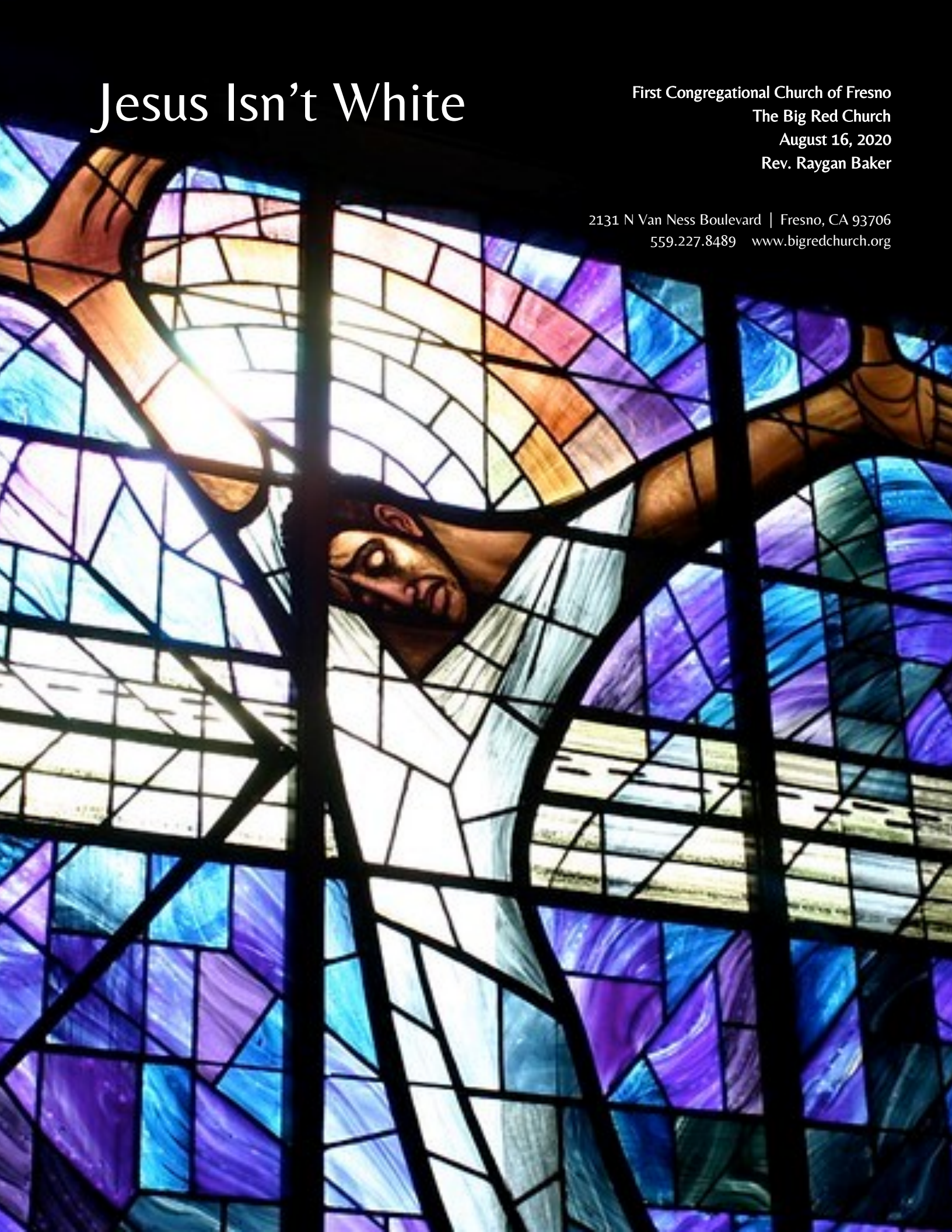


Jesus Isn't White

First Congregational Church of Fresno
The Big Red Church
August 16, 2020
Rev. Raygan Baker

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Welcome! Thank you for worshipping with us online! The Big Red Church is **BOLD** in our faith in Jesus Christ, **PROUD** of our tradition and history of inclusion, and **PROGRESSIVE** in our work towards a just world for all. If you would like to keep in touch with us, just text "loop" to 559-425-4050 and fill out the Connect Card. While in the Zoom Chat, please greet one another! Your microphones will be muted throughout the service to help improve the sound quality of the livestream.

(*Congregation may stand | Responses: Liturgist/**Congregation/all**)

Prelude "Bist du bei mir" - J.S. Bach Scott Horton, organ

Welcome Rev. Raygan Baker

Call to Worship

One: May God be gracious to us, bless us, and cover us with the radiance of holy grace.

