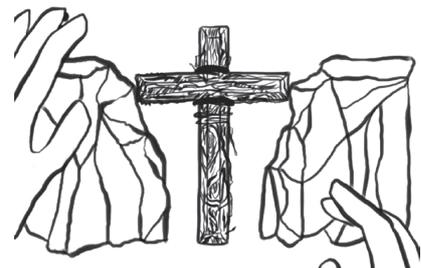
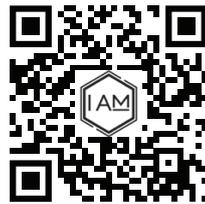


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DEATH

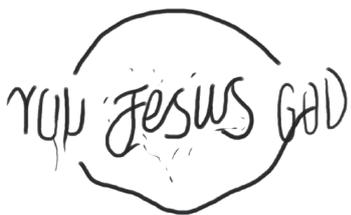
WHAT HAPPENS WHEN I DIE?





Reflect

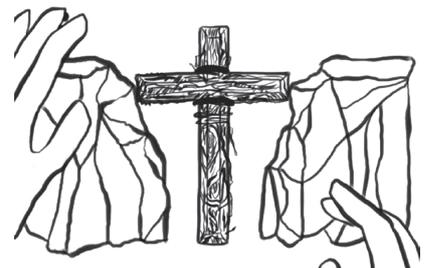
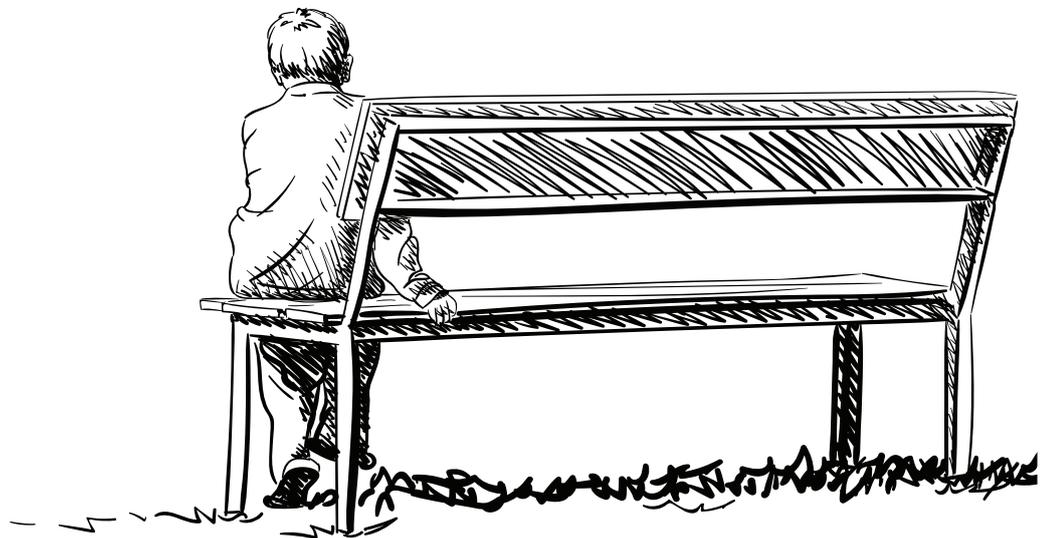
Have you experienced the profound loss of someone close to you dying? What emotions did you experience?



We are fascinated with death, while at the same time we are afraid of it. This is because:

- Death involves a significant personal loss for us when someone we love dies.
- We have no personal experience of what lies beyond death.
- Some of the things that are said to happen after we die can seem quite unfair and even frightening.

William Lane Craig "I remember vividly the first time my father told me that someday I would die. Somehow as a child the thought had just never occurred to me. When he told me, I was filled with fear and unbearable sadness. And though he tried repeatedly to reassure me that this was a long way off, that did not seem to matter. Whether sooner or later, the undeniable fact was that I would die and be no more, and the thought overwhelmed me."



Death seems so unnatural and unnerving to us because God never intended for us to die in the first place.

