The following is from Pr Glenn Coon's study, "The Science of Prayer, it's ABC's" which is available from <u>archive.org/details/GlennCoonBooks</u>

George Mulher cared for 2,000 orphans at one time; received \$7,500.000 in answer to prayer during his ministry; assisted as many as 189 missionaries; operated 100 schools with around 9,000 scholars; gave away 4,000,000 tracts and tens of thousands of copies of the Bible. This man stated that he spent hours every day in prayer. He said thousands of souls had been saved in answer to his prayers, and he expected to see tens of thousands of them in heaven. George Muller, in his declining years, was asked by a reporter the secret of his great faith. His answer was distilled in two words: "Great trouble."

Here are some ways to strengthen faith:

- Think about stories of what God has done in the past
- Spend time thinking about God, not your problems.
- Talk about faith, not the bad things that might happen.
- Find Bible promises that fit the situation.
- Open your Bible, put your finger on the promise and pray.

Jane was pitifully crippled, and her condition seemed hopeless. Her husband, John, had an addiction. Both had lost their faith and hope. We read Jeremiah 33:6-8 to them, and suggested they put their own names in it, so it became, "I, God, will heal Jane and John. ...I will forgive all Jane and John's sins and rebellion."

Jane seemed to understand that this promise was for her. But John did not. So we suggested he stop thinking about his sins - we were claiming cleansing, pardon, health and cure, and a rebuilding of their lives. These promises were placed in the Bible for them.

We encouraged them to ask, believe, and claim complete forgiveness, cleansing, and healing.

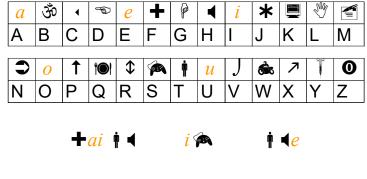
We put our believing hands on Jane's sick body and invited her to pray a prayer of faith. John also prayed. They were now looking away from their problems to Christ, the Solution for everything.

The lives of both Jane and John were miraculously changed. Jane's Doctor said the change was unbelievable. And John said that from the hour we taught them how to make the promises personal, his addiction vanished.

Faith to Follow

<u>Sabbath</u>

What is faith? Decode Hebrews 11:1 to see what the Bible says.



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Faith is believing something even when you do not have proof. Does that mean we will never have proof that God exists?

In Jeremiah 29:13_{NLT} God says, "If you look for me wholeheartedly, you will find me." If we really want to know God, we must read our Bibles and pray, and God will show us He is real. Then when we have doubts, we can remember what God has done for us in the past.

<u>Sunday</u>

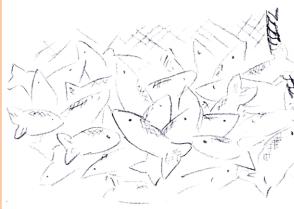
One day a large crowd found Jesus on the shore of the Sea of Galilee. Jesus stepped into one of the fishing boats and Peter pushed it out into the water. Then Jesus sat in the boat to teach the people.



Now Jesus knew that Peter and his friends had spent the night fishing and caught nothing, so when he had finished teaching, he said to Peter, "Go out where the water is deeper and let down your nets to catch some fish."

Peter knew that the fish could only be caught at night, but he said, "I'll let the nets down again, but only because you told me to."

When they pulled the nets up, they were so full of fish they began to



tear! Peter shouted for another fishing boat to help, and soon both boats were so filled with fish they were nearly sinking.

> Simon-Peter and his friends, Andrew, James and John, were amazed.

Jesus said to them, "From now on you will be fishing for people!" Then they left their fishing boats followed Jesus.



<u>Friday</u>

When we have the faith to believe and obey God, we will be happy. If we do not have enough faith, we can pray the prayer of official from Capernaum when Jesus asked if He believed that Jesus could heal his son in Mark $9:24_{\rm NLT}$, "I do believe; help me overcome my unbelief." Use the clues to fill in the crossword.

