

*Govan and Linthouse
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Dear Friends,

I can't believe its magazine time again, it feels like it was only a few weeks ago I was putting together the last one. Although time has passed quickly it's still only been just over 6 months since Moyna died and I think as much as we are all still missing her terribly, we are starting to move forward and the news that our Interim Minister, Eleanor McMahon, is doing her hand over service from our Interim Moderator, Roy Henderson this coming Sunday 12th February. By the time you read this she will have delivered that service and will be a familiar face amongst us.

Can I please again say a big thank you to you all? You have held together well during a time of great upheaval and uncertainty and have supported me, Andrew and Elspeth with your caring and compassionate ways, whether it be a nudge and a wink, a thank you card, words of wisdom, a blether over a cuppa, a phone call or a hug, these are all very much appreciated and I for one am very thankful to you all.

I found another wee quote I liked on line but for some reason I couldn't get it to copy and paste or save but it said: *New beginnings are often disguised as painful endings*. For me this rings true, Moyna was a colleague, a minister and a friend and I am still grieving for her, as I am sure a lot of you are too, however we have the chance of a new beginning. It may not have come as we expected but we must have faith in God's plan. We are where we are because it's where we are meant to be and he will never give us more than we can cope with. We only need ask for help.

On to a lighter note, we are looking to get Messy Mondays back up and running starting on the 27th of February and running on a fortnightly basis to see how things go. Hopefully on the next edition of our magazine I will have more news to share with you on that.

I hope you enjoy the magazine and as always please let me know if you want to add anything to it.

Kind regards and best wishes

Gillian

To the members of our congregation and the wider parish,

Firstly I would like to extend a warm welcome to our Interim Minister Eleanor McMahon, I am very glad to have her with us and look forward to working with her.

With Eleanor's presence within the ministry team my services in the pulpit will lessen and I would very much like to thank you all for your continued support since Moyna's death and Paul's departure to pastures new, you have all handled the changes very well and they would both be very proud of you. With me taking fewer services I will back into being able to get more visits under my belt, as always if you know of someone you think needs a priority visit then please let me know. We are very lucky to have a great bunch of Elders who help out with visits to their

district which takes the strain off although some people feel if they don't see a 'minister' then they haven't seen anyone from the 'church'; crazy but true!

Anyway I'll away now and leave you to enjoy the rest of the magazine...

All the best

Andrew

Spring 2017

Dear Friends,

At the time of writing this letter, we have still to meet each other. Yet I know that I will receive a warm welcome from you the good people of Govan and Linthouse Parish Church. The circumstances leading to appointment as interim minister are difficult, but I hope that together we will share in a journey that not only respects the place that Moyna has held, and still holds within your hearts, but will build on the legacy that she has left for the benefit of both church and community around.

As we begin our journey together, we enter the period of Lent. This can often be seen as a barren period within the Christian calendar. The sparkle of Christmas has been lost, and it some 40 days before the glory of Easter is announced. Yet, because it lacks both the public celebration and proclamation, it does not mean that it is a period without importance.

The early Christians used Lent as a period of preparation for baptism. They focused on penance, and with this reflection, saw it as a time of cleansing of the inner soul. For them, this was a period of teaching, prayer and reflection.

I wonder how much we as individuals, and a Church, have lost the art of reflection. In a world so focussed on social media, we may feel that we know so much more than previous generations, but how best are we at using this knowledge to make the world a better place? It was Sarah Ban Breathnach, the once self-help expert who in her sixties found her life in chaos, who said "Only when the clamour of the outside world is silenced will you be able to hear the deeper vibration. Listen carefully". Lent calls us to "listen carefully" to both our inner self and to the call of God, that we might find ourselves refreshed not only by what we know, but by what we experience of His love for us.

It is not just individuals that are called by God, but congregations as well. Seeking to discern God's plan for the people of Govan and Linthouse means that we have to think through our priorities for the future. With thinking, discussing and prayer, we will seek to work out where God might be leading us as a congregation at this time. It is to the Kirk Session that we look for leadership. The decisions they take will impact on our future, and as such I would ask that you to uphold our elders in prayer at this time. They need time and space to work through all that has happened, and in turn, I will ensure that you as the congregation are kept up to date with all the relevant news and information. With your support, we will work out future plans for the congregation.

