



# *GOD'S* **GOOD** **NEWS**

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*TRUTH:*

**GOD CREATED US TO ENJOY A  
PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP WITH  
HIM AND A PURPOSEFUL LIFE.**

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**GOD HAS A PURPOSE  
FOR EACH OF US.**

*For You created my  
inmost being; You knit me  
together in my mother's  
womb. I praise You  
because I am fearfully and  
wonderfully made... All the  
days ordained for me were  
written in Your book before  
one of them came to be.  
(Psalm 139:13-14, 16)*

**GOD WANTS US  
TO KNOW HIM.**

*Now this is  
eternal life: that  
they may know  
You, the only  
true God, and  
Jesus Christ,  
whom You  
have sent.  
(John 17:3)*





# WHY IS IT THAT MANY PEOPLE DO NOT HAVE A CLOSE RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD?

**BECAUSE OUR SIN SEPARATES US FROM GOD.**

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## WHAT IS SIN?

Sin is disobeying God by going our own way and living for ourselves.

*We all, like sheep have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way. (Isaiah 53:6)*

## WHO HAS SINNED?

All of us.

*For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. (Romans 3:23)*

## WHAT HAPPENS WHEN WE SIN?

Sin cuts us off from God, the Giver of life. As a result, sin's penalty is spiritual, physical, and eternal death.

*But your iniquities have separated you from your God; your sins have hidden His face from you. (Isaiah 59:2)*

*For the wages of sin is death. (Romans 6:23)*

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# HOW DO WE DEAL WITH OUR SEPARATION FROM GOD?

**WE RESPOND TO THIS SEPARATION FROM GOD IN A VARIETY OF WAYS.**

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**WE MAY DENY WE ARE SINNERS OR THAT OUR SIN SEPARATES US FROM GOD.**

*If we claim to have fellowship with Him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth... If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. (1 John 1:6, 8)*

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**WE MAY IGNORE THE CHASM BY PURSUING CAREERS, POSSESSIONS, RELATIONSHIPS, ETC.**

*[Jesus said,] "What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul?" (Mark 8:36)*

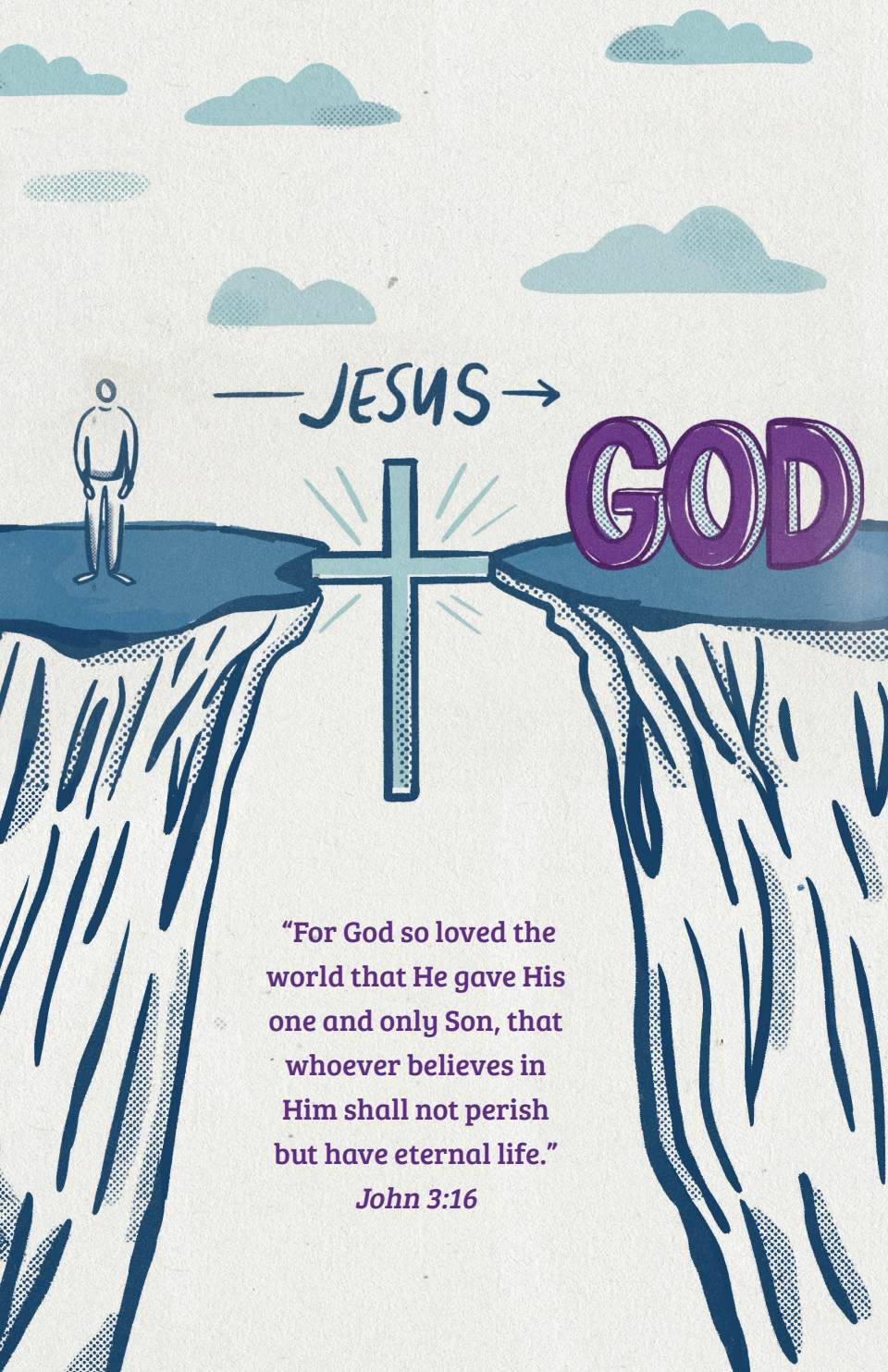
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**WE MAY TRY TO BRIDGE THE CHASM BY DOING GOOD DEEDS, LIVING A MORAL LIFE, OR GOING TO CHURCH.**

