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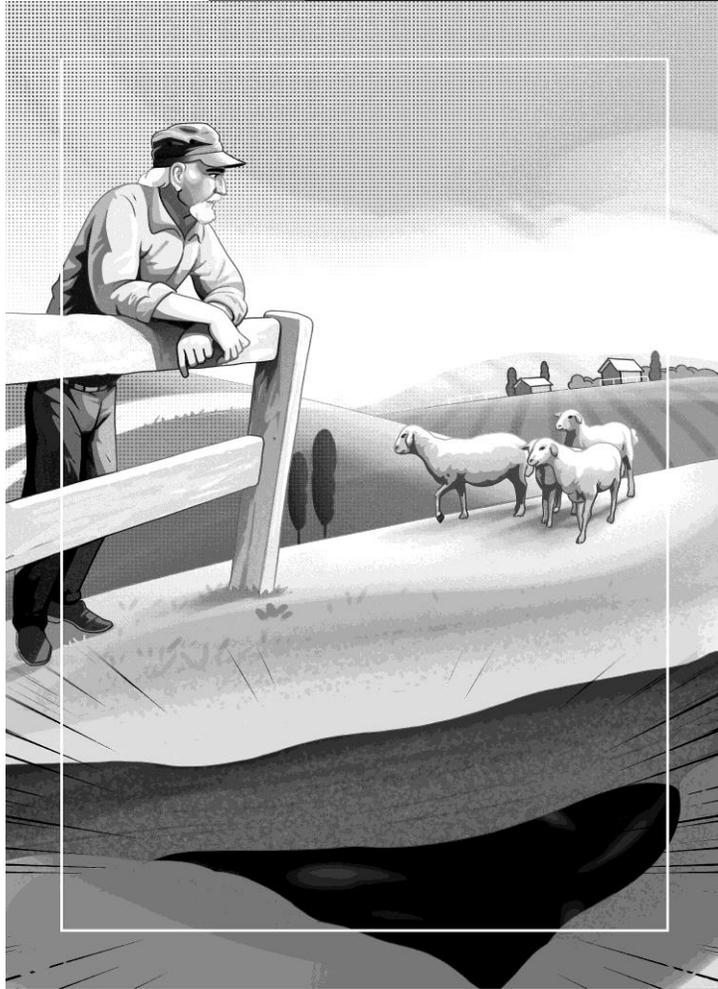
# **7 GOOD THINGS**

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# Introduction:

- **Story:** Ira Yates was a poor sheep farmer in Texas, USA. One day a seismographic team discovered an oil reserve under his land. They drilled and a spring of oil began to pump thousands of barrels of oil a day. He went from rags to riches! He had been suffering for the lack of knowledge.

# Application:

- We have good news to tell you too! You may have been suffering or struggling but what you may not know is that there is a fountain of blessing and favour that can transform your life.

**Scripture:** *People are destroyed for the lack of knowledge (Hosea 4:6) Philip preached Christ to them ... and there was great joy in that city” (Acts 8:5,8)*



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# 1. No matter who you are ... you are much loved!

- **Story:** There was a young lady who dreamed of getting married to the right person. One day a young, handsome, wealthy, well-dressed young man walked into her life. When their eyes met it was love at first sight. Shortly afterwards he proposed to her, telling her how he wanted to share his future, his wealth and his life with her.

# Application:

- We have more than a romantic story to tell you, we are here to tell you that the God of ages, maker of heaven and earth, and owner of all things is passionately in love with you. He wants to spend His future and share all He has with you.

*For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.  
(John 3:16)*

# Deeper Thoughts:

- God's love is not simply emotional or sentimental, it is love in action. God loved us by sending Jesus to die on the cross. True love is expressed in actions and not just words. The more giving the action the greater the love.

*But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. (Rom 5:8)*



**2. No matter what  
you have done**

**... there is  
forgiveness  
available!**

## 2. No matter what you have done, there is forgiveness available!

- **Story:** After a game of rugby or football, players take a shower and all the mud and sweat gets washed off by shampoo and disappears down the plughole. The feeling of being clean, having been dirty, is delightful!