Be assured God is at work within us and among us. We trust ourselves to His goodness and love, and with the Easter message of resurrection, find that new life comes in its fullness.

May the blessings of the coming season be with you.

Eleanor McMahon

Interim Minister

Dear friends

In some ways it seems that I have been away from you for a very long time. By the time you read this there will have been a service of introduction arranged by presbytery for the congregation to mark another part of their journey. I am so pleased that you are able to move to another stage in the journey of Govan and Linthouse as Eleanor comes to guide you through this next period. Change can be very daunting as well as exciting and I always try to see it as a positive, a time of looking again at priorities and assessing where the journey has taken us as well as where it might go. There is potential in change, potential to find in ourselves reservoirs of strength we didn't know we had, potential to see others as we have never seen them before, potential to change the community around us as we experience the change within us. So it is with all of us just now that we are going through a period of potential. For me, that means being in Castlemilk and these first few weeks have been some of the most interesting I have experienced in ministry as I try and find out who is who, where they are, and what they do. Inevitably I find myself comparing where I have been and where I am and I find that some things are familiar and some are new.

I have been involved in the fight against the job centre closures affecting Glasgow - and now wider spread - as these affect Castlemilk. Closure of the job centre will make it much more difficult for people to attend appointments to sign on or to be assessed for benefits. I have attended meetings about this and spoken to people who will be directly affected by it and it is staggering that the Government can push ahead with this without paying more than lip service to what people think. I have also found myself toe to toe with the Scottish Government since they fund the community meals project. Angela Constance came to visit when I was hardly in the door and I had to bring myself up to speed very quickly with regards the meals so that I could answer questions from the media! So in many ways I have had to hit the ground running. The building is in a very interesting location as it is very central, and because it doesn't 'look like a church' people come in to have a look or to ask questions. One of the most interesting facts is the number of men who pop in on their way past and I am trying to see if there is something we could do for them, as well as continuing my passion for supporting families. So lots to reflect on in these first few weeks and as we approach spring it seems a good time of the year to reflect on what the future might look like. A new post in a national church showing signs of resurgence and a new baby to look forward to getting to know as Carly is due on March 11th.

I have been very slow to thank everyone for the generosity shown to me on leaving. The laptop I am typing this on is the one bought with the vouchers I received from you. It has already been well utilised! So many other gifts, cards and well wishes as well as hugs (always welcome!) and I feel very humbled and thankful that I was able to spend seven years of my life on a remarkable journey with so many wonderful people in Govan. Thank you doesn't really cover how I feel but I want to offer my gratitude to you for all that you have given me and for

the promise of continued prayers. Please be assured of my prayers as you face uncertain times, that you will wake every morning and see the potential in the day and days ahead. I am not far away and I will no doubt be in Govan many times in the future, but you will never be far from my thoughts. For seven years we journeyed together and that has shaped who we are. I take much of what I learned from you into my new post praying that Castlemilk benefits from your teaching of me. And as someone said before I left, the 34 goes to Castlemilk!

With much love

Paul

God's Gang

Hopefully, by now, we can feel spring in the air.

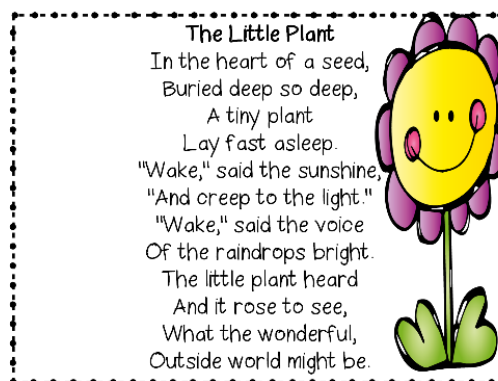
It seems such a long time since our Nativity Service. We do hope that you enjoyed our service. Ivy's rendition of Twinkle, Twinkle was delightful. She certainly enjoyed herself.