*He saved us, not because of righteous things we had done. (Titus 3:5)*

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**"For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life."**

**John 3:16**

## **SO WHAT CAN BE DONE ABOUT OUR SEPARATION FROM GOD?**

**GOD BRIDGED OUR SEPARATION THROUGH HIS SON, JESUS.**

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### **WHY JESUS?**

Being fully man, Jesus served as our representative in paying for our sin. Being fully God, Jesus' payment was of infinite worth.

*For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself as a ransom for all people. (1 Timothy 2:5-6)*

### **WHAT DID JESUS' DEATH ACCOMPLISH?**

It bridged the separation between God and us by paying sin's penalty, which is death.

*For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive in the Spirit. (1 Peter 3:18)*

### **WHAT IS THE SIGNIFICANCE OF JESUS' RESURRECTION?**

By rising from the dead, Jesus proved His power over sin and death—a victory He now offers us.

*Just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. (Romans 6:4)*

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## HOW CAN WE CROSS THE BRIDGE GOD HAS PROVIDED?

**WE MUST PUT OUR FAITH IN JESUS,  
THE SAVIOR AND KING.**

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**ONLY JESUS CAN  
RESTORE THE  
RELATIONSHIP WITH  
GOD, THE GIVER  
OF LIFE.**

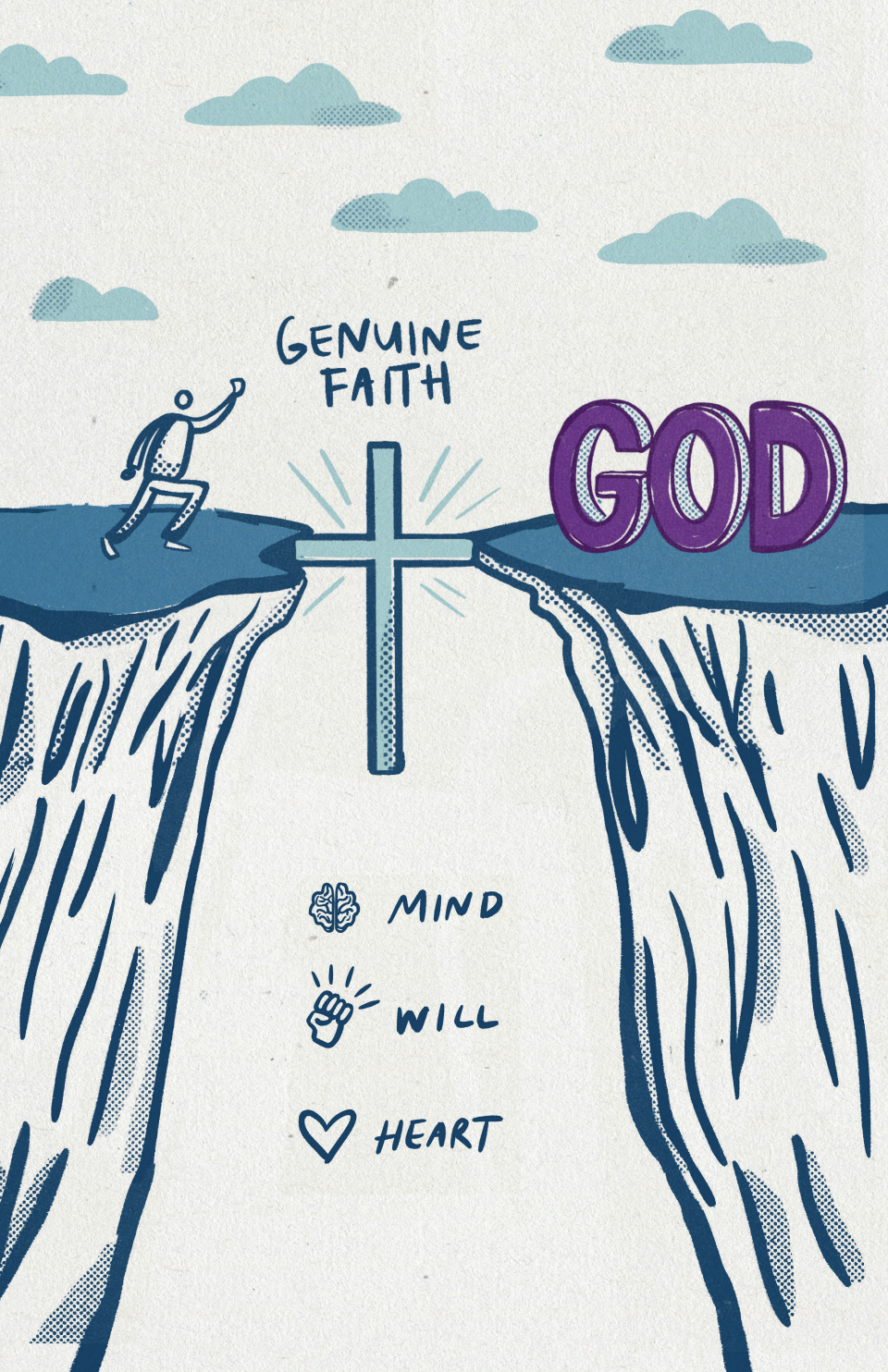
*God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life: whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. (1 John 5:11-12)*

**ONLY FAITH, NOT  
OUR EFFORTS, CAN  
CONNECT US  
TO JESUS.**

*For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith - and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God - not by works, so that no one can boast. (Ephesians 2:8-9)*

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# WHAT IS GENUINE FAITH?

**GENUINE FAITH IS A WHOLE-PERSON RESPONSE TO GOD'S GOOD NEWS.**

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## OUR MIND

**WE MUST ACKNOWLEDGE THAT:**

- Jesus is God's Son.
- We are sinners who deserve punishment and cannot save ourselves.
- Jesus' death and resurrection paid for our sins and proved His power over sin and death.

