

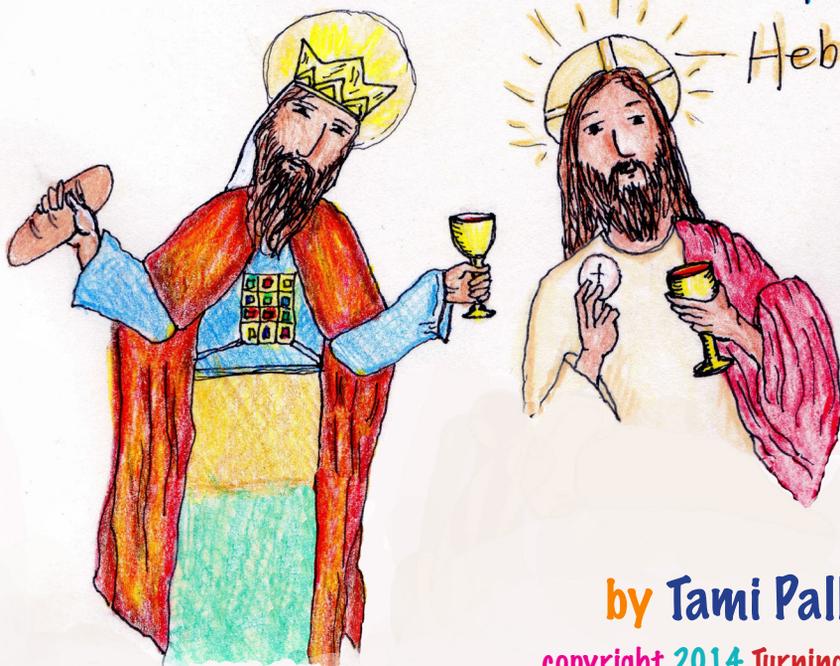
Visual Reflections

on the Letter to the Hebrews

LESSONS 10-18

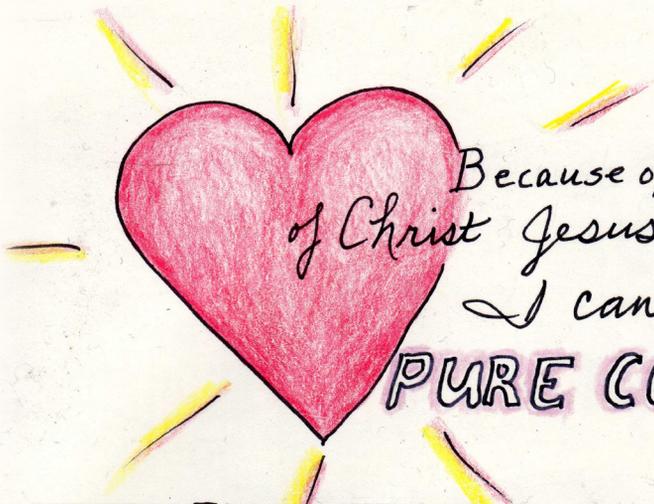
“In the days of his flesh,
Jesus offered up prayers & supplications
with loud cries and tears, to him who was
able to save him from death,
and he was heard for his godly fear.
Although he was a Son, he learned
obedience through what he suffered;
and being made perfect
he became the SOURCE of eternal salvation
to all who obey him,
being designated by God a high priest
according to the order of Melchizedek.”

Hebrews 5:7-10



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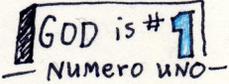


Because of the PERFECT SACRIFICE
of Christ Jesus - HIGH PRIEST & MEDIATOR of the
NEW COVENANT
I can have a

