

As Christian and Hopeful continued walked past the enchanted ground, Christian said to Hopeful, "Did you know, about 10 years ago, one called Temporary, who was a forward man in religion then?"

"Know him! Yes." Replied Hopeful. "He dwelt in Graceless, a town about two miles off of Honesty, and he dwelt next door to one Turnback."

"Right," said Christian, "Well, that man was much awakened once; I believe that then he had some sight of his sins, and of the wages that were due thereto."

Hopeful agreed, "I am of your mind, for, my house not being above three miles from him, he would oftentimes come to me, and that with many tears. Truly I pitied the man and was not altogether without hope for him; but one may see, it is not every one that cries, Lord, Lord."

Christian continued, "He told me once that he was resolved to go on pilgrimage, as we do now; but all of a sudden he grew acquainted with one Save-self."

Hopeful suggested that since they were talking about Temporary, they should consider the reasons for his backsliding, and Christian agreed, asking Hopeful to begin.

Hopeful suggested that the problem is their minds are not changed. Instead, they are driven by guilt and fear, but when the fear and guilt subside, their thoughts of Heavenly things also subside, and that they really see religion as a shameful thing. Christian agreed and suggested the analogy of a criminal standing before a judge, trembling in fear, and seeming to repent, but once he is free, he returns to his crimes.

Then Hopeful asked Christian to explain how such people return to their sinful ways. Christian suggested they tried to avoid thinking of God, death and the judgement to come. Then they gradually cease their private religious duties, including prayer and Bible study, and at the same time, they begin to avoid the company of active Christians. After this they lose interest in public religious duties, and then begin to find faults with the godly. They begin to associate more and more with those who have no interest in religion, beginning to follow their ways, at first secretly, and later, publicly.

About this time, Christian and Hopeful passed the Enchanted Ground and entered the country of Beulah where the air is very sweet and pleasant, and here they stayed for a season. In this land the birds continually sing, and the flowers bloom, the sun shineth night and day, for this land is beyond the reach of the Valley of the Shadow of Death and the Giant Despair.

Here they were within sight of the celestial city and met some of the inhabitants of the city, for in this land, the Shining Ones commonly walk, because it is on the borders of Heaven. In this place there is an abundance of every good thing. And voices could be heard from the city saying, "Thy salvation cometh! Behold, His reward is with Him!" And the Pilgrims were called, "The holy people, the redeemed of the Lord."

As they drew nearer the city, they had a more perfect view thereof. It was built of pearls and precious stones, and the street paved with gold. But the reflection of the sun on the city made the Pilgrims sick at times with desire.

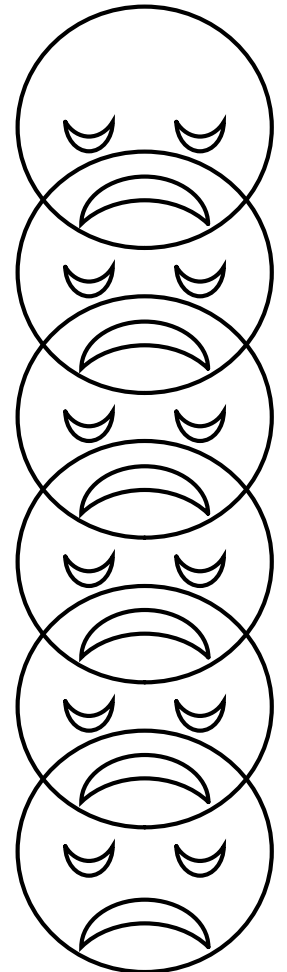
As they came closer there were orchards, vineyards and gardens bordering the highway. The gardener told them these belonged to the King, and were planted for His delight and for the comfort of Pilgrims. And he had them into the vineyards, where they stayed for a time.

# A Changed Man

## Sabbath

Do you see happy faces or sad faces?  
What do you see if you turn the page upside down?

See if you can draw your own changing picture.



## Sunday

One day as Jesus and His disciples walked towards Jericho, a blind beggar named Bartimaeus was sitting beside the road. Someone told him that Jesus was coming so he started shouting, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!"