Gemma and Kyle were excellent as Mary and Joseph and Holly was wonderful singing. Thanks, also, go to our wise men, shepherds and our cute angels. Well done everyone.

In 2017 our topics have been – God has a plan for us, we are part of the Body of Christ and Let our light shine.

We are now looking at some of the parables and, of course, Easter. Did you see our 'Parable of the sower' in cupcakes? It was certainly a different way to tell the story of the sower and the seeds.

Karen Stevely



34th GLASGOW GIRLS' BRIGADE

On Wednesday 7th December we took the girls to the Harvester restaurant in Hillington Estate. We all had a lovely time and the girls were all on their best behaviour. We had a two course dinner and then Santa appeared and gave them all a present. We were asked if we would be doing it again next Christmas... we might!

Our Brigaders have been busy and helped make the Hogmanay gifts which were for sale before Christmas. The money raised - £400.00 - was given to the Church Renovation Fund.

We are off to Glenshee Christian Outdoor Centre on Friday 28th April for the weekend. The children are already getting excited and are all looking forward to it.

I can't believe we are talking about the Display already but this year it is on Friday 12th May and we hope you will put this date in your diary. We would love you to come along and support us at the Pearce Institute at 7.30 p.m.

The last night of the session will be Wednesday 17th May when we will be visiting Gambado soft play area at Braehead. This venue is a favourite with the girls. We get the whole centre to ourselves and they can try out all of the activities.

Sandra MacDonald

The Guild

This is always a quiet period of time for the Guild. We finished our last session with our Christmas Dinner and don't resume until 27th of February.

We had a lovely period up to Christmas with our carol service and of course our dinner which had, as usual, Andrew as our compere. If and when he gives up the Ministry he will have a place in theatre with his fine voice and of course his jokes. We were pleased to share our meal with friends and we had our visit from Santa which kept up our traditions.

Our opening evening will have Rev Tom Pollock with us and the following week we will have a bring and buy sale. The Project we are supporting this year is Christian Aid in Bolivia. On the 20th of March we will be having Joyce's Voices to entertain us who are a singing group from Hamilton. We met them at Christopher's Induction. We also have our friend from Karaoke Hymns, a trip to Eastwood Theatre, sharing in Holy Week services and a visit from Theatre South.

One of the most important decisions we have to make is where we will be going for our Annual Outing...all in all a busy few months.

Please feel free to join us at any of our meetings.

With love and blessings

Elspeth

98th Glasgow Scout Group

First, I would like to thank the Kirk session for allowing us the use of the church hall.

We meet on a Friday night from 7.00 – 9.00pm in the Govan Cross hall and are open to both boys and girls. Our sections are: Beavers (age 5-8), Cubs (age 8-10), Scouts (age 10-14), and Explorers (age 14-18).

We offer a wide range of activities ranging from cooking to science experiments alongside the more traditional outdoor skills programme that Scouts are famous for. All our sections have been participating in exciting activities recently, the Beavers have been working on their Animal Carer badge and so have been learning about looking after Hedgehogs. The Cubs have been learning about the local history of Govan, the Scouts have been learning cooking skills and are looking forward to taking part in our district cooking competition, and our Explorers have been dabbling in some woodwork skills alongside blowing off steam from exam pressure with some board game nights. We recently as a group went away for our annual Christmas Camp and enjoyed a wonderful full Christmas dinner while we were away and our Beavers and Cubs recently took part, along with about 600 others, in a sleepover event in the Science Centre.

We are looking forward to a Spring term full of camping, outdoor activity days away, and lots more fun on Friday nights!

Sharon



Communion Service

Our next Communion Service at Govan and Linthouse will take place on Sunday 5th March and our second collection will be for the SGH Parkinson Fund who are a local Parkinson Charity based in the new Queen Elisabeth Hospital.

The monthly Communion service at Govan Old will take place on the last Sunday of the month as usual at 9.45am.