Many: May your way be known everywhere, God:
in the hidden places of our hearts;
in the comfort of our homes;
in every corner of our world;
in the farthest reaches of creation.
You transform us; you heal our lives;
you renew the earth and every creature:
Let our praise for you rise up in joy!

Opening Prayer

Liturgist: Karson Kalashian

*Holy One, we remember with wonder and joy
that your spirit is reaching everywhere:
rejoicing in the liveliness of all living things;
touching what is wounded or ill with healing power;
gathering in the lonely, the lost, the least;
soothing ancient animosities;
creating and recreating a vision of hope.*

*Come now, Holy Spirit.
Let our worship rejoice in you,
and lift our hearts,
and bind us in one family of loving grace.
We ask in Jesus' name; Amen.*

Hymn "Sing Praise to God"

Scripture Reading Genesis 45:1-15 Liturgist: Karson Kalashian

Time for Discovery

Draw the circle wide, draw it wider still;
let this be our song — no one stands alone,
standing side by side. Draw the circle wide.
(Sing twice)

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Blessing the Devices

Scripture Reading: Matthew 15: (10-20), 21-28 Liturgist: Karson Kalashian

Sermon "Jesus isn't White" Rev. Raygan Baker

Hymn

“Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior”

Sharing our Prayer Requests

Sung Call to Prayer

Lord, listen to your children praying:
Lord send your Spirit in this place.
Lord, listen to your children praying:
Send us love, send us power, send us grace.

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Prayers of the People

Invitation to Generosity

Liturgist: Karson Kalashian

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Blessing and Sung Benediction

Go now in peace, never be afraid;
God will go with you each hour of ev'ry day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true;
know God will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love and show you believe.
Reach out to others so all the world will see
God will be there, watching from above.
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.
Amen. Amen. Amen.

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The 16th Street Baptist Church bombing was a white supremacist terrorist attack which occurred at the African-American 16th Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, Alabama, on Sunday, September 15, 1963. This stained glass was given to the church by the people of Wales after the bombing.
<https://www.birminghamtimes.com/2018/10/the-iconic-wales-window-inside-16th-street-baptist-church/>

Sing Praise to God, Who Has Shaped

Joachim Neander, 1680

Transl. Madeleine Forell Marshall, 1993

1 Sing praise to God, who has shaped and sus - tains all cre -
2 Praise God, our guard - ian, who lov - ing - ly of - fers cor -
3 Sing praise to God, with sin - cere thanks for all your suc -
4 Sing praise, my soul, the great name of your high God com -

a - tion! Sing praise, my soul, in pro - found and com -
rec - tion, Who, as on ea - gle's wings, saves us from
cess - es. Mer - ci - ful God ev - er loves to en -
mend - ing. All that have life and breath join you, their

plete ad - o - ra - tion! Glad - some re - joi - ce — or - gan and
sin - ful de - jec - tion. Have you ob - served, how we are
cour - age and bless us. On - ly con - ceive, what god - ly
notes sweet - ly blend - ing. God is your light! Soul, ev - er

trum - pet and voice — join - ing God's great con - gre - ga - tion.
al - ways pre - served by God's pa - ren - tal af - fec - tion?
strength can a - chieve: strength that would touch and car - ess us.
keep this in sight: a - men, a - men nev - er end - ing.

Joachim Neander was a dedicated, caring pastor of the Reformed Church in Düsseldorf, Germany. This was the most familiar of his fifty-six hymn texts, which were published along with many of his original tunes in 1680, the year of his death.

Tune: LOBE DEN HERREN 14.14.4.7.8.
Erneuerten Gesangbuch, Stralsund, 1665
Adapt. and harm. William S. Bennett, 1863

Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior

Fanny Crosby (1820-1915); alt.

1 Pass me not, O gen - tle Sav - ior, hear my hum - ble cry;
2 Let me at your throne of mer - cy find a sweet re - lief;
3 Trust - ing on - ly in your mer - it, would I seek your face;
4 Be the Spring of all my com - fort, more than life to me;

While on oth - ers you are call - ing, do not pass me by.
Kneel - ing there in deep con - tri - tion, help my un - be - lief.
Heal my wound - ed, bro - ken spir - it, save me by your grace.
Not just here on earth be - side me, but e - ter - nal - ly.

Refrain

Sav - ior, Sav - ior, hear my hum - ble cry;

While on oth - ers you are call - ing, do not pass me by.

Fanny Crosby was already a successful writer when she became associated with gospel hymnists Sankey, Sweney, Root, and others. She directed her talent to gospel songs in her early forties, and collaborated with William Doane on many hymns.