# Application:

- Shampoo and soap clean the body, but the blood of Jesus is able to clean your heart from all sin. God chooses to both forgive and forget your sins.

*the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin. (1 John 1:7); “Their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more.” (Heb 10:17)*

# Deeper Thoughts:

- There are special cleaning products that clean the dirtiest clothes. The blood of Jesus has the power to cleanse the worst of sins. Jesus took on your sin and offers you His righteousness.

*For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him. (2 Cor 5:21)*



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- **Story:** Imagine you had a debt of R\$100 thousand and a friend paid this for you. You would be happy. But imagine if this friend paid R\$100 million just in case you got into debt again.

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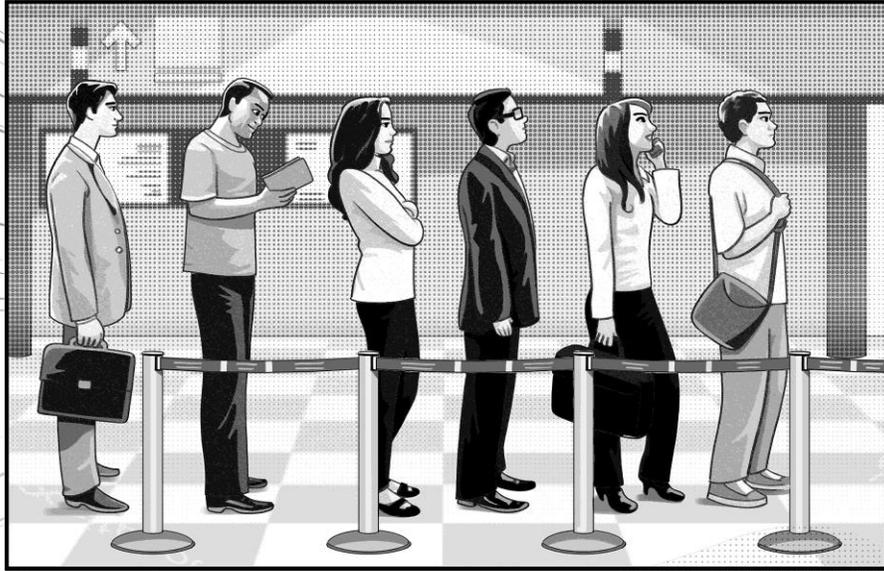
- The blood of Jesus is a payment that is worth more than all the sins of the world. It paid our sin debt and left us in credit just in case we fall into sin again. When you are a born-again you do not want to sin, but we do have occasional moments of weakness. God's grace covers you for this also. You can rest now. Nothing can separate you from the love of God.

*My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. (1 John 2:1)*

# Deeper Thoughts:

- God sent his prophet Hosea to marry a prostitute called Gomer to show His people that He loved them even though they had worshipped other gods. After their marriage Gomer went back the world, but instead of judging her God sent Hosea to bring her back home again to show His people that His grace abounds.

*There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, (Romans 8:1)*



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- **Story:** A man was happy to discover he had been given an upgrade from economy class to business class on a flight. But the flight delays and he had to wait for hours in a cold busy terminal. Only later he discovered that his upgrade included access to the business class lounge where hot food and comfortable sofas were available.