Baptism

Scott William Love – son of Gordon & Carol Ann Love – 4th December 2016

Deaths

Kitty Stewart – November 2016 - Member

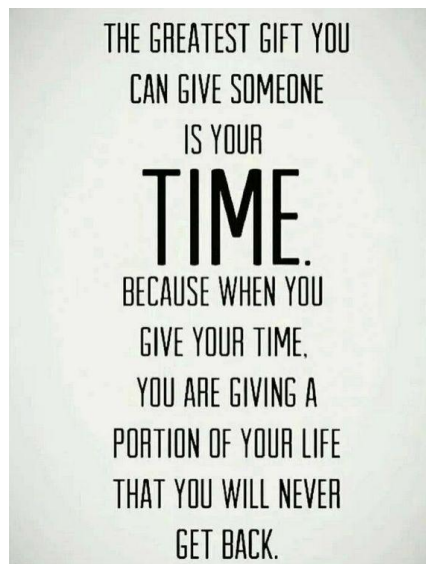
Alistair MacDonald – December 2016 - Elder

Nessie Anderson – January 2017 - Member

May McNaught – January 2017 – Elder

Isa Anderson – February 2017 - Member

Our condolences go out to all the family, friends and loved ones of our Members and Elders who have sadly passed.



Thank You – from Jean McFarlane

A massive thanks to all who help with the Sunday Teas, the Saturday Tearoom, the door duty people, Jean T for sorting the flowers after the service, Gillian and May and Marion for sorting the flowers for church, to everyone who support the flower calendar (there are always spaces in the diary if you wish to contribute to the flowers in church), to George for working so hard in Carol's absence, to May and Marion for setting up the tea stuff each Sunday, to Fiona MacDonald for doing the power point each week, to Frank Brown for all his hard work with our complicated accounts, to Elspeth Millen for putting up with us as Session Clerk, to the Elders for looking after their districts and visiting our members, to the ministry team for all their work and to anyone else who slips through the radar but helps with the running of our church on a weekly, daily or monthly basis. Thank You. Churches run on volunteers and helpers and without everyone who does stuff or picks up the odd wee job we couldn't function. Your help is valued and appreciated.

Jean McFarlane

Saturday Tearoom

By the time you read this the tearoom will be back in full swing and we look forward to seeing you there. Again a massive thank you to all who donate to the Saturday tearoom, your donations of eggs, flour, sugar, tea etc all help to increase the profits made during the hours opened and all helps with the church funds. Also a massive thank you to all who help out and volunteer on the day and to the customers who faithfully attend we really couldn't do it without your support.

RENOVATION FUND

Thanks to everyone who supports this fund. At the moment we are nearly at £26,000!

The Christmas Hamper raised £567.00 for the fund and the winner was Elaine McNamara (grandmother of Casey and Abby).

Our next fundraising effort will be Easter themed –

“Guess how many eggs the rabbit has in his basket”.

The cost will be £1 per guess.

Fiona has bought a large rabbit and he will be holding a basket full of eggs of various sizes. All you have to do is guess how many eggs are in the basket. The person nearest to the actual number will win the prize. I know not everyone might want the prize but I am sure you could donate it to your favourite charity, hospital, children's home etc. The winner will get the prize the week before Easter.

Sandra MacDonald



Mary's meals

The magazine report seems to have come round again so fast. It doesn't seem that long since I was writing my thanks to you all, but it is always a pleasure to thank you. The wee boxes still keep coming in faithfully, even one supporter delivered it by hand to my home, now that's dedication! Our running total keeps rising. At present it stands at £5,875.00. What this money has done we can only imagine as it is only £13.20 to feed one child for a year. So once again thank you all so much and a wee thanks to the ones who take the donations for me when I am not around. On that note please, can I ask you again to pop a wee note with just your name on it into the bag or box of money? I keep note of all donations. I hope you see the wee letters we get about Mary's meals, if you're looking for them, I pin them on the wall in church hall.

Thanks again.

Rose.

