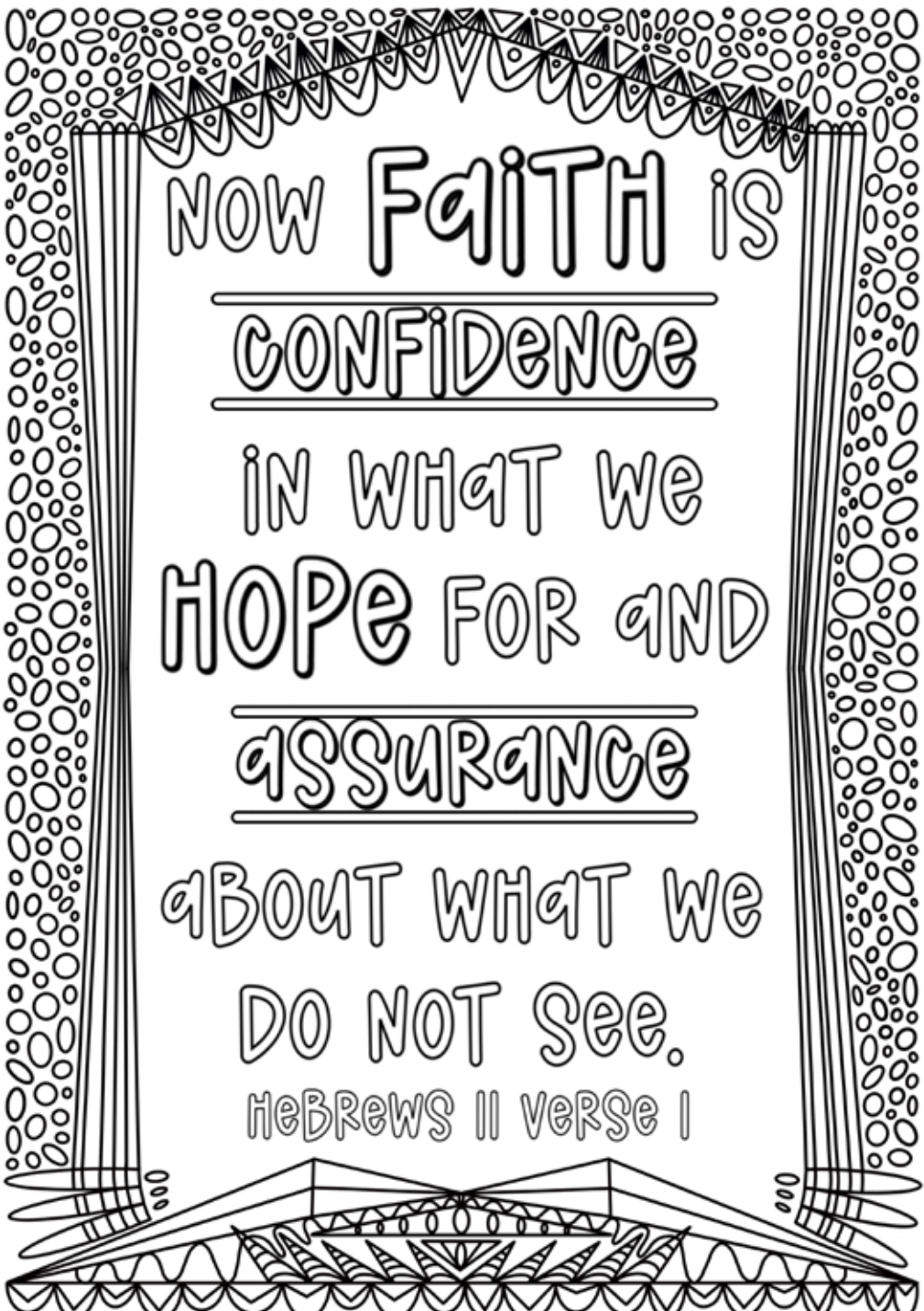
The aim of a one to one is to:

Provide you with the opportunity to speak to a mature Christian about your spiritual walk with God and ask any questions about the Christian faith.

A FEW QUESTIONS YOU MIGHT LIKE TO THINK ABOUT BEFOREHAND:

- How have you found Contagious this summer?