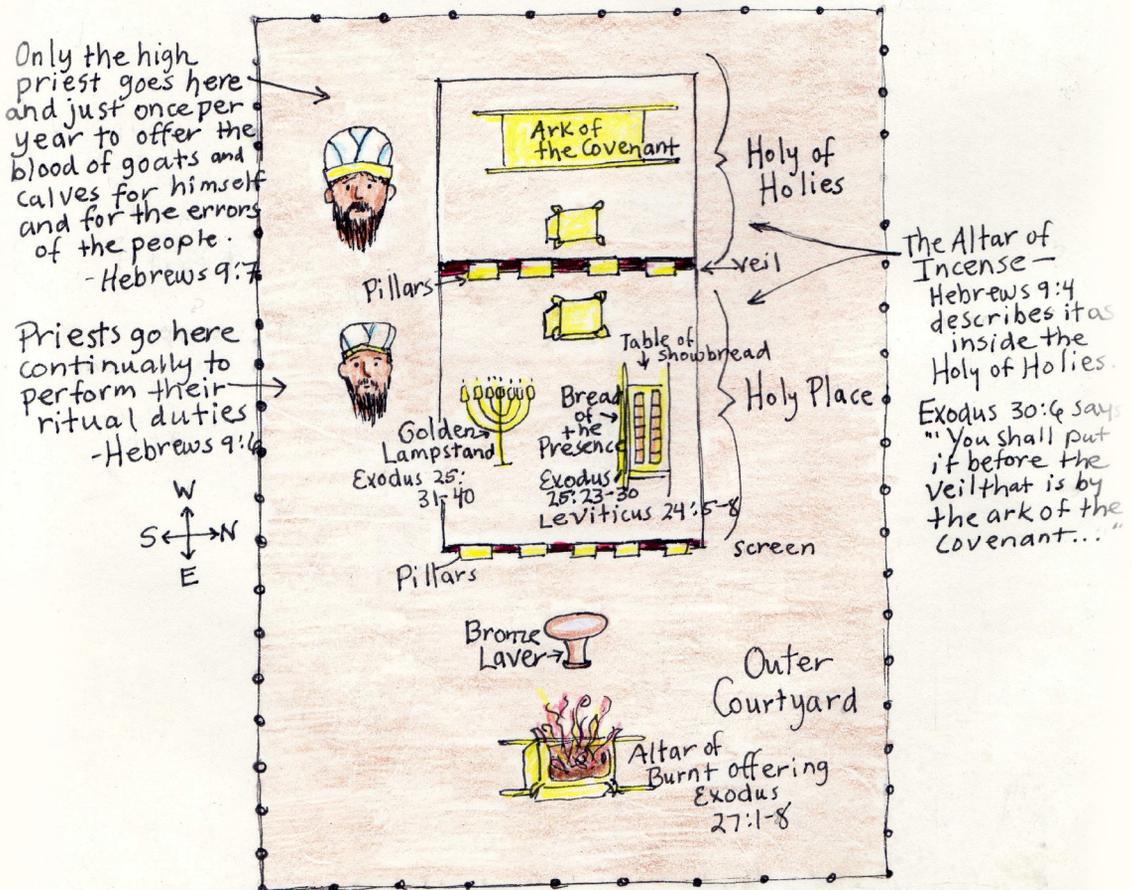
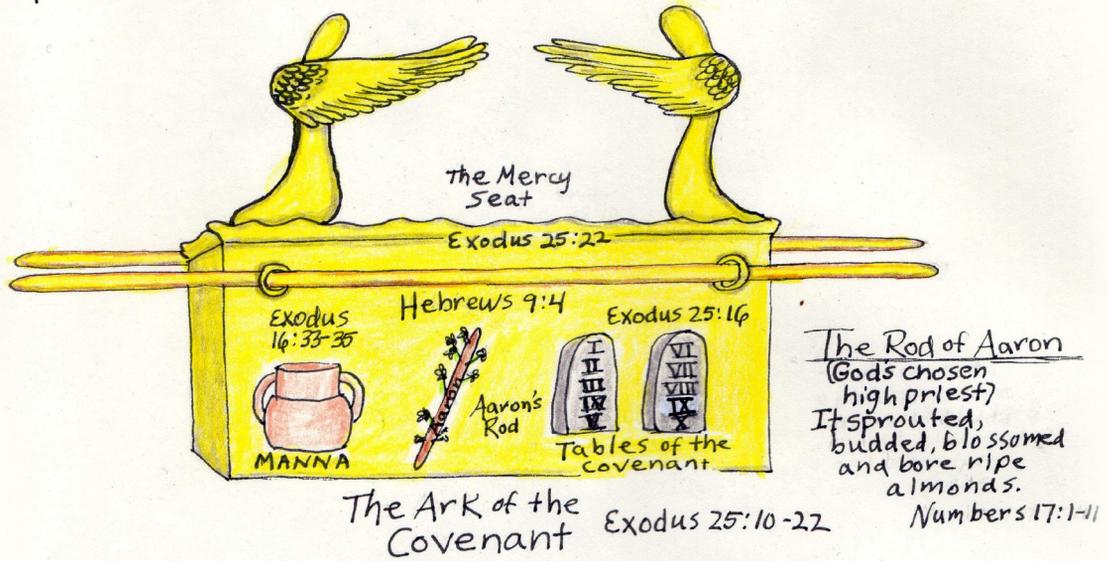
PURE CONSCIENCE

EXAMINATION of CONSCIENCE

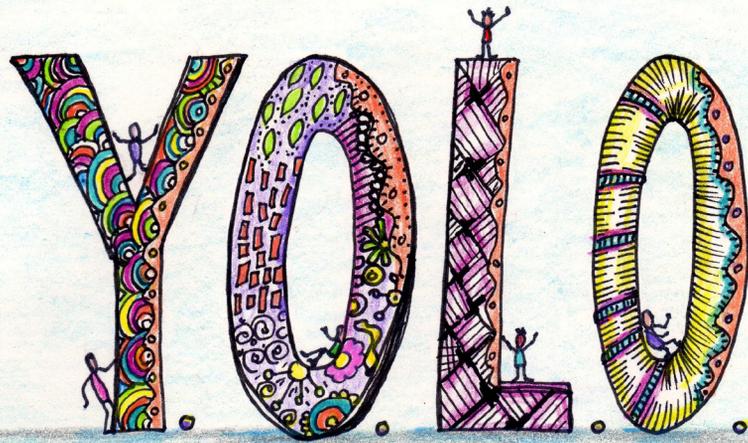
(based on the 10 Commandments)

1. Have I loved  GOD above all things? 
2. Have I honored GOD with  my speech? 
3. Have I attended Mass on Sundays & Holy Days? 
4. Have I respected those in authority over me? 
5. Have I harmed others by my words or actions? 
6. Have I honored GOD with my sexuality? 
7. Have I cheated or Stolen? 
8. Have I lied or gossiped? 
9. Have I been pure in my thoughts? 
10. Have I been jealous of things belonging to others? 

Hebrews 9:1-28



A copy of the true sanctuary of heaven (where Christ has entered once for all to put away sin by the sacrifice of HIMSELF.) (See Hebrews 9:24-26)



And just as it
is appointed
for men to

DIE ONCE,

and after that comes

JUDGMENT,

so **CHRIST,** having been



**OFFERED
ONCE**

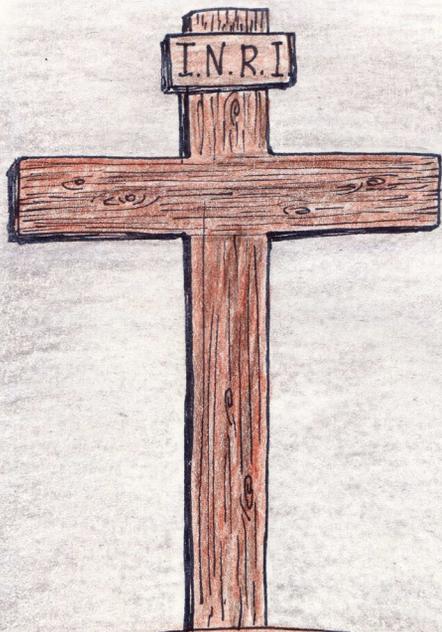
Will
APPEAR
a **Second**

to bear the **SINS** of **MANY,**

TIME, not to deal with sin
but to **SAVE** those who are eagerly
waiting for him.

- Hebrews 9:27-28





Christ's death was a real death in that it put an end to his human existence.

But because of the union which the person of the Son retained with his body, he was not a mortal corpse like others, for

It was impossible for **DEATH** to HOLD HIM (ACTS 2:24)

Both of these statements can be said of Christ:

He was cut off out of the land of the living. -Isaiah 53:8

and

My flesh will dwell in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, nor let your holy one see corruption. Acts 2:26-27 Psalm 16:9-10

Jesus' **Resurrection** "on the 3rd day"

was a sign of this also, because bodily decay was held to begin on the 4th day after death.

