

I saw in my dream that as they went on, Faithful as he chanced to look on one side, saw a man whose name is Talkative walking at a distance besides them; for in this place there was room enough for them all to walk. He was a tall man and better looking at a distance than when close. Approaching him, Faithful said, "Friend, are you going to the heavenly country? I hope we may have your good company and spend our time talking of things that are profitable."

Talkative was very agreeable adding, "What thing is so pleasant, and what so profitable, as to talk of the things of God? By so doing, a man may get knowledge of many things; the necessity of the new birth; the insufficiency of our works; the need of Christ's righteousness, what it is to repent, to believe, to pray, to suffer, or the like; by this also a man may learn what are the great promises and consolations of the Gospel, to his own comfort. Further, by this a man may learn to refute false opinions, to support the truth, and also to instruct the ignorant."

Faithful stepped over to Christian and said to him, "What a brave companion have we got! Surely this man will make a very excellent pilgrim. But Christian smiled and said, "This man will tempt you with that tongue of his. His name is Talkative and he is the son of one Say-well. This man is for any company and for any talk; as he talketh now with you, so will he talk when he is in the pub and the more drink he hath in his crown, the more talk he hath in his mouth; religion hath no place in his heart, or house; it is all talk. He talketh of prayer, repentance, faith, and the new birth; but he knows but only to talk of them. Talk to him of the power of religion and ask him whether this thing be set up in his heart, house, or conversation."

So Faithful stepped forward again, and said to Talkative, "Well, if you will, we will start now; and since you left it with me to state the question, let it be this: How is the saving grace of God shown, when it is in the heart of man?"

"A very good question," said Talkative, "And I shall be willing to answer you. First, where the grace of work of God is in the heart, it causeth a great outcry against sin. Second-" "Wait," said Faithful, "Let us consider one point at a time. I think you should rather say, 'It shows itself by causing the soul to hate its sin.'"

"What difference is there between crying out against, and hate of sin?"

"A great deal," said Faithful, "A man may cry out against sin yet do nothing about it. But what is the second thing?"

"Great knowledge of Gospel mysteries," said Talkative.

"Knowledge is important," said Faithful, "But it does not guarantee a work of grace in the soul. Jesus said, 'Blessed are they that know and do.'"

Then Talkative said, "I see we shall not agree; I shall say no more." But he agreed that Faithful might give his answer.

Faithful said, "There will be a conviction of sin and sense of sorrow and shame for sin and a great desire for the Saviour. After finding Him there will be joy, peace and a desire to know Him more and to serve Him.

"To others, it starts as a confession of faith in Christ; leading to a life of holiness in heart and family, teaching him to hate his sin and to promote holiness in the world by practical faith and love and the Word.

"Now if you don't object, let me ask you another question."

When Talkative agreed, Faithful asked, "Have you experienced this work of grace and doth your life and conversation testify the same?"

Then Talkative blushed and said, "This, I will not answer."

# Jesus walks on Water!

## Sabbath

Use the clues to solve the crossword.

1. One reason Jesus came. (Mark 1:38)
2. One of Jesus earthly parents. (Matthew 1:18)
3. Where Jesus was born. (Matthew 2:1)
4. Where Jesus grew up. (Luke 2:51)
5. Who did Jesus call His Father? (Luke 2:47-50)
6. Jesus earthly father. (Matthew 1:18)
7. Another reason Jesus came. (Mark 10:45)
8. Jesus called this His Father's House. (Luke 2:47-50)
9. Two more reasons Jesus came. (Luke 19:10)

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Refer: Matthew 14:22-31; Mark 6:45-56; John 6:15-21 NLT; *The Desire of Ages* p377-382

## Sunday

After feeding all the people from the little boy's lunch, Jesus told his disciples go back in the boat to the other side of the lake, while He sent the people home. Then Jesus went up into the hills by Himself to pray. Night fell while He was there alone.

During the night, a storm created huge waves on the lake and the disciples in their boat, far from land, were in danger of sinking.

About three o'clock in the morning, Jesus started walking across the water to meet the disciples. When they noticed someone walking on the water, they were scared and thought it was a spirit. But Jesus called out, "Don't be afraid, I am here!"

Peter called to Him, "Lord, if it's really You, let me come to You."

So Peter climbed out of the boat and walked on the water toward Jesus. But as He walked he took his eyes off Jesus, looked around and saw the waves, then he became scared and began to sink! "Lord! Save me!" he shouted.



Jesus immediately reached out and pulled him up. "Why did you doubt me?" Jesus asked.

As they climbed into the boat, the storm stopped and the disciples said to Jesus. "You really are the Son of God!"

When the crowd realised that Jesus and His disciples were nowhere to be found, they went back to Capernaum to find Him. When they found Him, Jesus said, "You are looking for me because I fed you. Don't be so concerned about earthly things like food, instead seek eternal life."

## Friday

Fit the words of Faithful's last question into this grid.

Sometimes people know so much about their favourite celebrities that they feel like they know them personally. However, it is not a true relationship.

If they ever had the opportunity to get to know them for real, they would probably find they are quite different from expected.

As Christian said of Talkative, talking about prayer, repentance, faith and spiritual birth is not the same as experiencing a personal relationship with God.

What about you? Are you experiencing these things or are you just been talking about them?

