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- **The “Knowing God” sermons are to grow in faith and love.**
- **Do you know Him well enough to trust Him with big faith?**
- **Faith is how elders ... you ... get a good report (Heb 11:2).**
- **Faith is how Enoch ... you ... walk with God (Heb 11:5).**
- **Faith is how we live contentedly and prosperously here.**

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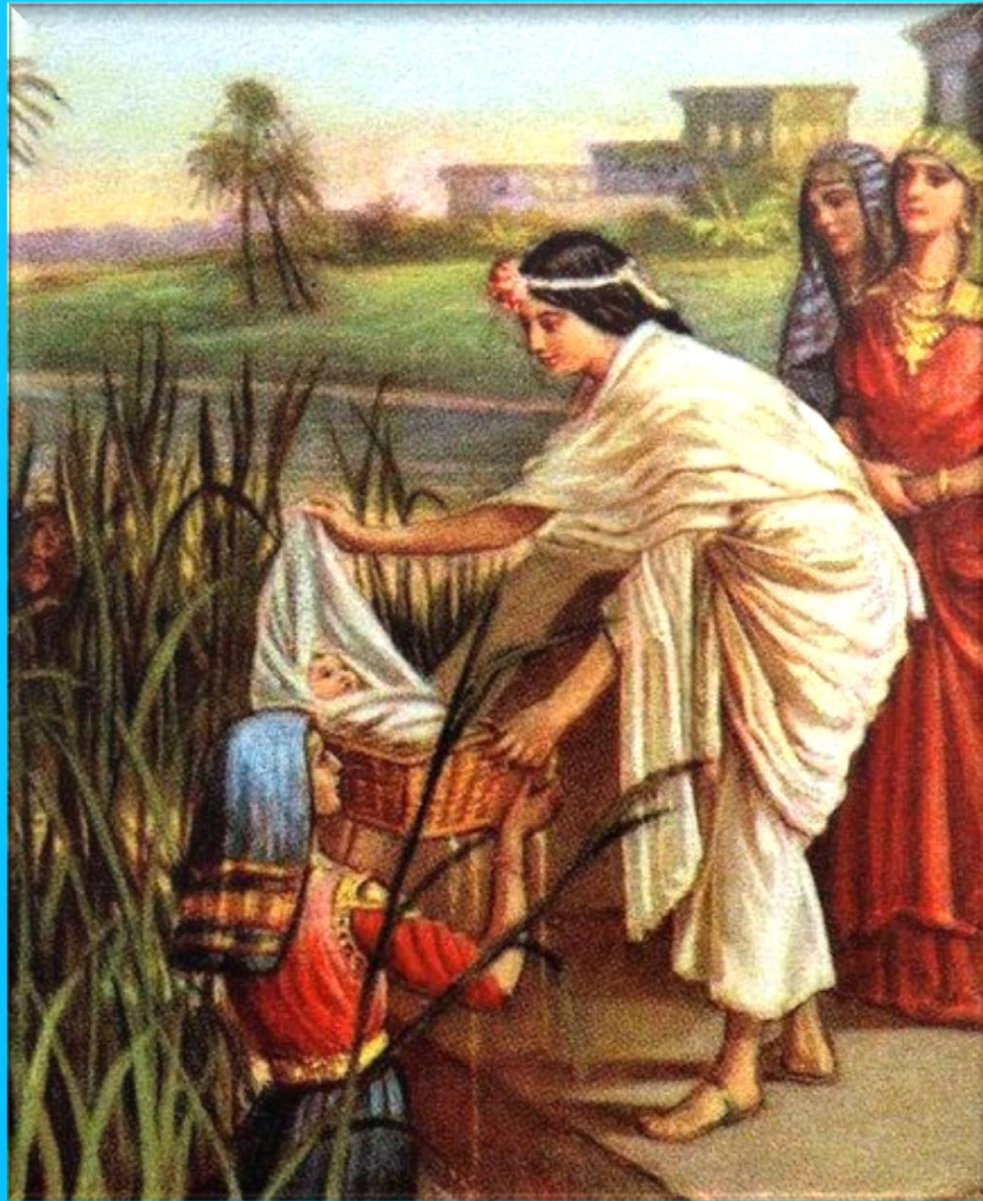
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# Faith Example – Moses' Parents