Catechism of the Catholic Church #627

1 Cor 15:4 Luke 24:46 Mt 12:40 Jon 2:1 Hos 6:2 cf John 11:39

I come to do your will,

O God! (I want to make
Jesus' words
my words.)



O God,

put your laws on my heart
and write them on my mind
and remember my sins no more.

(See
Hebrews
10:16-17)

"
Jesus, I trust in You!"
"

Hebrews 10:1-18

The Law

But a shadow of the good things to come...

(Hebrews 10:1)

Same sacrifices offered year after year.

it can never make perfect those who draw near.



It is impossible that the blood of bulls and goats should take away sins.

(Hebrews 10:4)



Jesus:

Sacrifices & offerings you have not desired but a body you have prepared for me... (Hebrews 10:5,7)

Behold, I have come to do your will, O GOD...

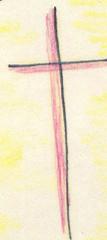
He abolishes the first Covenant in order to establish the New Covenant.

(see Hebrews 10:9)

And by that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus

Once for All.

(Hebrews 10:10)



For by a single offering
he has perfected for all
time those who are
sanctified.

Hebrews
10:14



The Priesthood
of the
OLD COVENANT...

Instituted to proclaim
the Word of GOD
and to Restore
communion with GOD
by Sacrifices and Prayer,
this priesthood Nevertheless
remains powerless to bring about
Salvation,
needing to
REPEAT
its sacrifices
CEASELESSLY
and
being **UNABLE**
to achieve a
definitive sanctification,
which **Only** the sacrifice
of Christ
would accomplish.

#1540 - Catechism of the
Catholic Church

Perseverance



Let us hold fast the
confession of our hope
without wavering,
for he who promised
is faithful.
- Hebrews 10:23

... recall the former days when ...
you endured a hard struggle
with sufferings... Hebrews
10:32

- Stay confident
- Draw near
- Hold fast
- Don't waver
- in full assurance
- meet together regularly
- encourage one another
- fear the consequences
- hold on to the promises
- live by faith

Hebrews 10: 19-39

Life Outside the Curtain:

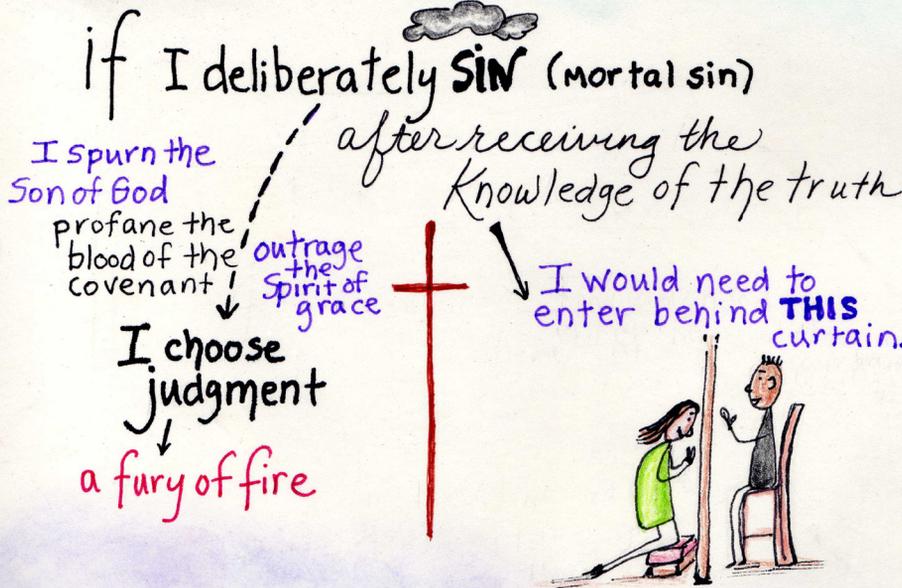


Baptism = enlightenment
(CCC# 1216)

Life Inside the Sanctuary:



(See Hebrews 10: 19-25)



... let us consider how to **Stir up** one another to love and good works - Hebrews 10:24

Provoke egg on goad tempt arouse — usually used in a negative context.





... Let us consider how to

Stir Up

one another to LOVE

and
GOOD
WORKS,

NOT

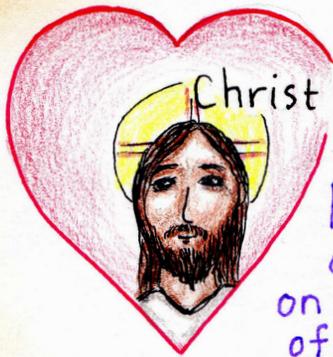
neglecting

to meet together, *as is the habit of some,*

but ENCOURAGING
ONE ANOTHER...

- Hebrews 10:24-25





Christ is the **LORD** of
eternal life.

Full right to pass
definitive judgment
on the works and hearts
of men belongs to him as
redeemer of the world...

For you have need
of endurance, so that
you may do the will of
God and receive what
is promised.

Hebrews 10:36

By rejecting grace in
this life, one already
judges oneself,
receives according to
one's works, and can
even condemn oneself
for all eternity by
rejecting the
Spirit of
love.