- What part of the teaching have you most appreciated?
- Would you like to ask any questions about the teaching this week?
- How would you describe your own spiritual journey?
- If you've been challenged or encouraged by the teaching this week, how do you want to be different when you return home?
- Is there anything else you want to talk about?
- What can I pray for you?





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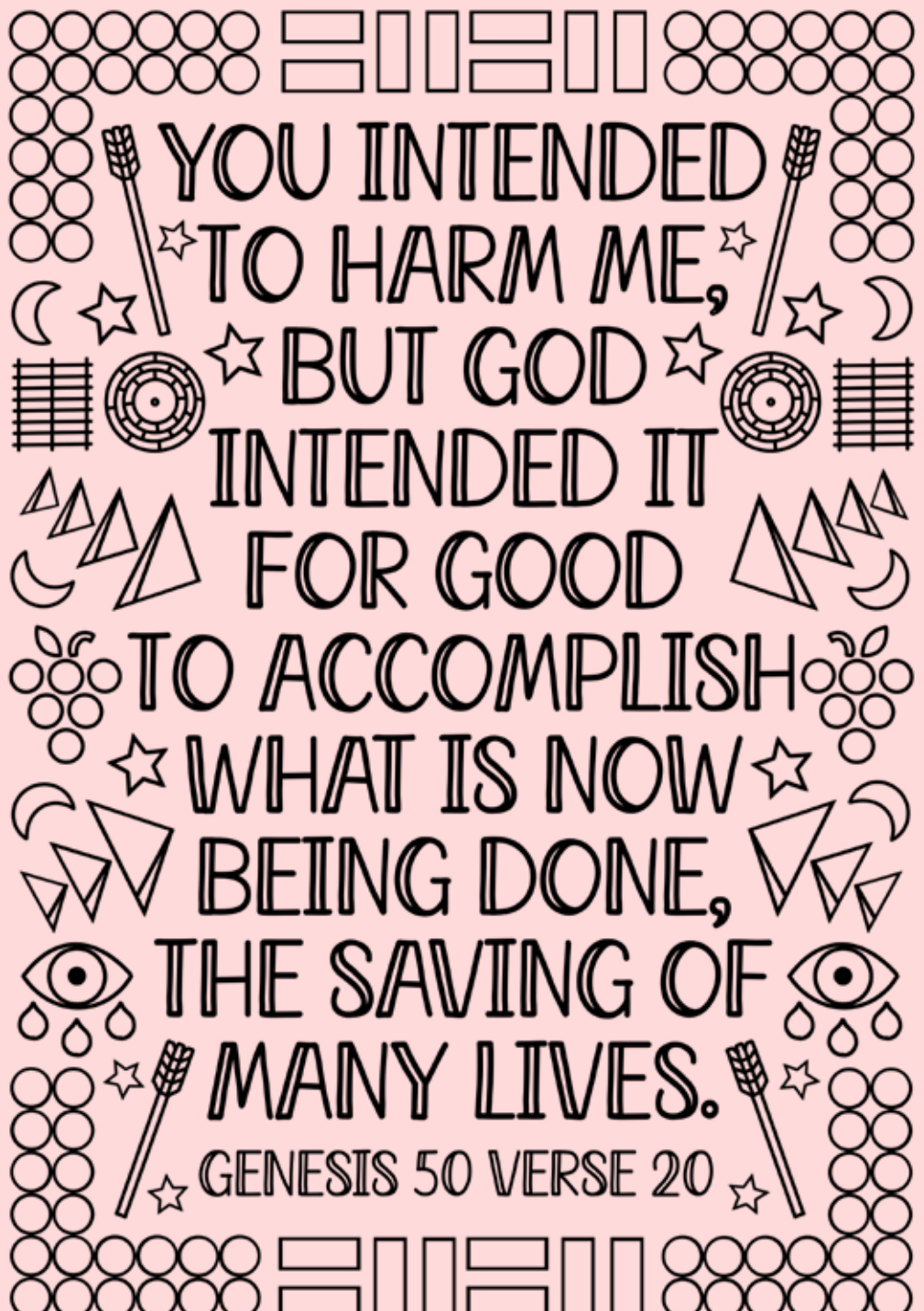
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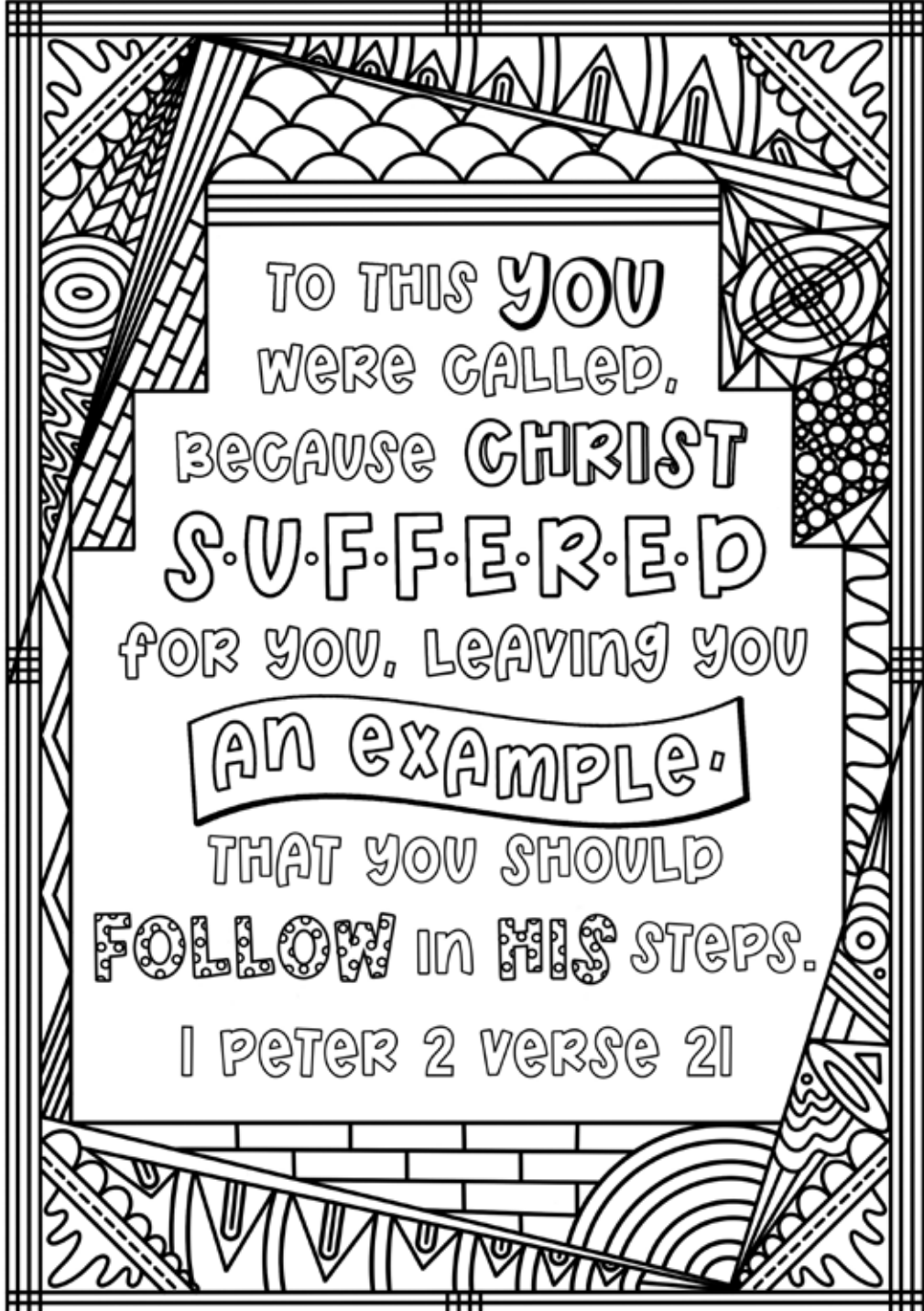