**“By faith Moses, when he was born, was hid three months of his parents, because they saw he was a proper child; and they were not afraid of the king’s commandment.”**

**Hebrews 11:23**





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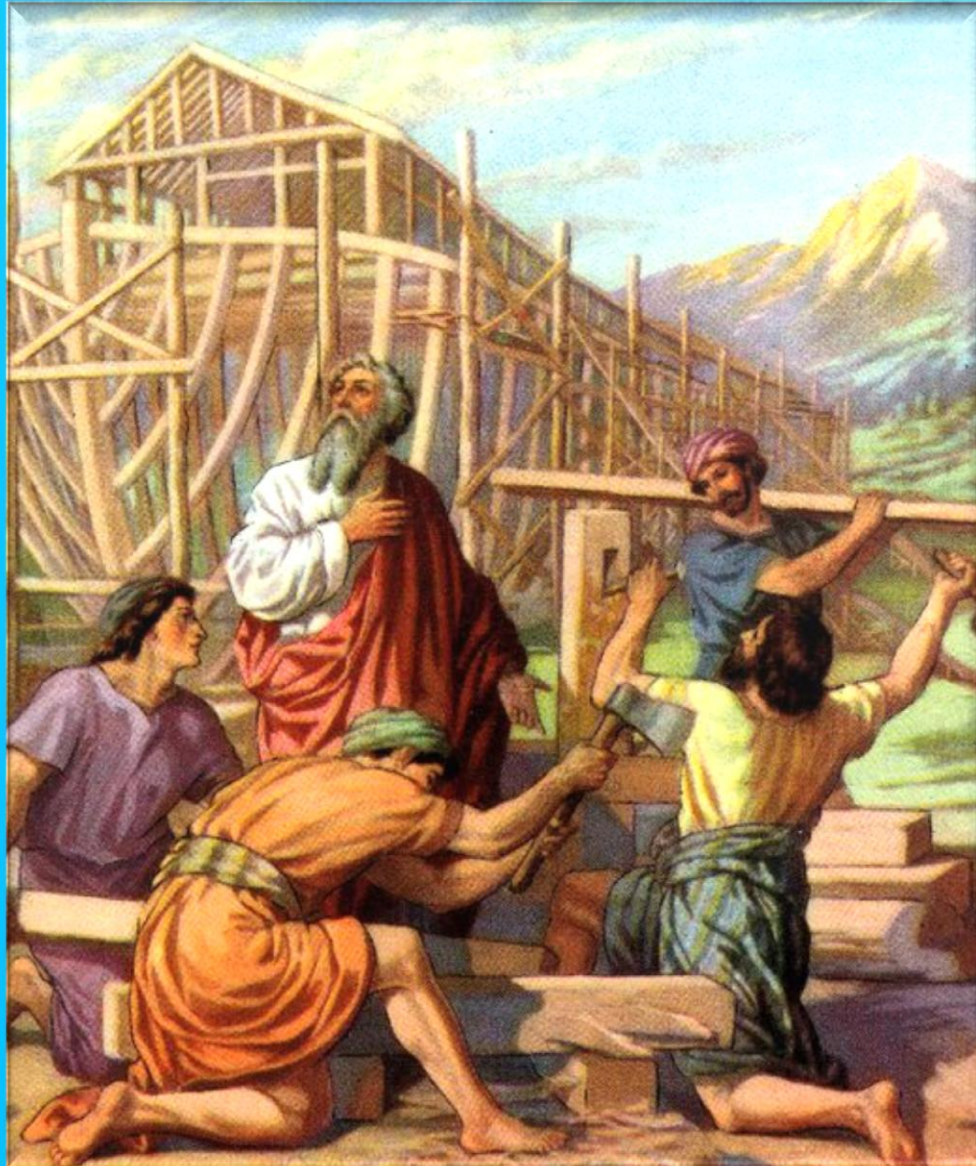
- **They committed him to God in a basket on the Nile.**
- **His mother ended up getting paid to nurse him!**
- **Did he have to be a slave? Get enough to eat? Wear?**
- **What schools did he attend? The very best Ivy League!**
- **Did his life amount to anything? One of God's very best!**