CCC # 679

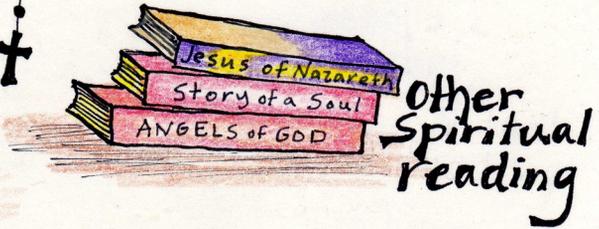
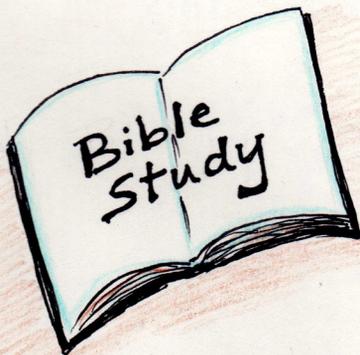
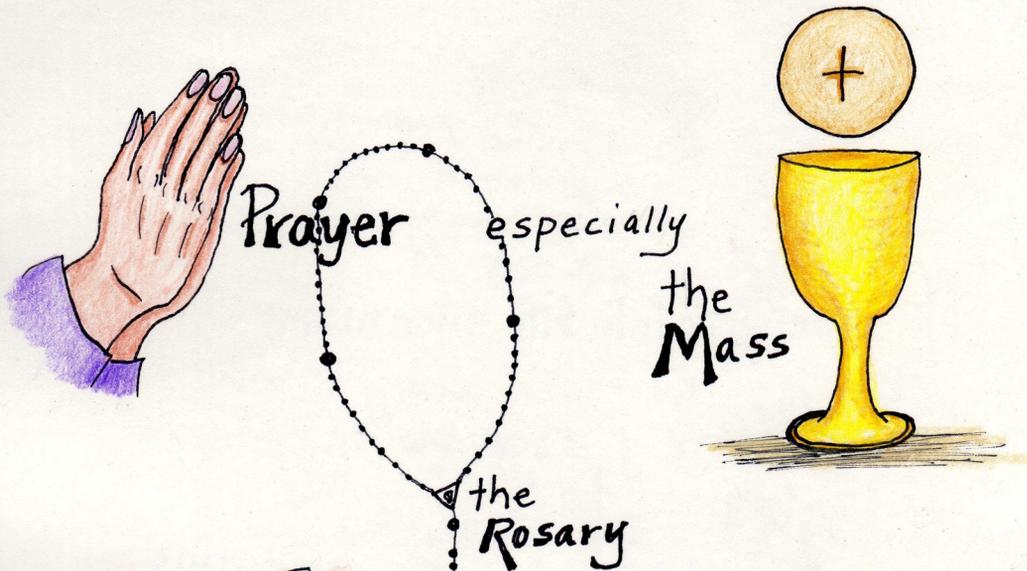


When he comes at the end of time
to judge the living and the dead,
the glorious Christ will reveal
the secret disposition of hearts
and will render to each man
according to his works and
according to his acceptance
or refusal of **grace**.

Catechism of the
Catholic Church # 682

FAITH

STRENGTHENERS:



Hebrews 11:1-12

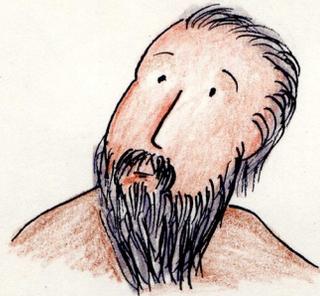
Faith-Filled Hall-of-Famers:



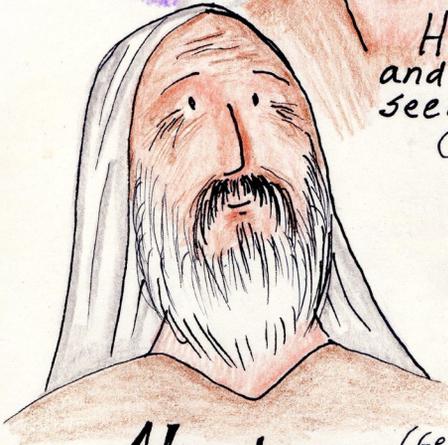
Abel: offered God his best
with a sincere heart.
(Genesis 4:3-10)



Noah:
Heeded God's word
and built an ark without
seeing what was to come.
(Genesis 6:13-22)



Enoch: Walked
with God -
lived a life
pleasing to God.
(Genesis 5:21-24)



Abraham: (Genesis 12:1-8)

- ...→ obeyed God
- ...→ went out, not knowing where to go.
- ...→ trusted God's promises
- ...→ sojourned in a foreign land
- ...→ looked forward to a city
which has foundations, whose
builder & maker is God



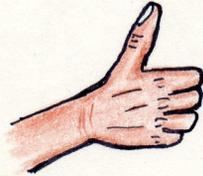
Sarah: Trusted
God to give her
a son in her
old age.

(Genesis 17:19
18:11-14, 21:2)