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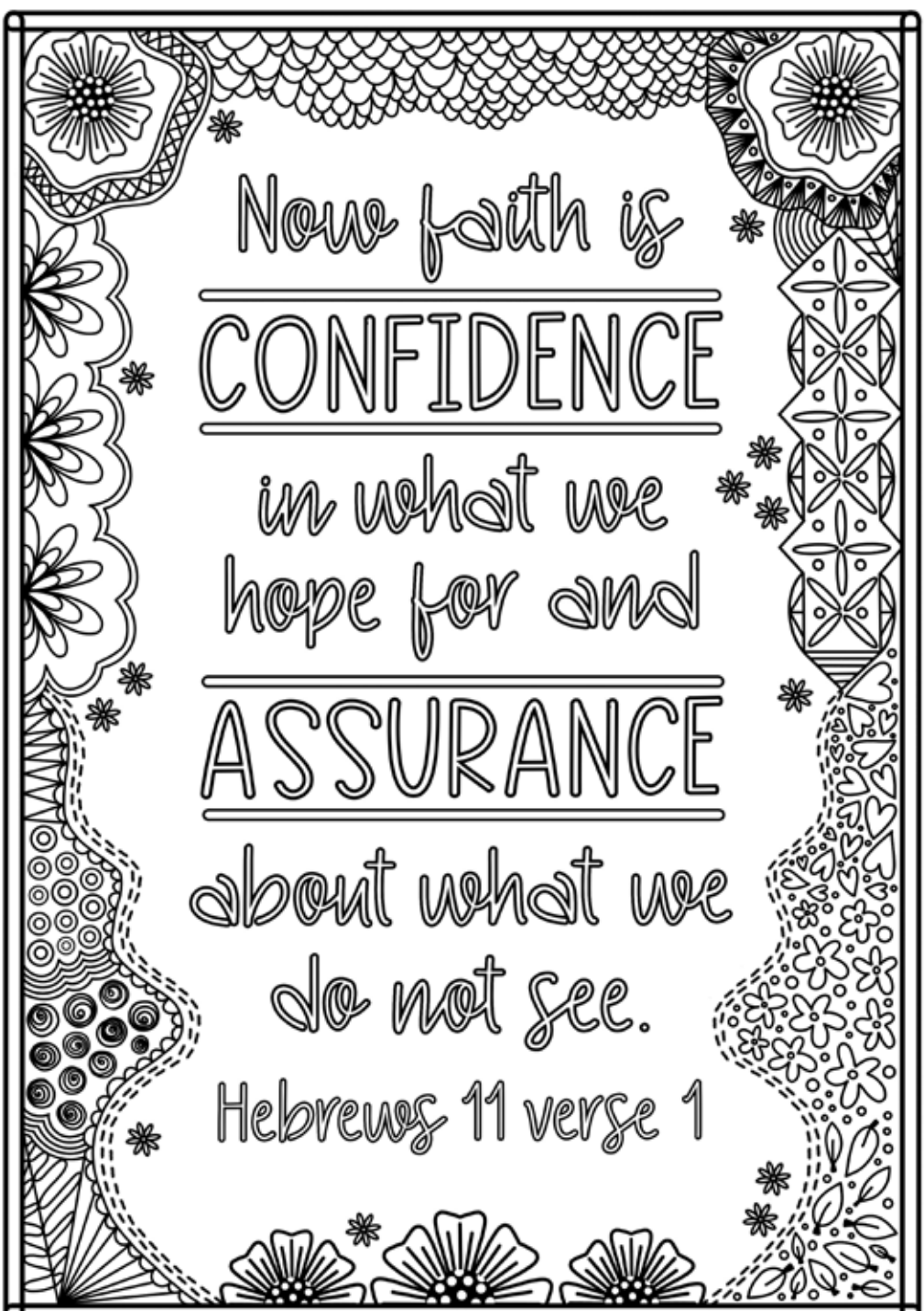
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TO HARM ME,
BUT GOD
INTENDED IT
FOR GOOD
TO ACCOMPLISH
WHAT IS NOW
BEING DONE,
THE SAVING OF
MANY LIVES.