# Is Your Faith as big as Moses' Parents?

- **Do you fear things as farfetched as SIDS?**
- **Which you cannot identify or stop anyway?**
- **How about when they go to school away from home?**
- **How about when they drive alone for the first times?**
- **How about when they get married and move away?**

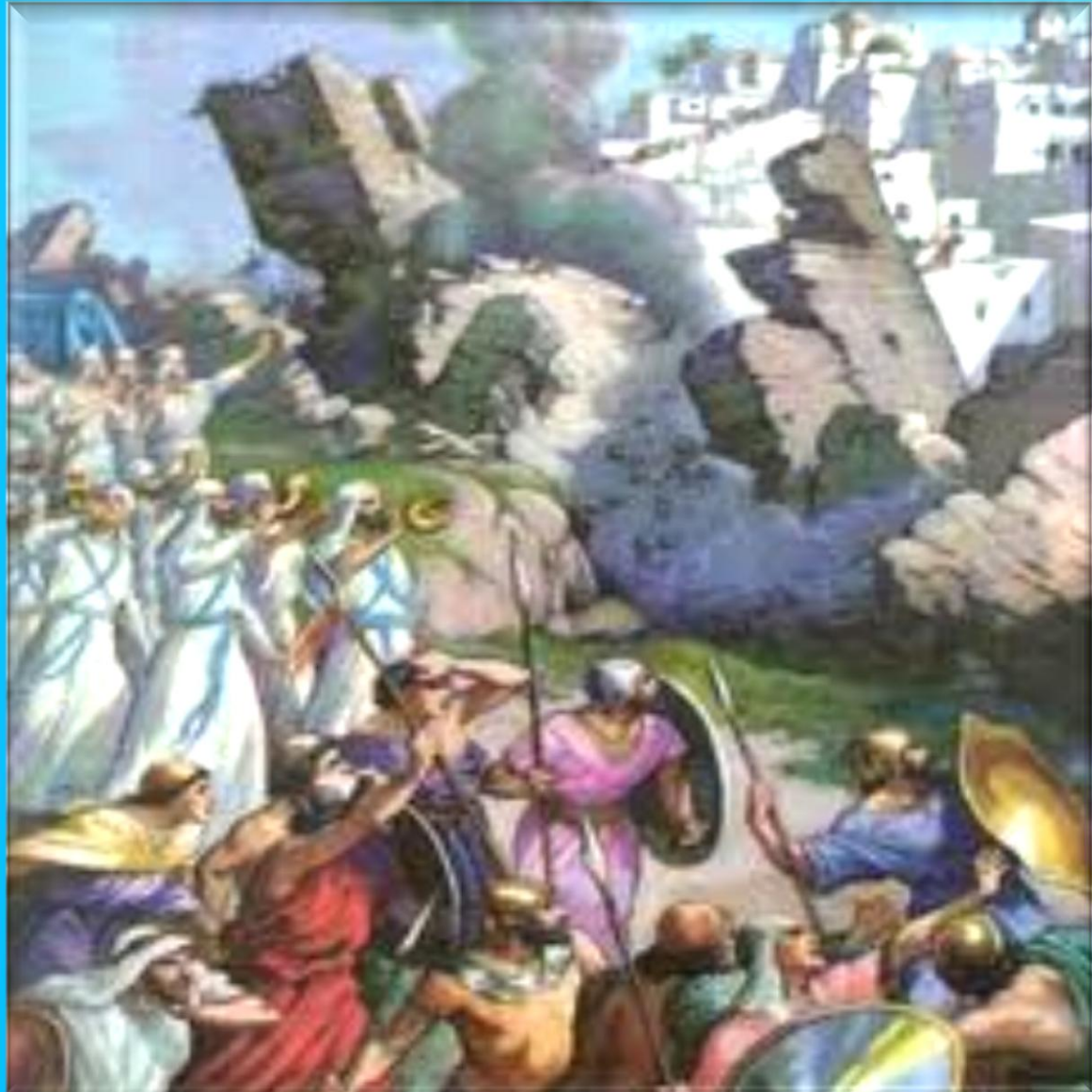
# More Examples of Faith (1)