Now

FAITH

is the



Assurance

of things

hoped for,

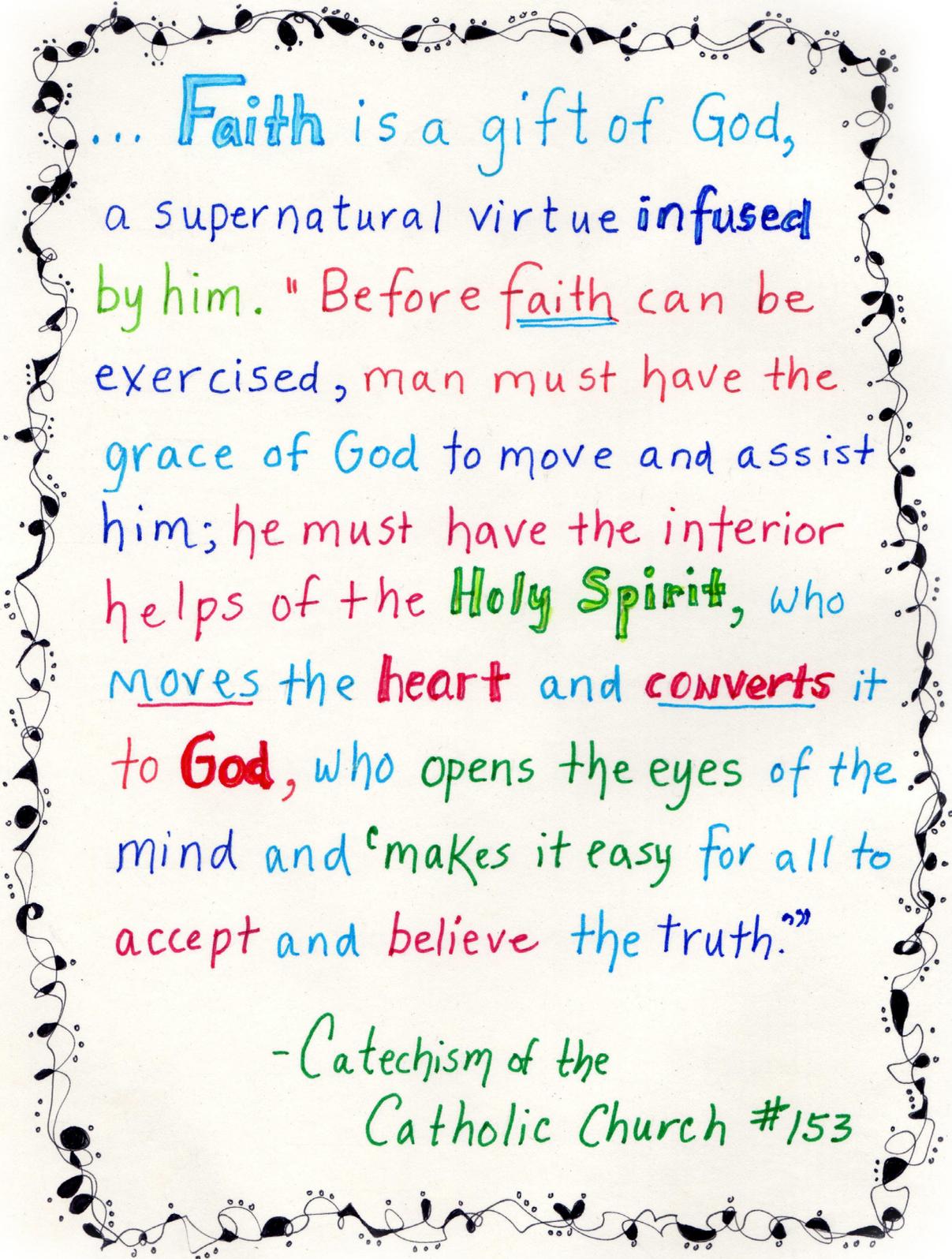
the

CONVICTION

of things

Not seen.

— Hebrews 11:1

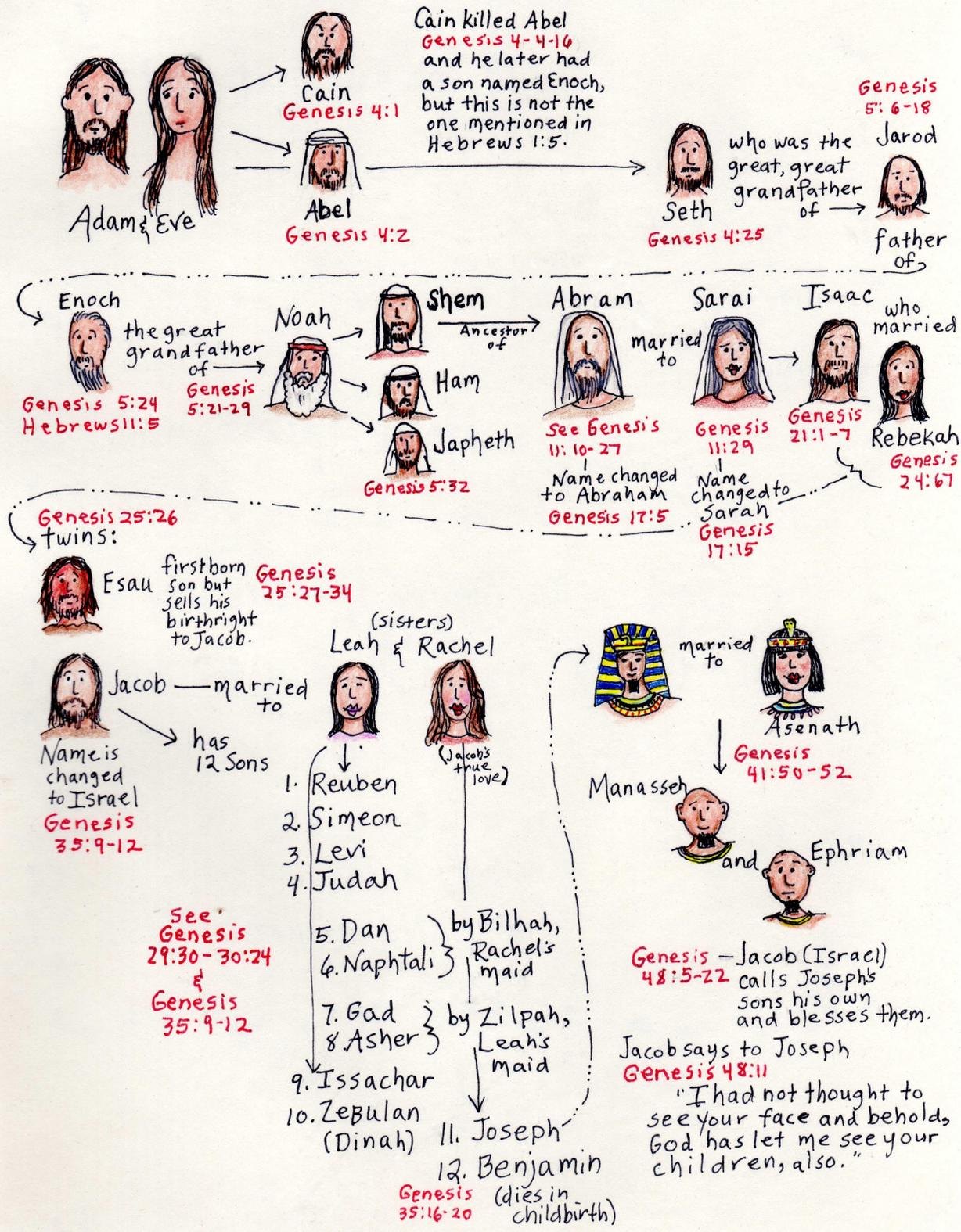


... Faith is a gift of God,
a supernatural virtue infused
by him. " Before faith can be
exercised, man must have the
grace of God to move and assist
him; he must have the interior
helps of the Holy Spirit, who
moves the heart and converts it
to God, who opens the eyes of the
mind and 'makes it easy for all to
accept and believe the truth.'"