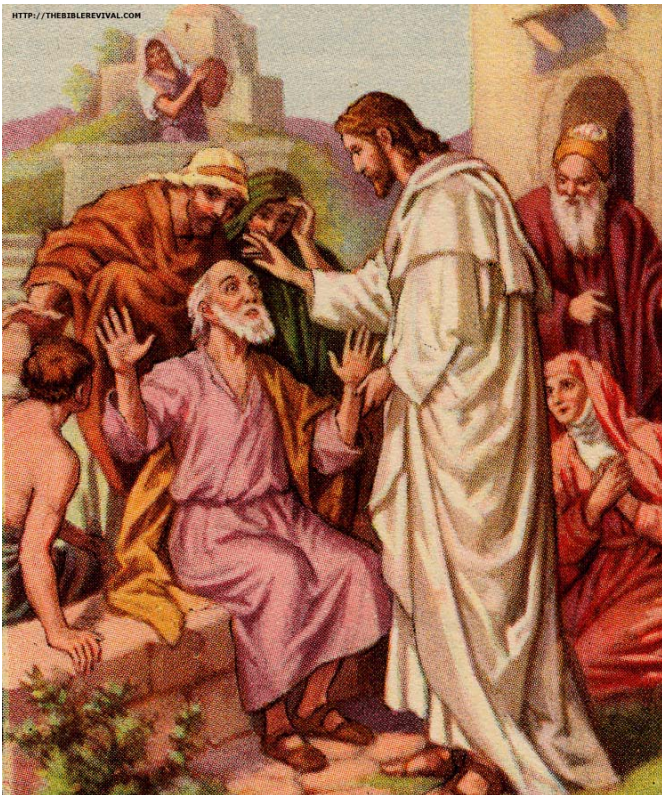
The people around him told him to be quiet, but he wouldn't, he yelled louder.

When Jesus heard him, He stopped and told the people to bring Bartimaeus to Him. Then Jesus asked him, "What do you want?"

Bartimaeus said, "Lord, I want to see again!"

And Jesus said, "Your faith has healed you."

Suddenly, Bartimaeus could see, and he followed Jesus along the road praising God, and the people praised God too.



## Friday

Read the story from Pilgrims Progress on the back page.

The process of Temporary ending his pilgrimage was a gradual one. He could have used the prayer of David in Psalm 51:10<sup>NLT</sup>

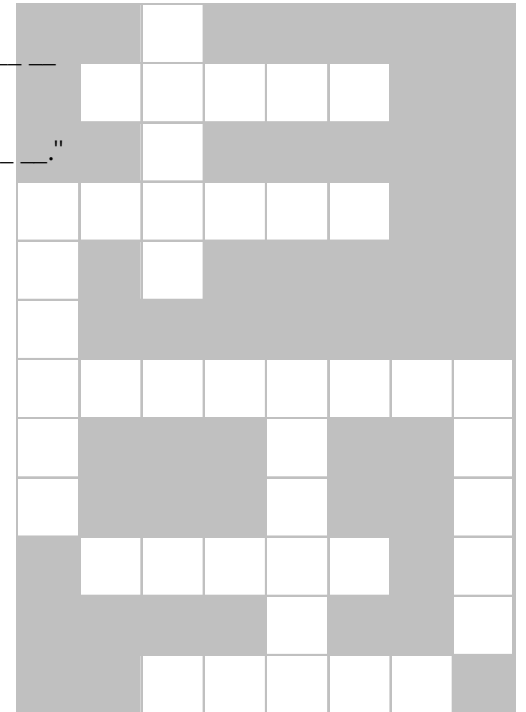
"\_\_\_\_\_ in me a clean \_\_\_\_\_, O God."

We are also on a pilgrimage – a journey through life, and saying the prayer of David can help us to continue our Christian pilgrimage.

What did King Solomon warn in Proverbs 4:23<sup>NLT</sup>, "Guard your \_\_\_\_\_ above all else, for it determines the course of your life."

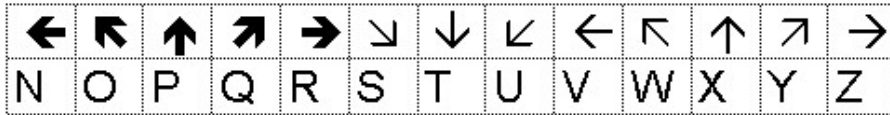
What advice does Paul give in Philippians 4:6-7 "Don't worry about \_\_\_\_\_; instead pray about everything. Tell God what you need and thank Him for all He has done. Then you will experience God's \_\_\_\_\_, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will \_\_\_\_\_ your \_\_\_\_\_ and minds as you live in \_\_\_\_\_."

Remember that the story of Pilgrims Progress is the story of a Christian's spiritual journey. So when it talks of there being no night, it is talking about spiritual night, or times when we have trouble seeing Jesus. The closer we come in our relationship with Jesus, the less that Satan can trouble us with doubt, despair and trouble. Even on earth, we can experience a taste of what heaven will be like.



## Thursday

What does the Bible say about finding Jesus?



Jesus will help people who love Him to be kind and generous, not greedy. He can help you play fair with your friends, brothers and sisters. He can help you give them a turn on the scooter and help you share the toys. Ask Jesus to help you become a kind and generous person like Zacchaeus became. Find the words in bold, some are diagonal.

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## Monday

Then Jesus entered the town of Jericho. A man named Zacchaeus was the chief tax collector there. Tax collectors took money for the hated Roman Government, and many become very rich by charging people too much.