- **Why did Noah build a giant boat in his backyard?**
- **What did Abram know about his 500-mile trip from Ur?**
- **How could Abraham barter with the Lord about Sodom?**
- **What force did Abraham use to defeat four kings?**
- **Why did Rebecca leave her family without lingering?**



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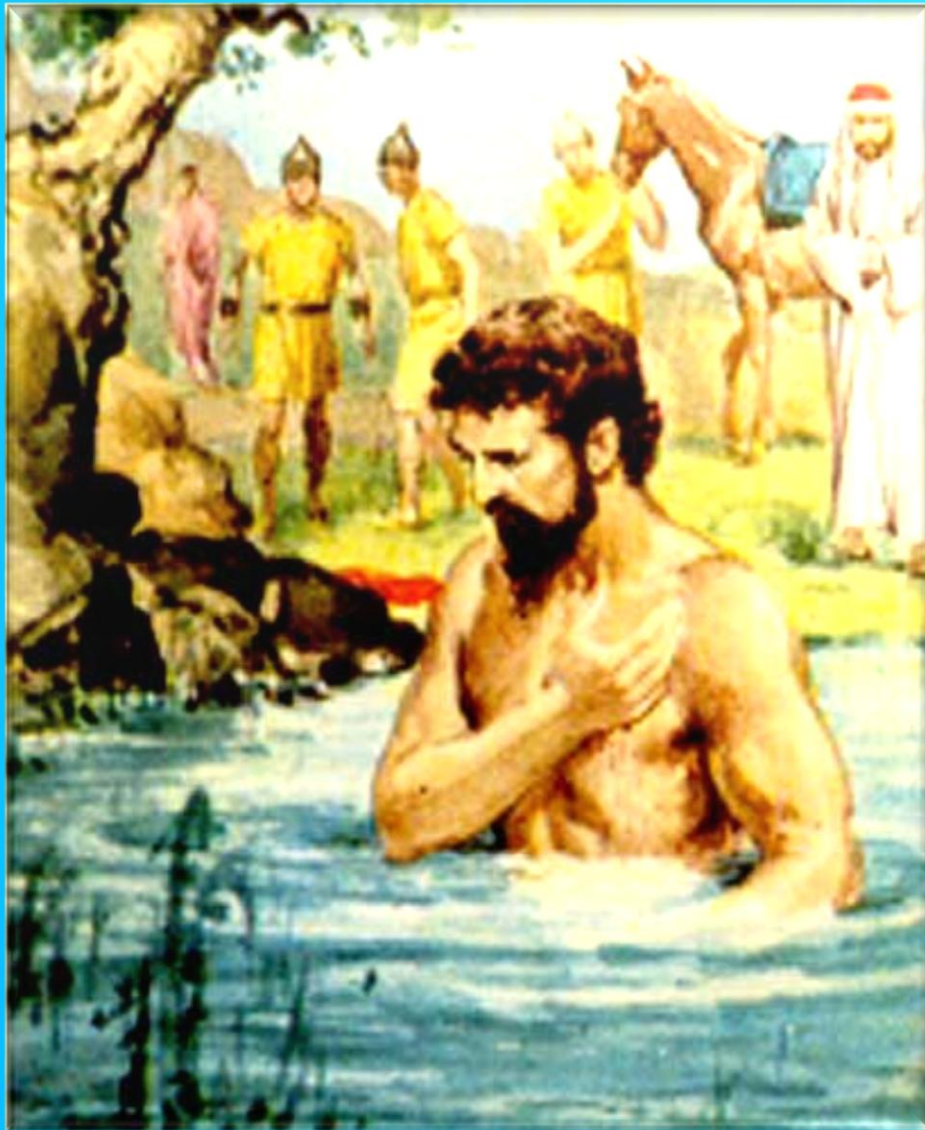
- **Did Abraham aggressively try to kill Isaac on an altar?**
- **Why did Joseph give instructions about his bones?**
- **Why did Moses blow off Pharaoh and Egypt's riches?**
- **How did Joshua get the city walls of Jericho down?**
- **How did Gideon defeat countless Midianites with 300?**