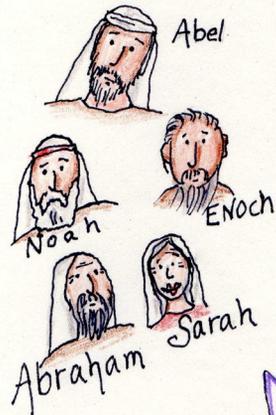
- Catechism of the
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Hebrews 11:1-22

"Who's Who" List



Hebrews 11:13-22



These all died in faith

Hebrews 11:13
— Not having received what was promised them

— but having seen it and greeted it from afar

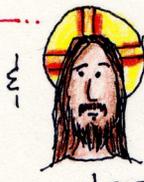
and having acknowledged that they were

Strangers and Exiles on the EARTH.

They persevered in faith until the end & then "died in faith."

"Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect; but **I press on** to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Brethren, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but one thing I do, forgetting what lies behind and **straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal** for the prize of the upward call of God in Jesus Christ."

Philippians 3:12-14



- born of miraculous circumstances.
- called only-begotten sons.
- carried the wood to be used for their sacrifice. walking uphill
- obedient sons doing the will of their fathers.
- bound, and placed on wood for sacrifice.
- given back to their fathers on the 3rd day. (Genesis 22:4)



But, as it is,
they
desired a

Better Country

that is a

Heavenly one.



God is not ashamed
to be called
their *God,*

for he has
prepared for
them a *City.*

The symbol of the Heavens
refers us back
to the mystery of
the covenant we are
living when we pray to Our Father.

Catechism of the Catholic Church #2795

He is in heaven,
his dwelling place;

the Father's House is our Homeland.

Sin has exiled us from the land
of the covenant,

but conversion of heart
enables us to return
to the Father,
to heaven.

In Christ, then,
heaven and earth
are reconciled,

for the Son alone
"descended from heaven"
and causes us to ascend
there with him, by his
Cross, Resurrection, and Ascension.

"... [Christians] are in the flesh, but do not live
according to the flesh. They spend their
lives on earth, but are
citizens of heaven."

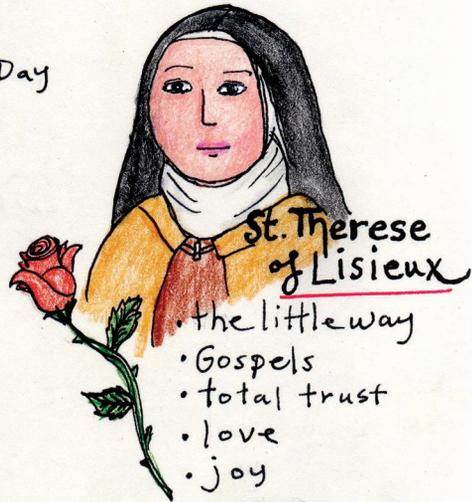
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Some Saints who inspire me:



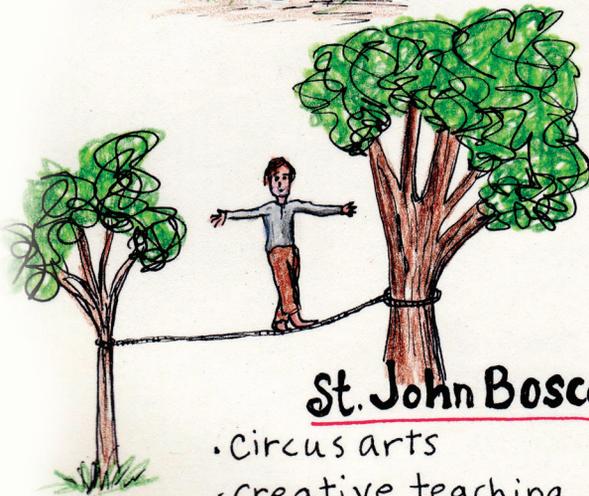
St. John Paul II

- Totus tuus
- Rosary
- World Youth Day
- Theology of the Body
- Confession
- Be not afraid



St. Therese of Lisieux

- the little way
- Gospels
- total trust
- love
- joy
- prayer
- sacrifices



St. John Bosco

- Circus arts
- creative teaching
- Patron saint of Youth Ministers, editors, publishers, magicians, young people
- St. Francis de Sales
- Our Lady, Help of Christians



St. Philomena

- martyr
- family
- Living Rosary
- St. John Vianney
- novenas



Bl. Mother Teresa

- love
- prayer
- work with the poorest of the poor
- unborn
- courage
- perseverance
- Eucharistic Adoration

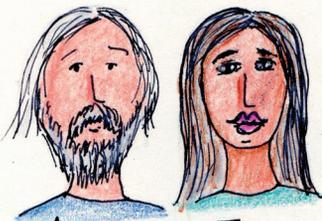
Hebrews 11:23-31

Faith in Action

You see that a man is justified by works and not by faith alone. And in the same way was not Rahab the harlot justified by works when she received the messengers and sent them out another way?

For as the body apart from the spirit is dead, so faith apart from works is dead.

James 2:24-26



Exodus 6:20
Numbers 26:59

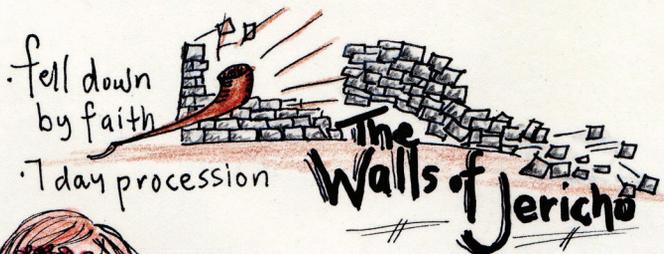
Amram & Jocabed Moses' Parents

- saw something special in Moses
- hid him for 3 months
- were NOT AFRAID of Pharaoh's Edict

MOSES



- Refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter
- Chose to share ill-treatment with the people of God rather than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin.



- fell down by faith
- 7 day procession

The Walls of Jericho

- saved because of her faith in action
- gave "friendly welcome" to the spies.