The Bible's Picture About Death

What the Bible teaches about death is very encouraging. It teaches us that:

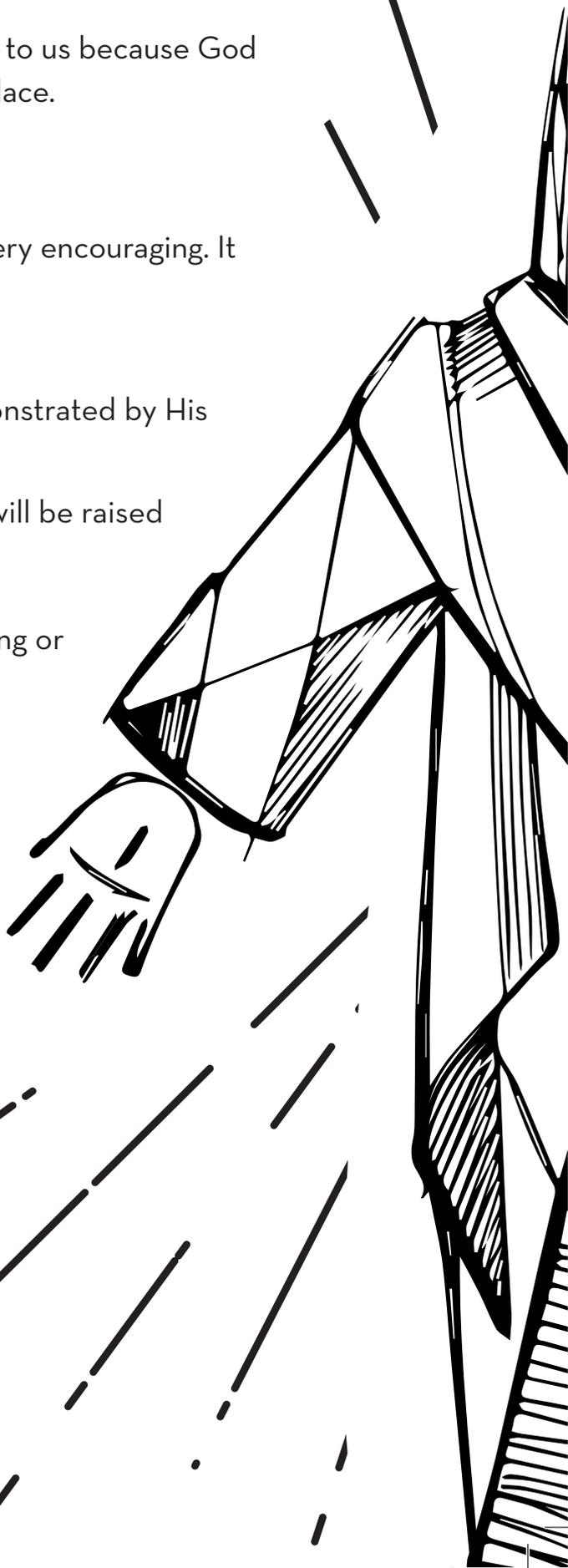
- Death is like sleep.
- Jesus has power over death as demonstrated by His resurrection from the dead.
- When we put our faith in Jesus, we will be raised back to life when Jesus comes back.
- There will be no more pain or suffering or death in heaven and the new earth.

Why is the Bible's Picture Important?

What the Bible teaches about death is very important:

- Satan's original lie to Eve was that she would not really die.
- "The dead know nothing."
Ecclesiastes 9:5,6

YHVH JESUS GOD





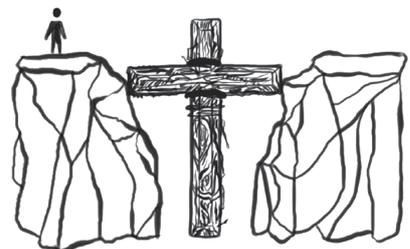
- Reports about dead people coming back to visit family members are actually evil spirits pretending to be their loved ones.
- Satan wants to spiritually deceive people.