Zacchaeus wanted to get a look at Jesus, but he was too short to see over the crowd. So he finally ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree beside the road.

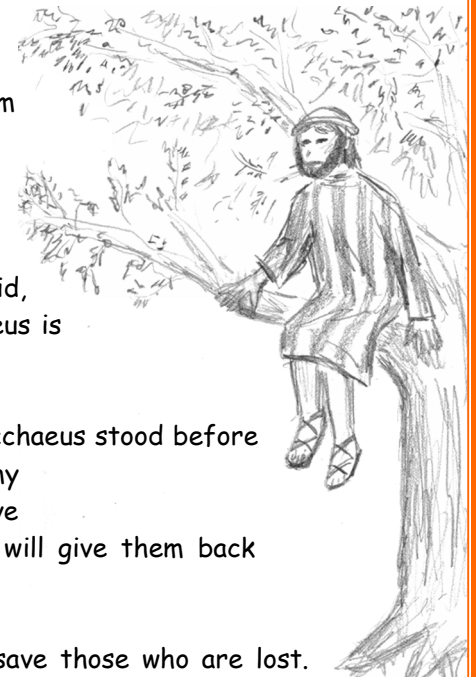


When Jesus came to the tree, He looked up at Zacchaeus and said, "Zacchaeus! Come down! I am coming to your house today!"

Zacchaeus quickly climbed down from the tree and led Jesus to his house. He was very happy, but the other people were not. They said, "Doesn't Jesus know that Zacchaeus is a tax collector, and a sinner?"

When they reached the house, Zacchaeus stood before Jesus and said, "I will give half my money to the poor, and if I have cheated people on their taxes, I will give them back four times as much!"

Jesus said, "I came to seek and save those who are lost. Salvation has come to your home today."





## Tuesday

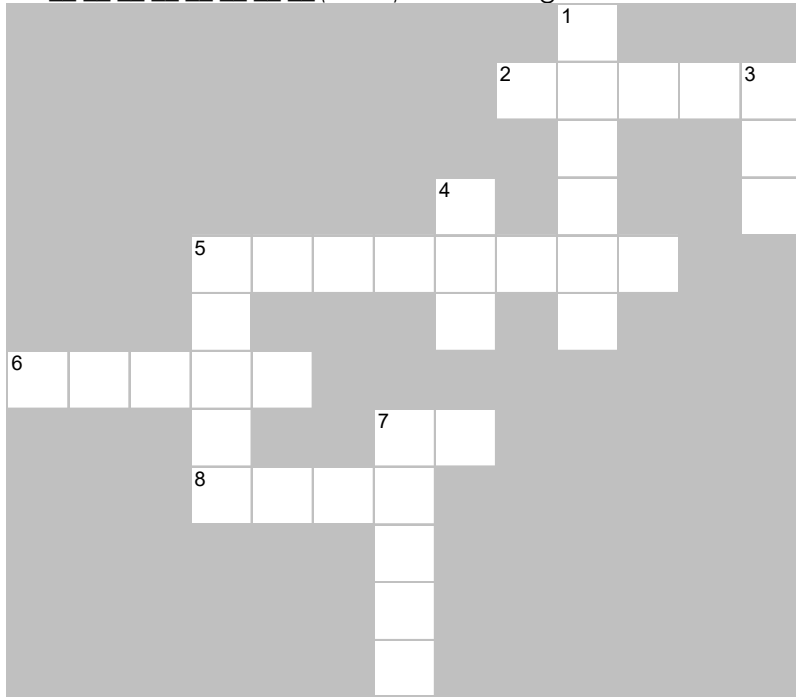
What did the blind man call out to Jesus? Mark 10:47

"\_\_\_\_\_ (5 across), \_\_\_\_\_ (6 down) Of \_\_\_\_\_ (3 across), have  
\_\_\_\_\_ (4 down) On \_\_\_\_\_ (4 across)!"

What did Jesus tell him in Mark 10:52?

"Your \_\_\_\_\_ (2 down) has \_\_\_\_\_ (1 down) you."  
What did the formerly blind man do after this? Mark 10:52.

He \_\_\_\_\_ (2 across) Jesus along the road.



What would have happened if the blind man didn't have faith?

What does Hebrews 11:1<sup>NIV</sup> say about faith?

Faith is the confidence in what we \_\_\_\_\_ for and assurance  
about what we do not \_\_\_\_\_.

## Wednesday

Zacchaeus wanted to see Jesus so much that he found a way by climbing a tree. Find a path to Jesus through the maze.



- Colour half of the money bags yellow.
- Colour one bag orange and 3 more red
- Colour all the remaining bags blue.

The yellow bags are the money Zacchaeus gave to the poor. The orange is the one he paid to people he'd cheated and the red are the extra he gave them.