Action Aid

A new year has begun for this charity and already I have received a lovely letter explaining what they have achieved in the last year. I will try and get this to all my supporters as the charity works in many parts of the world where help is most needed. They instantly help in disasters, they are heavily involved in working with people to get water to them, to set up health centres and employ people as doctors nurses and midwives, they provide help to enable them to plant seeds and grow their own food, they set small workshops and train people in new jobs, they talk to village chiefs so that young girls are not married off too young and they fight big companies who flaunt the tax laws...all in all they are a miracle to so many people. So I thank you all for your support. If you would like to get involved and help to support this Charity, it costs £6 per annum and can be paid in total or 3 payments of £2. Please look out for my wee letters which I put up on the wall in the hall....thanks again

Rose

Get Well Soon

We are missing so many of our members through illnesses and we want to let you know we are thinking of you. Carol Mills we hope you are taking it easy and regaining your strength, Lily Ferguson we hope you are on the mend. To Annie Alison, Ella Love, Jean Findlay, Sadie Millsop, Margaret Grieve, Eleanor MacDonald and to everyone else who is unwell you are in our thoughts and prayers.

A massive thank you again to all our congregation who help us support many different charities, your generosity never ceases to amaze me and some of these charities just can't survive without our help. Here are some we have recently helped. Gillian

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Mr Frank Brown
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7 December 2016

Dear Mr Brown

Thank You!

On behalf of everyone here at Erskine, veterans, families and staff, I am delighted to let you know we received your generous donation of £145.00 raised at your Remembrance Service and cannot thank you enough for your support.

It really is thanks to people like you that we are able to provide such a high quality of care for the brave men and women who depend on us. Donations are a vital part of our funding, Erskine needs to raise £173k each week, that's £8.9 million a year to support veterans in our care. This helps to fund everything from large items like specialised medical equipment to smaller things like special cutlery that helps veterans to eat without assistance. Gifts from supporters also enable us to provide services like physio and speech therapy and to run the daily recreation programme that does so much to improve the quality of life of our residents.

Erskine care for around 1,000 ex-Service men and women every year. We do this by providing unrivalled nursing, respite and dementia care in our homes. Our person-centered care is tailored to the needs of each individual veteran. As long as there is a need for our Armed Forces involvement in conflicts world-wide, there will always be a need for Erskine to Care.

Erskine is a family. Our strength lies in the very special blend of dedicated care, compassion and understanding we offer to our residents and their families. We not only care *for* our veterans – we care *about* them.

Thanks again for your support.

Yours sincerely



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*We very much look forward to your continued support in
the future*

Signed _____

Ian Hopkins

Operations Manager

The Coming Home Centre

The church, it seems, is in a perpetual state of decline. If reports are to be believed then the last door will be closed within the next 20 years and we will be nothing but a memory. Thousands of years of history consigned to books and countless people remembered only for believing in a fictitious character who many see as being a great man but not the son of God come to save the world. There will be lots of theories about what went wrong and why so many people for so many years followed this man. Strange tales will emerge of fantastic buildings erected to house the people who were his followers and the history books will record that although this was a very important period in world history, it has passed and we are now in a new age where religion doesn't matter, and Jesus is little more than a memory. If, that is, reports are to be believed. I don't believe the reports. Having said that, we need to take them seriously. In the passages we heard this morning we note a few things. We see why Jesus came to the world, we see that what had been planned had to be fulfilled, we see how Jesus even though he was full of anguish went forward and took the plan to completion, and we see that there is a much bigger picture to be seen than first glance.