# Application:

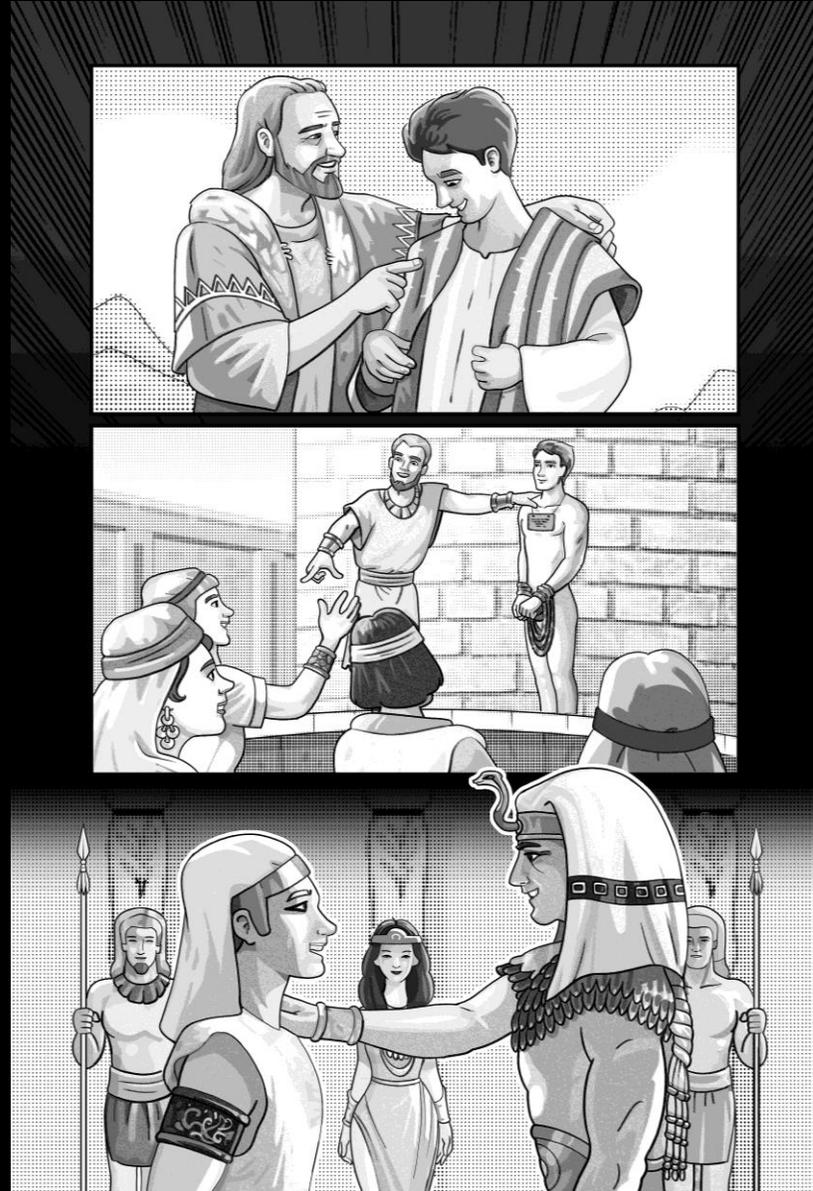
- Many people are happy to know that they are going to heaven, but God has provided good things for us whilst we are waiting here on earth too. Salvation is for your spirit, soul and body. God's provision includes blessing your relationships, health and possessions. Jesus did not just preach to His followers, He multiplied bread to the hungry and healed the sick too.

*Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers. (3 John 1:2)*

# Deeper Thoughts:

- Under the Old Covenant, God supernaturally cared for Moses and His people in the wilderness and then in the Promised Land. They ate bread from heaven and drank water from a rock. None of them became sick. All these things were provided for them on the basis of the sacrifice of animals for their sins. But the New Covenant that we have is far superior. It is based on Jesus' blood. If God provided for Israel, so much more will He provide for us.

*He is also Mediator of a better covenant, which was established on better promises. (Heb 8:6)*



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- **Story:** Joseph's life can be seen in three pictures! In the first he is dressed in a multi-coloured robe at the side of his father Jacob. In the second he is naked being sold as a slave in Egypt. In the third he is dressed in royal robes at the side of Pharaoh. Things went wrong for Joseph. His brothers were jealous and sold him as a slave. He was falsely accused and put in prison. But when he interpreted the king's dream, he was promoted from prisoner to prime minister!

# Application:

- Some things may go badly for you in the future, but God will use them to get you into a different place, to promote you, and to give you more influence. You can rest even when things go wrong, God will use them for your good.

*And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God (Rom 8:28)*

# Deeper Thoughts:

- Job was attacked by Satan and lost his family, house and wealth. But God raised him up with even greater blessings later. Jesus was mistreated and falsely accused but God raised Him up from the grave. So too with you. When you are going through affliction, God uses it to refine you and bless you.

