### Message Notes Becoimng a Person of Faith

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(taken from the New International Version)

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# STUDY OF 2 CORINTHIANS



# BUDEZIUA RETURNS







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<sup>3</sup>And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. <sup>4</sup>The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

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<sup>5</sup>For we do not preach ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. <sup>6</sup>For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," · · · made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.



# 2 Corinthians 4:7-12

<sup>7</sup>But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us. <sup>8</sup>We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; <sup>9</sup>persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed.

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<sup>10</sup>We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body. <sup>11</sup>For we who are alive are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that his life may be revealed in our mortal body. <sup>12</sup>So then, death is at work in us, but life is at work in you.



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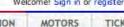
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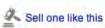
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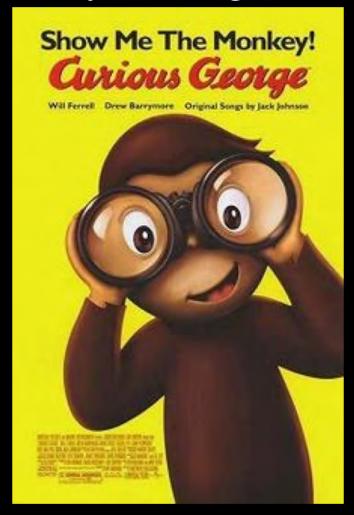
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# SEARCHERS



# FOLLOWERS



Interested

- Aware but not very interested.
- OK for you, but it's not for me.
- Many misconceptions of Christianity.
- Negative view of Christianity and religion.
- Believes all religions are the same.
- Has an indifferent attitude toward spiritual issues.



Curiously Seeking

- Realizes there is more to life than what is seen.
- Attends Christian events out of curiosity, not because of need.
- Struggles with negative image of Christianity.
- Questions the belief that all religions lead to the same God.



Searching Assertively

- Takes steps to find needed answers.
- Intellectually believes in God.
- Begins to grasp the implications of Christ's daims.
- Understands the difference between Christianity and religion.
- Struggles with intellectualizing Christianity.



Faith Commitment

- Realizes that they are powerless to achieve God's forgiveness.
- Believes that Jesus is God and has received Him as the risen Lord and only Savior.
- Has made a decision to turn their lives and wills over to the care and control of Jesus.



Experiencing New Life

- Has entered into a mentoring relationship with another follower.
- Grasps the meaning of the gospel and the core elements of following Jesus.
- Shares Christ naturally.
- Struggles with changing value system and assurance of salvation.



Is Growing in Community

- Grows in intimacy with God through prayer and Bible study.
- Has a deepening relationship with other followers in a local church.
- Has come under the authority of Biblical values.
- Experiences freedom over selfdefeating habits.
- Discovers not all Oristians are growing.



Living Missionally

- Craves intimacy with God through spiritual disciplines.
- Shares their faith effectively.
- Mentors others spiritually.
- · Gives generously.
- Serves their community.
- Understands the centrality of the gospel in their lives.

### Resisting

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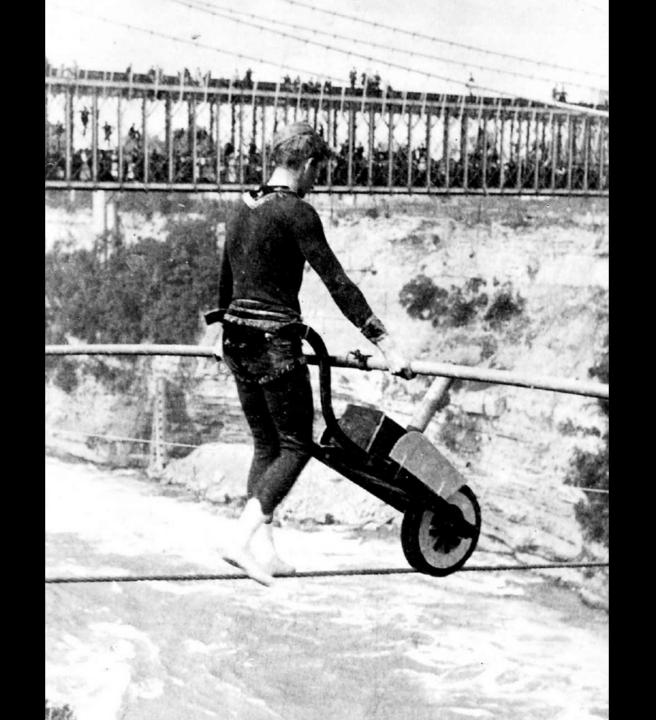
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