Jesus has just come from the garden of Gethsemane having prayed that somehow God would change his mind or find another way. We are told that he sweated blood and scientists have proved that when there is enough stress present, people can sweat blood through their pores. Knowing what was ahead, Jesus was in that state of stress proving his humanity was real. As we read this we see not a nice picture of Christ but one that should make us all sit up and take notice of what he went through. Hymns and prayers and readings and structures mattered not to him. But he was in complete communion with God the father and what he was being asked to do stretched the limits of all human feeling. Yet this was his calling and he had to see it through. It wasn't that he was fed up being alive in this world or that somehow life had got on top of him. It was part of God's plan of redemption that he had to face this trial and suffering for the good of us all. That's hard for us to hear because we don't want to think about it, but hard as it is, it is true. If it be possible, take this cup of suffering he said. And the silence was deafening. Yet by the end of the time of prayer he was ready, ready to carry out what God had ordained. Let it be so was the outcome. Note what Jesus says here, not my will but yours be done. Isn't that what we pray every week? Don't we say that as part of our coming together as part of God's family? Yet how many of us are willing to go as far as Jesus did? Well, fortunately we don't have to because Jesus went to that place for us. But if we pray that prayer earnestly then we must be willing to sacrifice when God asks for something from us. It must be about him and not us. Jesus came to the world to die for the world as the one time sacrifice, and if we are called by God to serve him then we measure what we are being asked to give up against what Jesus did. And we find that it doesn't even come close.

We know that a day after this event took place Jesus did go to the cross and suffered and died for us. The Apostles didn't know that at the time. For them this must have been the strangest night of their lives. One minute they are having dinner with Jesus celebrating one of the most important events in the Jewish calendar, then they are transported to a place of bemusement and pain as they watch Jesus betrayed and arrested. And picture the scene, lots of noise, people with swords an angry mob. Disciples trying to get up to speed with what's going on and in the midst of it all the only person who really knows what is happening is Jesus himself. He has anticipated this moment, remember at the supper he said to Judas to go and do what he had to do and Judas left the room and carried out his plan. None of this has come as a surprise to Jesus. And then in the midst of it all Simon Peter draws his sword and cuts off the ear of one of the guards. You would expect mayhem after that but here is the big picture and here is what we often miss when we are looking at this part of scripture. Jesus speaks and tells them to put their weapons away. His concern here is that he doesn't lose any of the ones the father has given him, and he heals the man's ear. He reaches out and touches the wound and heals it. And as I wonder what was going on that night I am fixated at this event because it must have had a profound effect on the gathered throng. Yet we too often miss it because we are thinking only about Jesus being arrested. We don't see the bigger picture of Jesus the son of God come into the world to save the world and to do outrageous things like touch the ear

of someone who is considered an enemy and heal. In that one moment we see what they must have seen, that this is truly why Jesus came into the world. We mustn't see only the parts that suit us, we must look carefully at what is going on and ask whether we are missing something. Otherwise we do miss something, and it is something important. Jesus goes out into the garden knowing that he has to face suffering, in fact he is already suffering. He is so stressed that he sweats blood, he wants not to have to face this, yet, difficult though it is he knows he has to and he knows it is because God has a bigger plan. Keep that in mind. Never let it go. Don't be distracted by events of the here and now because if you are you will miss something very important. The Spirit would come and finish the work in them that had been started, that was the after plan, after these difficult events, and the church – as we now know – would thrive and grow and blossom and Jesus himself said that the gates of hell would never prevail against it. So I don't believe the church is in terminal decline but change happens, sometimes difficult change.

My friends, this church is in a time of growth. There is a vibrancy about here that will blossom in the future. You must believe that and carry it with you through difficult times. In that garden Jesus was saying to people that they were not to worry because it was going to be okay. I believe in my heart that he says that to us now. It's going to be okay. It might not seem like it but God has a plan for this church, a plan to prosper it and that plan has been in place for some years now. Last week we celebrated our togetherness in our anniversary service. Let that togetherness grow stronger and stronger and let nobody tell you that it is not alright because Jesus says that is alright. Part of the difficulty of God's plan is that in ministry it is a challenge to let go. But when God calls us to serve him, it is for a time and a place. When we look at Scripture we see how the church grew because the Apostles went to a place having been directed by the Holy Spirit and enabled people to take on leadership of the church they founded. I hope that in the time I have been here that I have at least began to enable some of you and that the work I have done has been fruitful. But that work is now better suited to someone with different skills and for some time I have felt a call to somewhere else. This is one of the challenges of ministry because it is scary when God calls. But over a period of time, and with much prayer I recognise that the time is now to respond to a new call from God. The same God who called me here, the same God who has given me such a wonderful privilege in being able to serve here. It has not been easy to say yes to that call. The period since July has been immensely challenging and emotional and that has meant the decision on understanding God's call has been more difficult. But through the doubts and emotional turmoil I have a strong sense of God saying that it's going to be okay. And even though I don't fully understand it all I, and we, have to believe that it will be okay. God has a plan, a bigger picture. We don't see all of it, but it's there.