Rahab the harlot

Joshua 2 & 6:22-25

Matthew 1:5

Rahab → Mother of Boaz

who married Ruth

↓
Obed

↓
Father of Jesse

↓
Father of King David

Moses considered

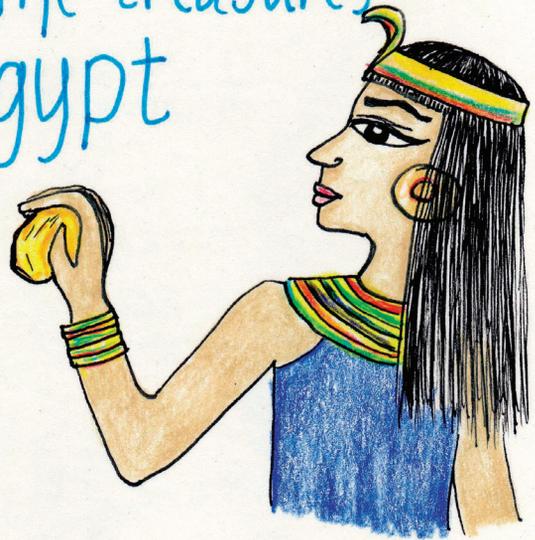
abuse suffered
for the Christ



greater
wealth

than the treasures
of Egypt

for he
looked
forward
to the

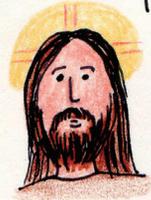


-Hebrews 11:26

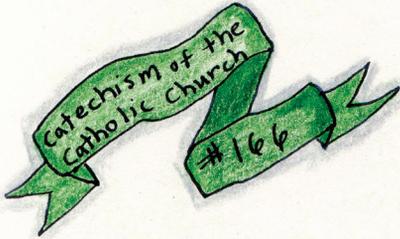


Faith is
a personal
act

— the free response of the
human person to the
initiative of GOD who
reveals himself.



But
faith is
not an
isolated act.



No one can
believe alone,
just as no one
can live alone.

You have not given yourself faith
just as you have not given yourself life.

The believer has
received faith
from others and
should hand it on to others.



Our  Love for Jesus
and for our neighbor
impels us to speak to
others about our faith.
Each believer is thus
a link in a great chain
of believers.

I cannot believe without
being carried by the faith
of others, and by my faith
I help support others in
the faith.

My Faith Mentors:



In my
adult
years:

Terry F.

In my
childhood
years:



My Grandma H.

- ♥ Bible Study
- ♥ Prayer
- ♥ Evangelism
- ♥ fun
- ♥ ENCOURAGEMENT
- ♥ MORALITY
- ♥ HOLINESS

Hebrews 11:32-40



Gideon



Barak



Samson



Jephthah



David



Samuel



The Prophets

Through faith:

- conquered kingdoms
- enforced justice
- received promises
- stopped the mouths of lions
- quenched raging fire
- escaped the edge of the sword
- won strength out of weakness
- became mighty in war
- put foreign armies to flight

+ women received their dead by resurrection.

Faith endures all:

TORTURED → That they might RISE to a BETTER LIFE

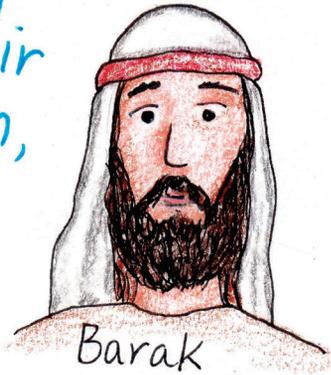
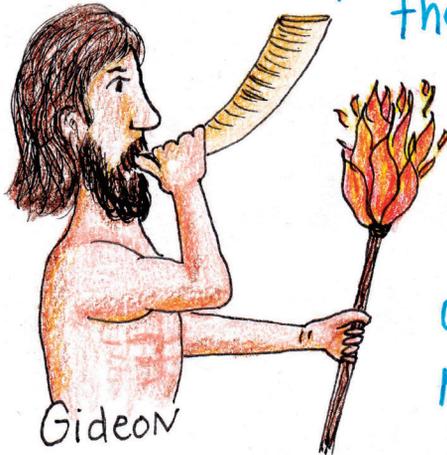
ENDURED BY FAITH

- MOCKING
- SCOURGING
- CHAINS
- IMPRISONMENT
- STONED
- SAWN IN TWO
- KILLED WITH THE SWORD
- WORE SHEEP / GOAT SKINS
- DESTITUTE
- AFFLICTED

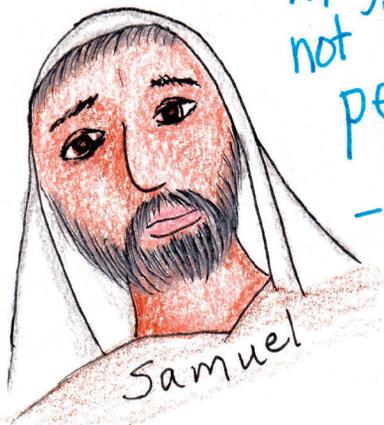
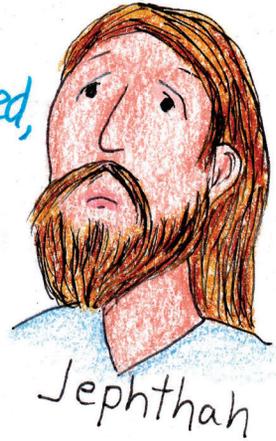
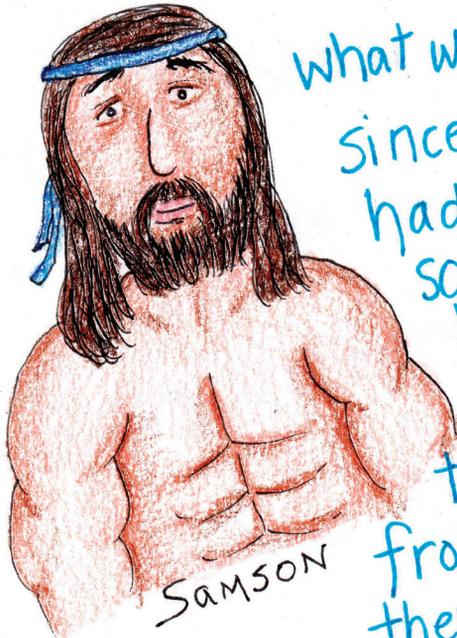
- ill-treated
- wandering over deserts and mountains
- lived in dens and caves

Because of the PROMISE
But didn't see the fulfillment in their lifetimes.