## OUR HEART

**WE MUST RENOUNCE OUR SIN AND EMBRACE JESUS—WANTING HIM MORE THAN OUR SIN.**

*If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:9)*

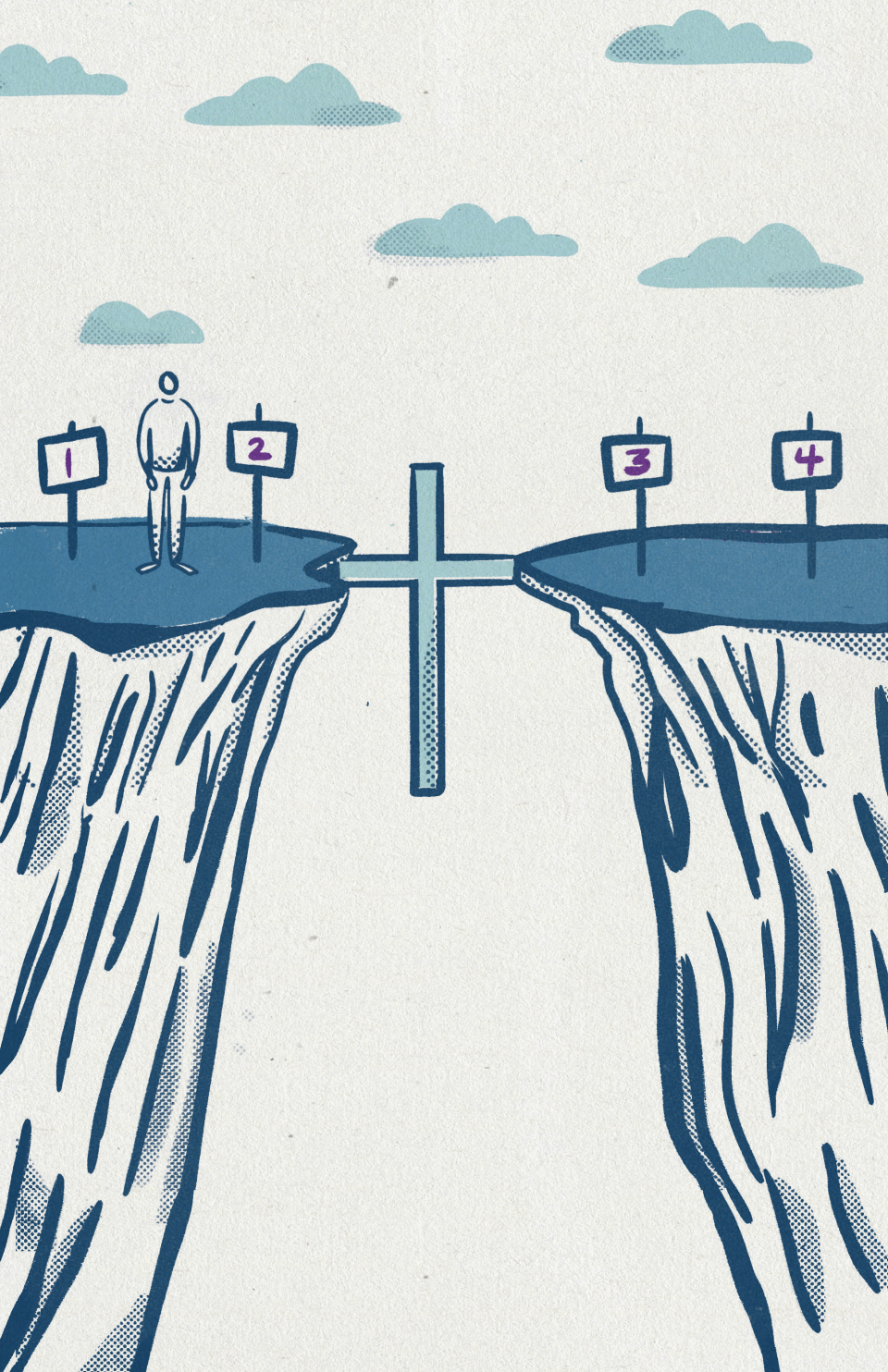
## OUR WILL

**WE MUST SURRENDER TO JESUS AS KING.**

*If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. (Romans 10:9)*

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## WHERE ARE YOU NOW?

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1

I AM NOT READY TO  
PUT MY FAITH  
(MIND, HEART,  
WILL) IN JESUS  
BECAUSE

2

I AM READY TO  
PUT MY FAITH  
(MIND, HEART,  
WILL) IN JESUS.

3

I HAVE PUT MY FAITH  
IN JESUS BUT NEED TO  
TAKE STEPS TO GROW.

4

I AM A GROWING  
CHRIST  
FOLLOWER.





# WOULD YOU LIKE TO PRAY THIS NOW?

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YOU CAN PUT YOUR FAITH IN JESUS  
AS YOU PRAY THE FOLLOWING:

“God, I recognize that You created me to enjoy a personal relationship with You and a purposeful life. My sin—rebelliously going my own way instead of Yours—has separated me from You. I cannot do anything to repair the damage done by my sin. I’m in need of forgiveness and new life.

I believe Jesus died on the cross and rose from the dead to pay sin’s penalty and break sin’s power. By faith, I surrender to You as my Savior and King. I want to obediently follow You. Please forgive my sins, give me the gift of eternal life, and send Your Spirit to help me become more and more like Jesus.

In Jesus’ name, Amen.”

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# WHAT DO I DO NOW?

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1

START  
ATTENDING A  
ROLLING HILLS  
CAMPUS.

2

READ THE  
GOSPEL OF MARK  
(A BIOGRAPHY  
OF JESUS) IN THE  
BIBLE.

3

LEARN AND BEGIN TO  
APPLY THE PRACTICAL  
HABITS OF BEING A  
CHRIST-FOLLOWER.

4

PLAN ON BEING  
BAPTIZED AND  
ATTEND A  
BAPTISM CLASS.

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