- Make a time each day that you can spend with God reading the Bible and praying.
- Ask Him to send His Holy Spirit into your life just as He promised in Luke 11:13. (Quote the Bible verse as you ask.)
- Where there are things in your life that you struggle with, find a suitable Bible verse to quote and ask God to help in that area.

Do these things and you will experience prayer, repentance, faith and spiritual birth and a real personal relationship with God.

## Thursday

Find the underlined words from Monday in the grid.

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Many of the people in Jesus' day, including most of the Pharisees did not have a personal relationship with God. If they had, they would not have been trying to kill Jesus – God's Son!  
They had knowledge about what the scriptures said, but they did not understand them.

Read the story from Pilgrims Progress on the back page.

Talkative was like the Pharisees. Write out the words from Faithful's last question.

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## Monday

The people asked Jesus for another sign, they said, "Moses gave us bread from heaven."

But Jesus said, "It wasn't Moses, it was My Father in heaven. Now you can have the true bread from heaven - I am the bread of life. Whoever believes in me will never be thirsty." (Jesus was talking about spiritual hunger and thirst.)

He continued, "All who believe in Me will have eternal life, but you have not believed in Me even though you have seen Me."

Then some of the people complained, "Isn't this Joseph's son? How can He say He comes from heaven?"

Many people who had been following Jesus said, "This is too hard to understand." And many left, but the twelve He had chosen stayed.

Jesus travelled around Galilee, until the time of the Festival of Shelters. His brothers begged Him to come and show His miracles in Judea, but He said the time was not right. Instead, He travelled in secret to the festival.

The Jewish leaders were looking for Him and everyone was talking secretly, some saying, "He is a good man," others saying, "He is deceiving the people."

In the middle of the festival Jesus went to the temple; there He spoke with authority, He said to the leaders, "Moses gave you the law, but you do not obey it. In fact you are trying to kill Me!"

This stirred up even more talk. Many people were saying, "How can He be the Messiah? When the Messiah comes, we will not know where He comes from! We know where Jesus came from."

But others said, "Who else but the Messiah could do such miracles?"

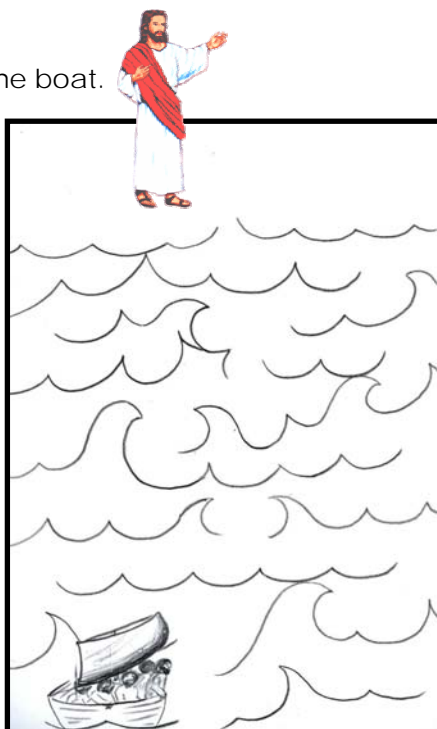
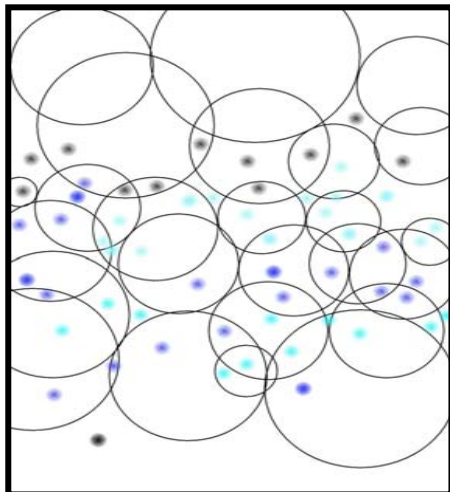
Jesus said, "Soon I will return to My Father who sent Me; you will search for Me but not find Me." This made the people more confused.

The leaders sent guards to arrest Jesus but after hearing Him speak, they returned without Him.

## Tuesday

Find a path through the waves to the boat.

Instead of keeping his eyes on Jesus, what did Peter look at?



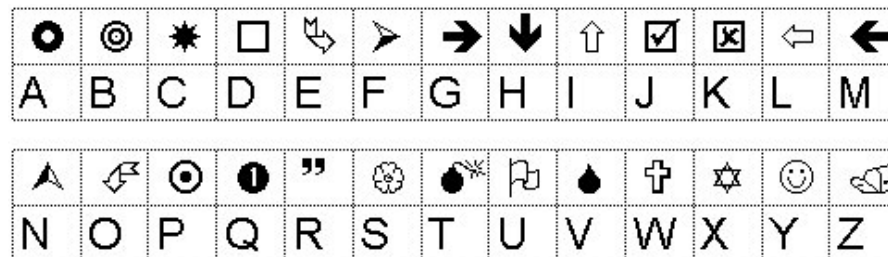
We can keep our eyes on Jesus by reading our Bibles, praying every day and by always trying to do what we think Jesus would do.

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## Wednesday

Like Peter, we all make mistakes sometimes. Read what Psalms 91:14, 15<sup>NLT</sup> says we can do.



The Lord says, "I will rescue those who love me.  
I will protect those who trust in my name.



I will be with them in trouble.  
I will rescue and honour them.

Read all of Psalm 91 in a modern version.