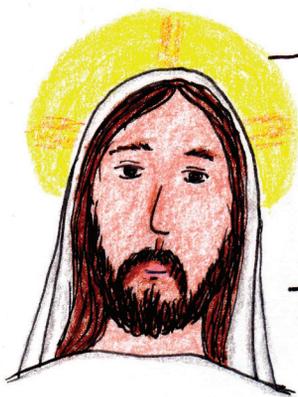
And all these,
though well attested
by
their
faith,
did
not
receive



what was promised,
since God
had foreseen
something
better
for us,
that apart
from us
they should
not be made
perfect.



- Hebrews
11:39-40



The Old Testament is rich in witnesses to this faith. The Letter to the Hebrews proclaims its eulogy of the exemplary faith of the ancestors who "received divine approval." Yet "God had foreseen something better for us": the grace of believing in his Son Jesus, "the pioneer and perfecter of our faith." Catechism of the Catholic Church #147

When I think of Jesus as
a pioneer... ☺



Jesus is "the pioneer & perfecter
of our faith."

- "The **Word** became **flesh** & dwelt among us." John 1:14
- "Forgive one another as God in **Christ** forgave you." Eph 4:32
- "Walk in **love**, as Christ loved us and **gave himself up** for us..."
Eph 5:2
- "Have this mind... which was in Christ Jesus...
humbled himself & became **obedient** unto death." Phil 2:5-8
- "Christ being raised from the dead will never die again... So you must also consider yourselves **dead to sin** and **alive in Christ Jesus**." Rom 6:9-11
- "Jesus has gone as a **forerunner** on our behalf..." Heb 6:20

Hebrews 12:1-29



Therefore, since we are surrounded by
so great a cloud of witnesses...

let us run with **PERSEVERANCE**
the race that is set before us,
looking to **JESUS...**

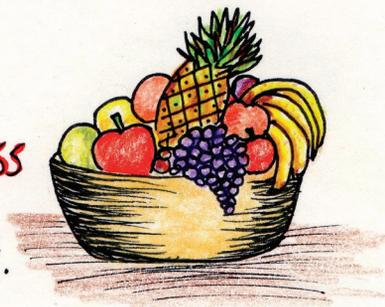
- ENDURE
- DO NOT GROW WEARY or FAINT-HEARTED.

The Discipline of the LORD:

- shows the love of the Father
- We are God's children
- for our own good - to share His holiness
- painful for the moment

Later

yields the
peaceful fruit
of **RIGHTeousNESS**
to those who have
been **trained** by it.





Therefore lift
your droopy hands
and strengthen
your weak knees...

-Hebrews
12:12

Therefore let us be
grateful for receiving
a Kingdom that cannot
be shaken, and thus
let us offer to God
acceptable worship
with reverence and
awe, for our God
is a consuming fire.



-Hebrews 12:28-29

#1161

Catechism of the Catholic Church:

"All signs in the liturgical celebrations are related to

CHRIST:

as are sacred images of the Holy Mother of God and of the saints as well.

They truly signify Christ, who is glorified in them.

They make manifest the

"Cloud of Witnesses"

who continue to participate in the salvation of the world and to whom we are united, above all in sacramental celebrations."

Hebrews 13:1-25

13:1

Let brotherly love continue.



13:2

DO NOT NEGLECT to show Hospitality to Strangers...



13:3

Remember in those who are PRISON...



Let MARRIAGE Be held in honor among all, and let the Marriage bed be undefiled...

13:4

13:5

Keep yourself FREE from love of MONEY

and Be CONTENT with what you have...



*The Lord is my helper,
I will not be afraid;
what can man do to me?*

13:6



Remember your leaders,
those who spoke to you the



WORD
of
GOD;
13:7

Consider the
OUTCOME
of their life
& IMITATE
their
FAITH.



Jesus
Christ
is
the
Same
Yesterday
today
&
forever.

13:8

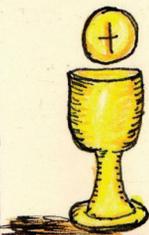
Do not be led away by diverse &
strange teachings;



for it is well
that the
heart
be
strengthened
by grace,
not by foods,
which have not
benefited their adherents.

13:9

We have an altar
from which those
who serve the
tent have no right
to eat.



13:10



Through [Jesus] then
let us CONTINUALLY
offer up a
sacrifice of praise to GOD,
that is the fruit of lips that
acknowledge his NAME. 13:15

Jesus
also
suffered
outside
the gate
in order
to sanctify
the people
through his
own blood.

Therefore
let us go
forth to
him
outside
the camp,
bearing
abuse
for
him.

13:12-13

Do Not Neglect to do good and to Share



13:16

What you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to GOD.



OBEY your leaders and submit to them; for they are keeping watch over your souls, as men who will have to give an account. Let them do this joyfully, not sadly, for that would be of no advantage to you.



13:17

Pray for us



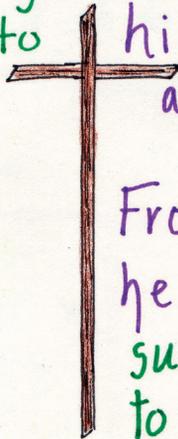
13:18

for we are sure that we have a clear conscience, desiring to act honorably in all things.



Now may the GOD of Peace who brought again from the dead, Our Lord Jesus, the great Shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good... Hebrews 13:20-21a

Having become a **member** of the **Church**,
the person baptized
belongs no longer to himself,
but to **him** who died,
and rose for us.



From now on,
he is called to be
subject to others,
to **serve** them in
the communion of the Church,
and to "**obey** and **submit**" to the
Church's leaders, holding them in
respect and **affection**....

The **altar** of the New
Covenant is the Lord's
Cross, from which the
sacraments of the
Paschal mystery flow.
On the altar, which is the
CENTER
of the church, the
sacrifice of the **Cross**
is made present under
sacramental signs.

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The **altar** is also the **table**
of the LORD, to which the
People of GOD are invited.

In certain Eastern liturgies,
the **altar** is also the symbol
of the **tomb** (Christ truly
died and is truly risen).

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