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- **Did Hannah do okay for giving her son away at 5?**
- **What was David's reason for taking on 9'9" Goliath?**
- **Was getting creative for the Lord a good thing for David?**
- **How did Naaman get rid of his incurable leprosy?**
- **How did Jeremiah die for submitting to Nebuchadnezzar?**





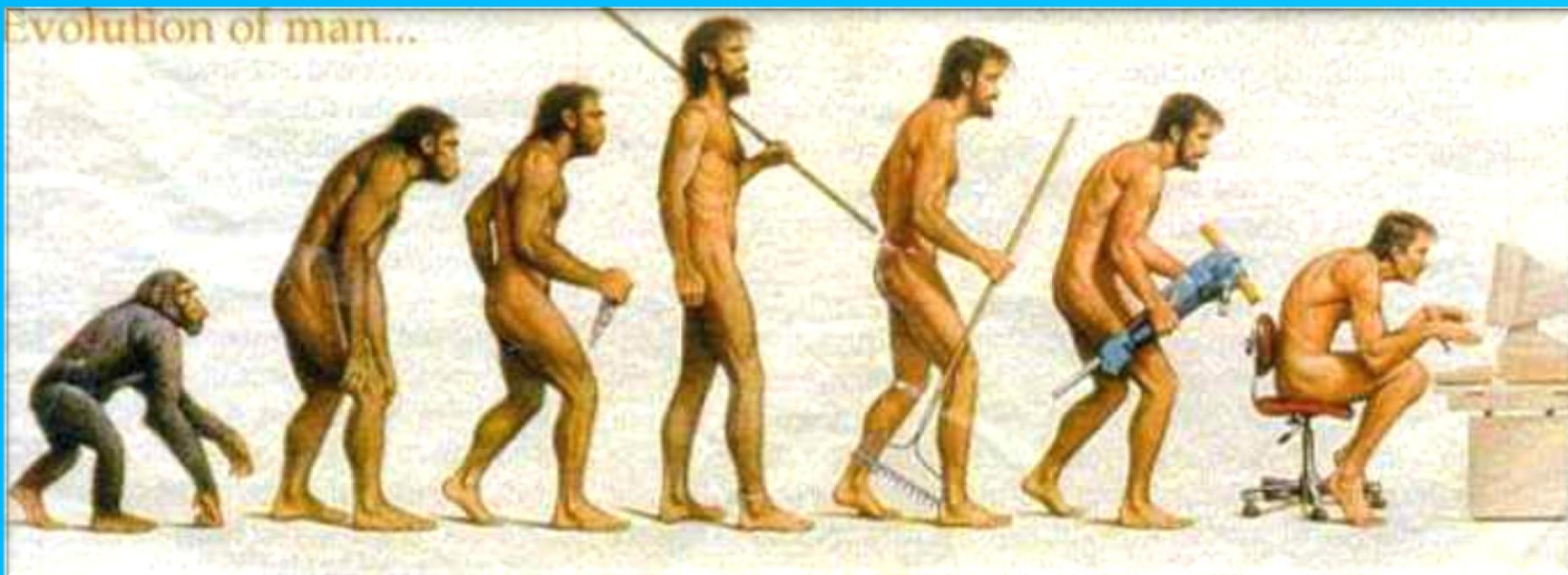


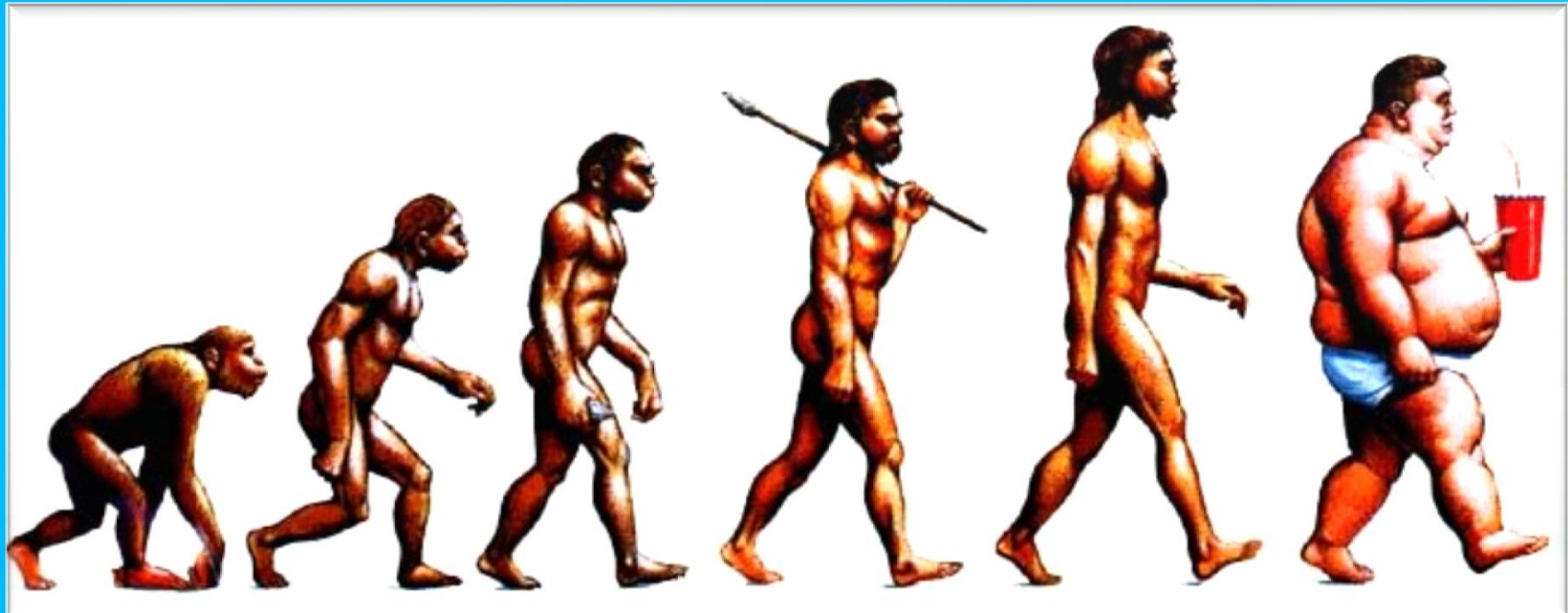
# More Examples of Faith (4)

- **What happened when Daniel rejected MPA rules?**
- **Did Esther's life turn out okay after being abducted?**
- **Did a Canaanite woman finally give up to see Jesus?**
- **Where are "feelings" in Paul's tri-fold eulogy (II Tim 4:7)?**
- **What did Jesus lose for submitting to God's will?**



Evolution of man...





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**“In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.”**

**Genesis 1:1**





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**7 And seek the peace of the city whither I have caused you to be carried away captives, and pray unto the LORD for it: for in the peace thereof shall ye have peace (Jer 29:4-7).**