Trusting Jesus

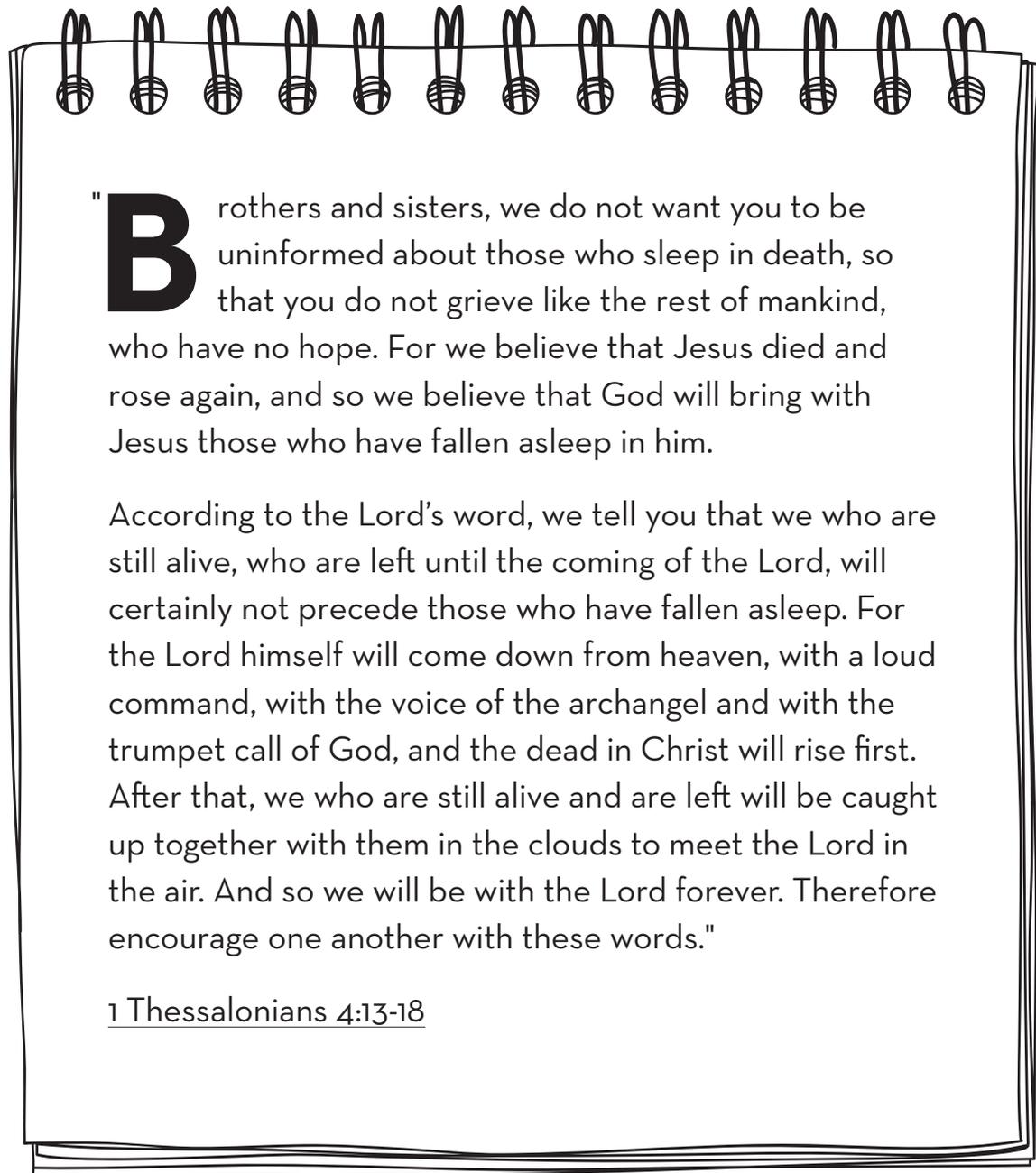
We can trust Jesus even in the face of death.
He said:

- "I am the resurrection and the life. Anyone who believes in me will live, even after dying." John 11:25
- "I am the living one. I died, but look—I am alive forever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and the grave."

Revelation 1:18



There is a beautiful promise for people who follow Jesus:



Real Talk

QUESTION ONE

How does the Biblical teaching that death is like sleep compare with your understanding of what death is like?

QUESTION TWO

Is this Biblical teaching a reassuring idea for you? Or do you find the concept that death is like sleep quite challenging?

QUESTION THREE

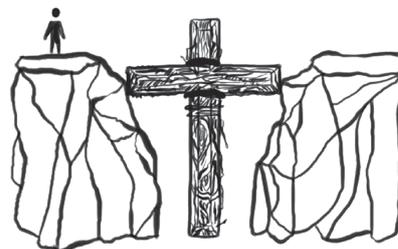
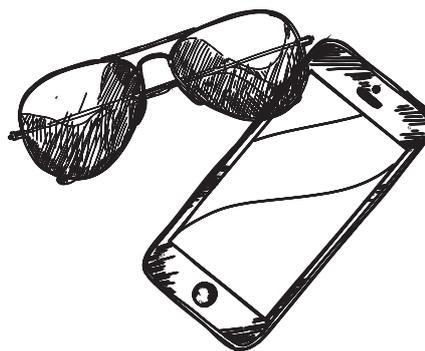
Why is it that so many people believe we go straight to heaven or hell when we die?

QUESTION FOUR

How is Jesus' resurrection from the dead significant for you personally?

Resources for further reading:

- A Trip into the Supernatural – Roger Morneau
- The Mystery of Death – John Bradshaw
- Beyond Death's Door – Gerald Wheeler





Next Step

Jesus has promised that if you trust Him, even if you die, He has the power to raise you back to life. Would you like to accept His promise of eternal life today?