So after an awful lot of soul searching and emotional wrangling I feel a strong sense that God is saying now is the time to let someone else, someone he has already called, come and take on the work he has given me in Govan. I will be here and will serve this congregation to the best of my abilities till the end of the year. Early in the new year I will move to a new calling in Castlemilk and it will be a new beginning for everyone. Yet, we were already facing that anyway. I believe God is saying it's going to be okay and that he has a plan. In the interim period we will try and work out what that plan is and I pray that in the new year new people will be in place and this congregation will flourish. God has a plan, he says it's going to be okay. We have to believe that.

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Promising Prophecies about Jesus

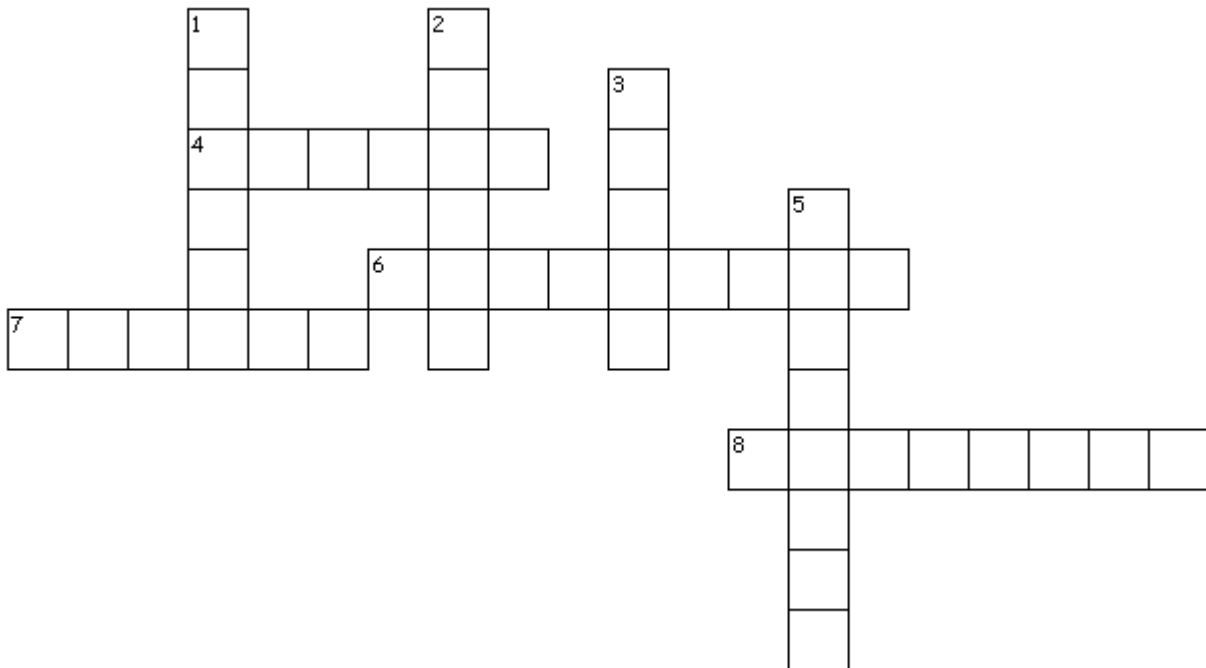
JESUS BEING BETRAYED BY A DISCIPLE

The coming of Jesus is predicted many times in the Old Testament. **Zechariah 11:12-13** speaks of Judas Iscariot betraying Jesus for 30 pieces of silver and throwing the coins on the Temple floor. Read the verse and complete the crossword.