GENESIS 50 VERSE 20



TO THIS YOU
WERE CALLED,
BECAUSE CHRIST
S.U.F.F.E.R.E.D
FOR YOU, LEAVING YOU
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THAT YOU SHOULD
FOLLOW IN HIS STEPS.
1 PETER 2 VERSE 21



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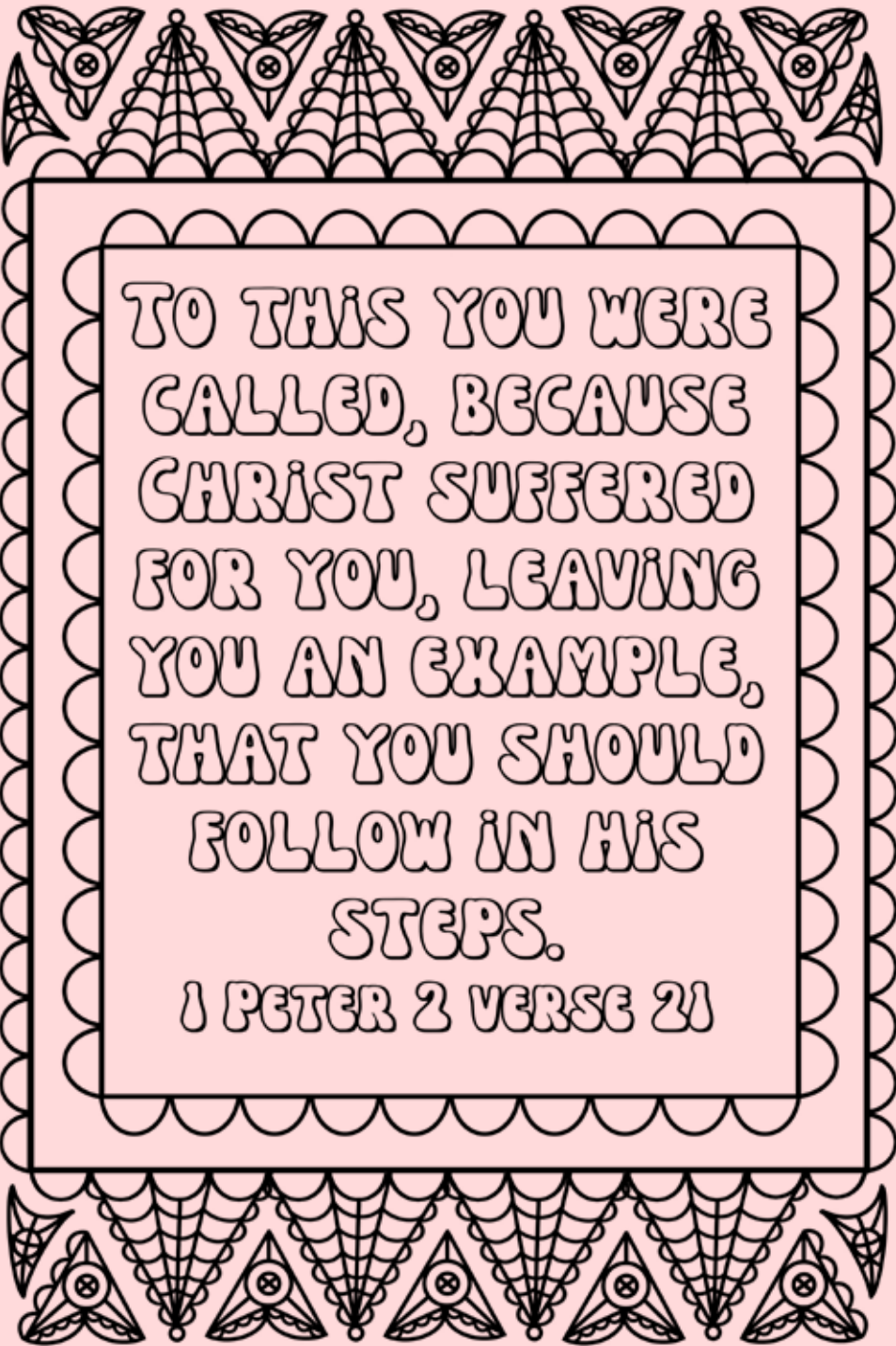
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