*Behold, I have refined you, but not as silver; I have tested you in the furnace of affliction. (Isaiah 48:10)*



**6. No matter your  
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- **No matter your weakness, there is divine strength available!**
- A couple lost their beautiful baby boy in an accident. There is no greater suffering than to watch your child die. At his funeral, they remembered that 2000 years ago God watched His Son die. However, Jesus would live again. The parents remembered that whilst their son's body was dead, his spirit was alive and with Jesus in heaven. They were filled with the joy of the Lord.

# Application:

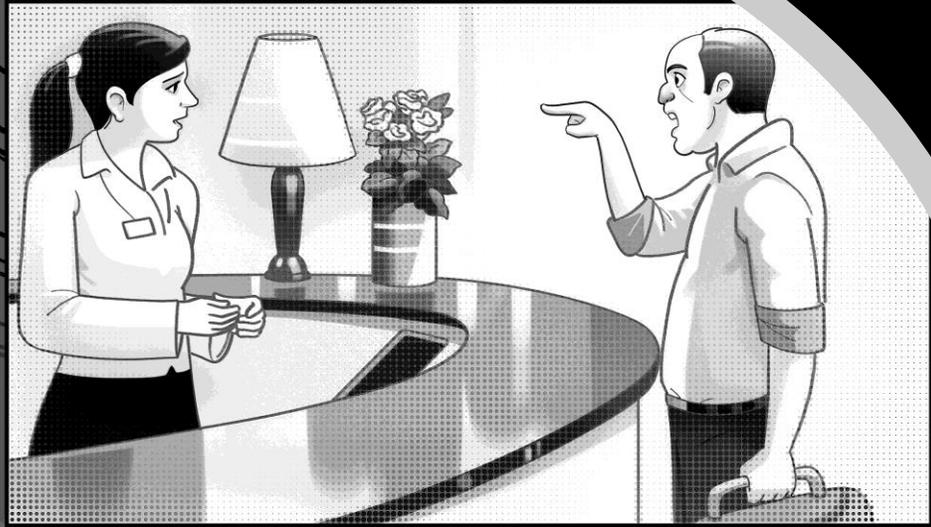
- The Holy Spirit comes to change things that can be changed and to strengthen us to support things that cannot be changed. The anointing strengthens you in the area of your weakness. The timid become strong. The poorly educated can become great leaders. The sad are filled with joy.

*Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us. (Eph 3:20)*

# Deeper Thoughts:

- In Hebrews we read that some believers shut the mouths of lions and others were eaten by lions, but both had faith. The Holy Spirit gives strength to do things beyond your capacity. He also supernaturally strengthens you to face difficult things.

*“My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness.” (2 Cor 12:9)*



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- A man arrived in a beautiful 4-star hotel. The receptionist found his name on the list of reservations and told him that the top-floor room had been reserved for him and that he had access to the restaurant and fitness room, all expenses paid. Another man arrived and was greeted by the receptionist. However, when she could not find his name on the reservations, she informed him that he would have to leave. The second man was furious.

# Application:

- The first man could enjoy all the benefits of the hotel for one simple reason – his name was on the register. There is a place far better than a four-star hotel called Heaven. To go there your name needs to be on the register. In order to have your name written in the Lamb's Book of Life you must confess Jesus' name here.

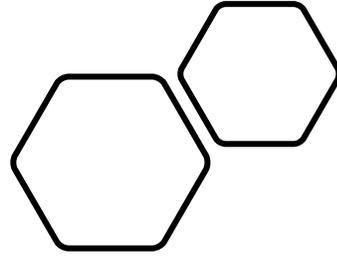
*Therefore whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. (Matt 10:32)*

# Deeper Thoughts:

- The cross is the place of the great exchange. Jesus became sin so that we might become righteous. He died that we might live. When He cried, ‘My God why have you forsaken Me?’ He was showing that He had been rejected so that we might be accepted. He, who was the Son of God, became the Son of Man that we, who are sons of men, might become sons of God!

*“I will never leave you nor forsake you.” Hebrews 13:5*

# Confession



- “Father, thank you for sending your son Jesus to die in my place, I receive him as my Lord and Savior, Amen!”



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