# Faith Test - *Giving*

**“There is that scattereth, and yet increaseth; and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty.”**

**Proverbs 11:24**

# **Faith Test – *Wifely Submission***

**“Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee.”**

**Genesis 3:16**



# Faith Test - *Health*

**“For bodily exercise profiteth little: but godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come.”**

**I Timothy 4:8**

# **Faith Test – *Honoring Parents***

**2 Honour thy father and mother; (which is the first commandment with promise;)**

**3 That it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth.**

**Ephesians 6:2-3**



# Faith Test - *Forgiveness*

**“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”**

**I John 1:9**

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**Mark 10:29-30**

# **Faith Test – *Career Progression***

**“Whoso keepeth the fig tree shall eat the fruit thereof: so he that waiteth on his master shall be honoured.”**

**Proverbs 27:18**



# Faith Test – *Finding a Spouse*

**“And the LORD God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him.”**

**Genesis 2:18**





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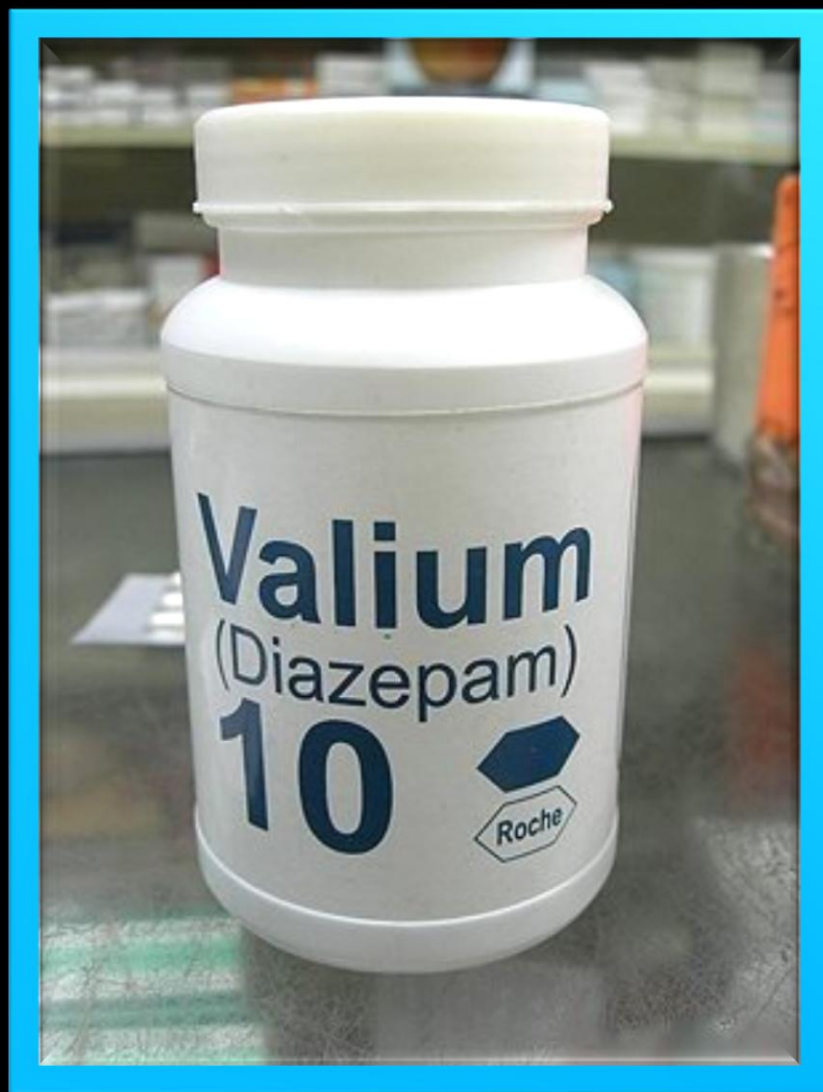
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# Faith Test - *Debt*

**“The rich ruleth over the poor, and the borrower is servant to the lender.”**

**Proverbs 22:7**

# **Faith Test – *Child Discipline***

**“Chasten thy son while there is hope, and let not thy soul spare for his crying.”**

**Proverbs 19:18**

# **Faith Test – *Kingdom Priority***

**“But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.”**

**Matthew 6:33**

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**26 And ye shall eat in plenty, and be satisfied, and praise the name of the LORD your God, that hath dealt wondrously with you: and my people shall never be ashamed.**

**Joel 2:24-26**

# Faith Test - *Death*

**“Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints.”**

**Psalm 116:15**



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- **Stop reading and believing the news ... media ... world!**
- **Be rational and skeptical about countless “dangers”!**
- **Stop considering, questioning, imagining (Rom 4:18-21)!**
- **Remember how you got here and what God has done!**
- **Look around and see many mercies toward this church.**

# **Make Your Faith Bigger! (2)**

- **Fill your life with the word of God – the Bible (Rom 10:17).**
- **Apply Bible stories to your own life (Rom 15:4).**
- **Believe! Faith is a choice: you must make it (Mark 5:36)!**
- **Remember that faith is crucial to please God (Heb 11:6).**
- **The faith you have is from God – step out with it in zeal.**

# **Make Your Faith Bigger! (3)**

- **Remember the size of a mustard seed (Matt 17:20).**
- **Tell the Lord you believe but have unbelief (Mark 9:24).**
- **You must step out of the boat (comfort) to walk on water.**
- **Pray for it, just as the apostles did (Luke 17:5).**
- **Put it into practice immediately – many tests come daily.**

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# For Further Study

- **Faith Like a Mustard Seed ...** <http://www.letgodbettrue.com/pdf/faith-like-a-mustard-seed.pdf>.
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