Zechariah 11:12-13

12 I told them, "If you think it best, give me my pay; but if not, keep it." So they paid me thirty pieces of silver.

13 And the Lord said to me, "Throw it to the potter" – the handsome price at which they valued me! So I took the thirty pieces of silver and threw them to the potter at the house of the Lord.



Across:

4. Another name for house of the Lord
6. Name of the prophet
7. Number of coins
8. Middle name of Judas

Down:

1. Throw it to the ...
2. Type of coins
3. Disciple being prophesied about
5. Word sarcastically describing the price

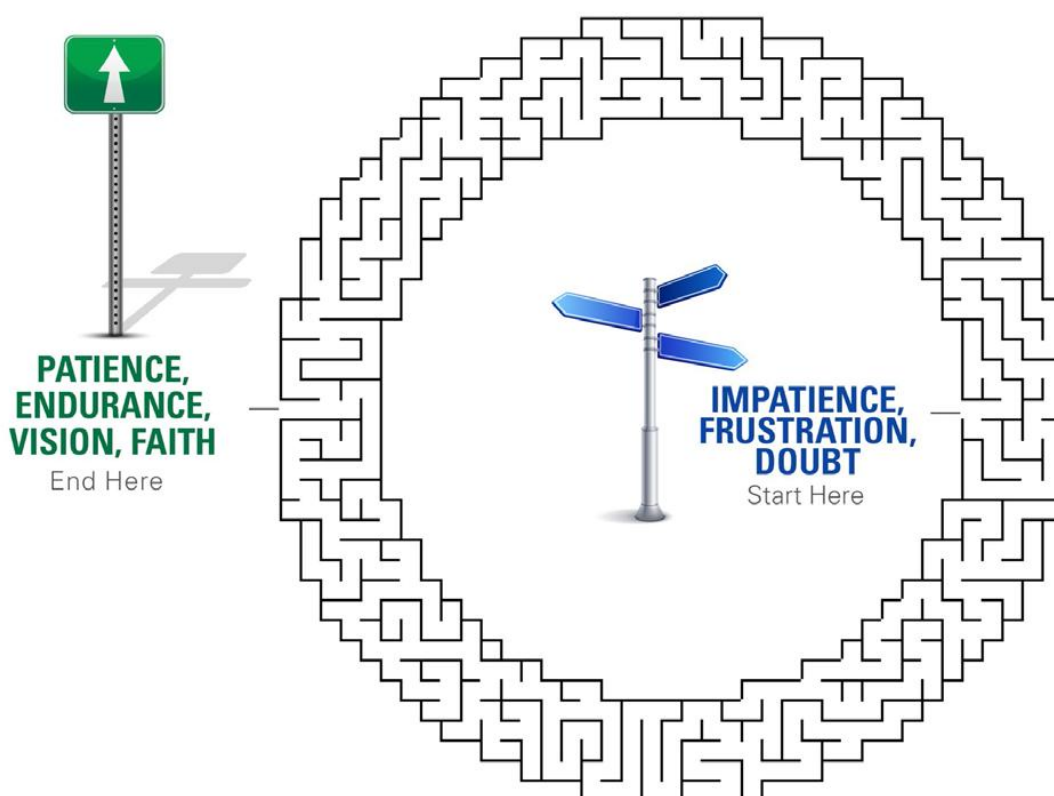
A-Maze-ing Bible Grace

THE ROAD TO HAVING PATIENCE

Christianity is often referred to as a “walk with God” or a journey. That’s because we do not mature overnight. To adopt the traits we need to be considered “spiritually mature,” God will put us in a situation time and again to test that trait. Just as your teacher asks you to do the same old times tables or spelling every day, God asks you to endure the same old waiting games when he wants you to have more patience.

Next time you hear your heart saying, “*Nothing* ever changes; this will *always* be the same,” know with confidence that God is right there, the author and finisher of your faith, taking you down the road to having patience. Follow the labyrinth from impatience and frustration to rejoicing that your patience is now a treasure:

Philippians



Philippians 1:6 -- ...being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.



THE LORD'S PRAYER - MATTHEW 6:9-13

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