<u>1 down:</u> God commands children to obey their P_____.

<u>2 down:</u> We spend time with God and his people at C_____.

<u>3 down:</u> We can be a good witness to our F_____.

<u>4 across:</u> We are also witnesses to our school T_____.

<u>5 across:</u> Everyday we should P____ and talk to God.

<u>6 down:</u> Right now God is calling you to be a good witness to the

people in your S_____.

<u>7 down:</u> The S_____ of Faith is part of the Armour of God.

<u>8 down:</u> We must have F____ in God.

<u>9 across:</u> No matter what God calls you to do later, right now He wants you to be a good S______.



<u>Thursday</u>

Jesus is still calling people to follow Him today. Some, like pastors, are called to work fulltime for the Lord. Others are called to work in teaching or healing ministries, and still others are called to work in places where they can be missionaries to those around them.

You can be a missionary right now to the people you see at school. Do your best in your schoolwork, obey the rules, and follow Jesus' example in the way you treat people, and you will be working for God right now.



<u>Monday</u>

The last piece of the Armour of God is the Shield of Faith. Faith in God means believing what God says is true, and since we cannot see God, it also takes faith to believe that God is real and that He is interested in us like the Bible says.

It took faith for the disciples to leave their jobs as fishermen and follow Jesus. But before calling them to leave their boats behind for the last time, Jesus showed them that God would provide their needs; that God wanted them to help Jesus fulltime, instead of fishing to earn money to buy their clothes and food.

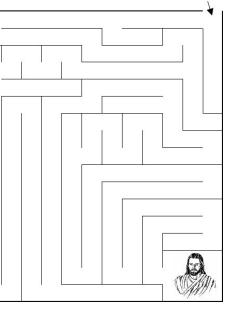
The disciples were experienced fisherman and knew that it was impossible to catch fish in the Sea of Galilee during the day when the fish could see the boat, that is why they fished at night, and they had just spent the whole night fishing and caught nothing. Jesus proved to them without a doubt, that God would provide for them.

We can look back at the stories in the Bible and see how God has always provided for His people. We can read how God always does what He says He will, and reading about God strengthens our faith in God.

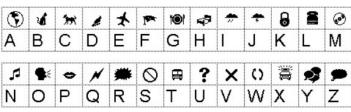


<u>Tuesday</u>

Jesus called the fishermen to follow Him. He wants you to follow Him too. Find the path through the maze to Jesus.



Use the code to see what Jesus said his disciples would now be fishing for in Luke $5:10_{\text{NLT}}$



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Wednesday

Find these words which
are related to faith.CONASSURANCE, BELIEF,
COMMITMENT,
CONFIDENCE,
CONVICTION, FAITH,
GUARANTEE, HOPE,
LOVE, LOYALTY,
POSITIVE, PROMISE,
PROOF, RELIANCE,
SURE, TRUST.MNAMNAMPQIYZTBCMIYZTBCONVICTION, FAITH,
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SURE, TRUST.MLMNBCVXNBCVXNBCUAPQ

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t's time for the battle! Quick, put on your armor! Here's your big, thick helmet, your *(umph!)* very heavy breastplate, and the chain mail to protect your arms and legs. And don't forget your shield, which is about the size of a dinner plate, and you'd...

What? You want a bigger shield? You want a shield the size of Manhattan? Or at least bigger than your body? Maybe something the size of a bicycle tire? I don't blame you. It would be pretty hard defending yourself with a small shield, wouldn't it?

Of course, that's what we often try to do. We have the entire Bible, thousands of words with which to defend ourselves when Satan attacks us. But if we memorize only a few of those verses it's like going into a raging battle with only a tiny little shield for protection. You have to be pretty good to defend yourself with a tiny shield.

Fortunately, there is a way to make our shields bigger, much bigger. Begin by memorizing Bible verses. Try to memorize one a week at first. As you memorize, your shield will get bigger and bigger. Don't forget to take it into battle with you!