Tune: PASS ME NOT 8.5.8.5. with refrain
William H. Doane (1832-1915)

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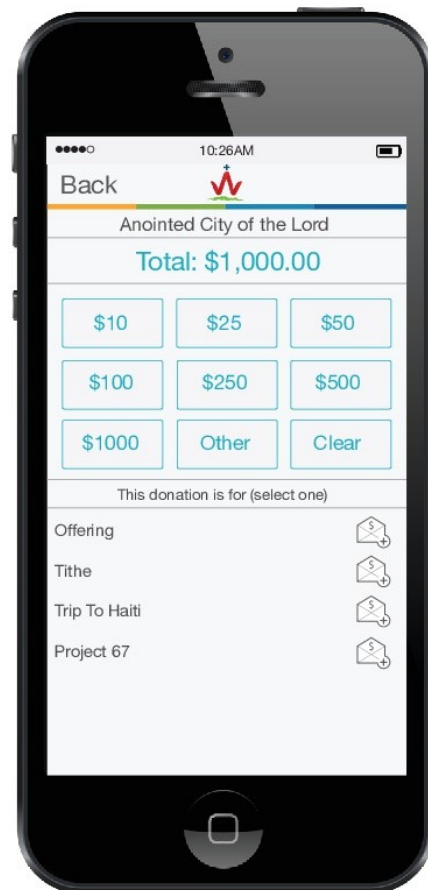
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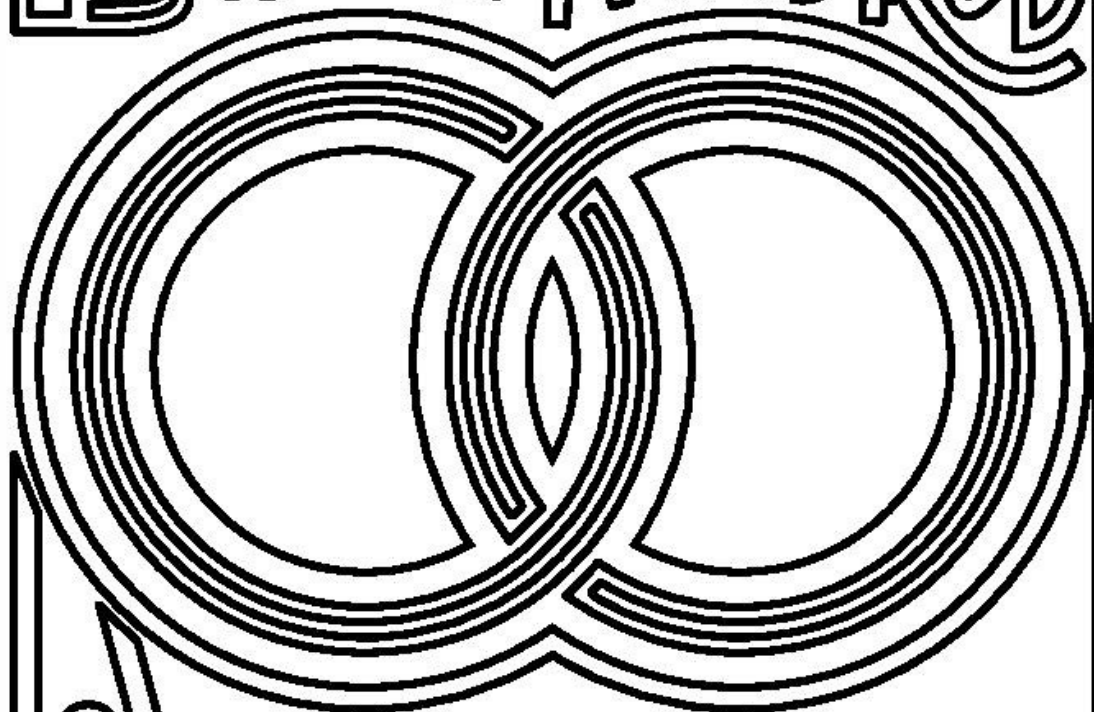
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CHILDREN'S WORSHIP • BULLETIN

Activities based on Genesis 45:1-15, Psalm 133, Matthew 15:(10-20), 21-28.

HOW VERY GOOD
& PLEASANT
IT IS WHEN KINDRED



live unity

WORDSEARCH

Try to find the words from Matthew 15 in the word search below. Words may go diagonal, up OR down and forward OR backward.

I Z C S R R J H D H E L P E M
R B G Z O R U G L T I H X L E
W E J N L O K D J J E Z Z B R
N E T T C R S W R L P E J A C
E R X H H I O U B O G F V T Y
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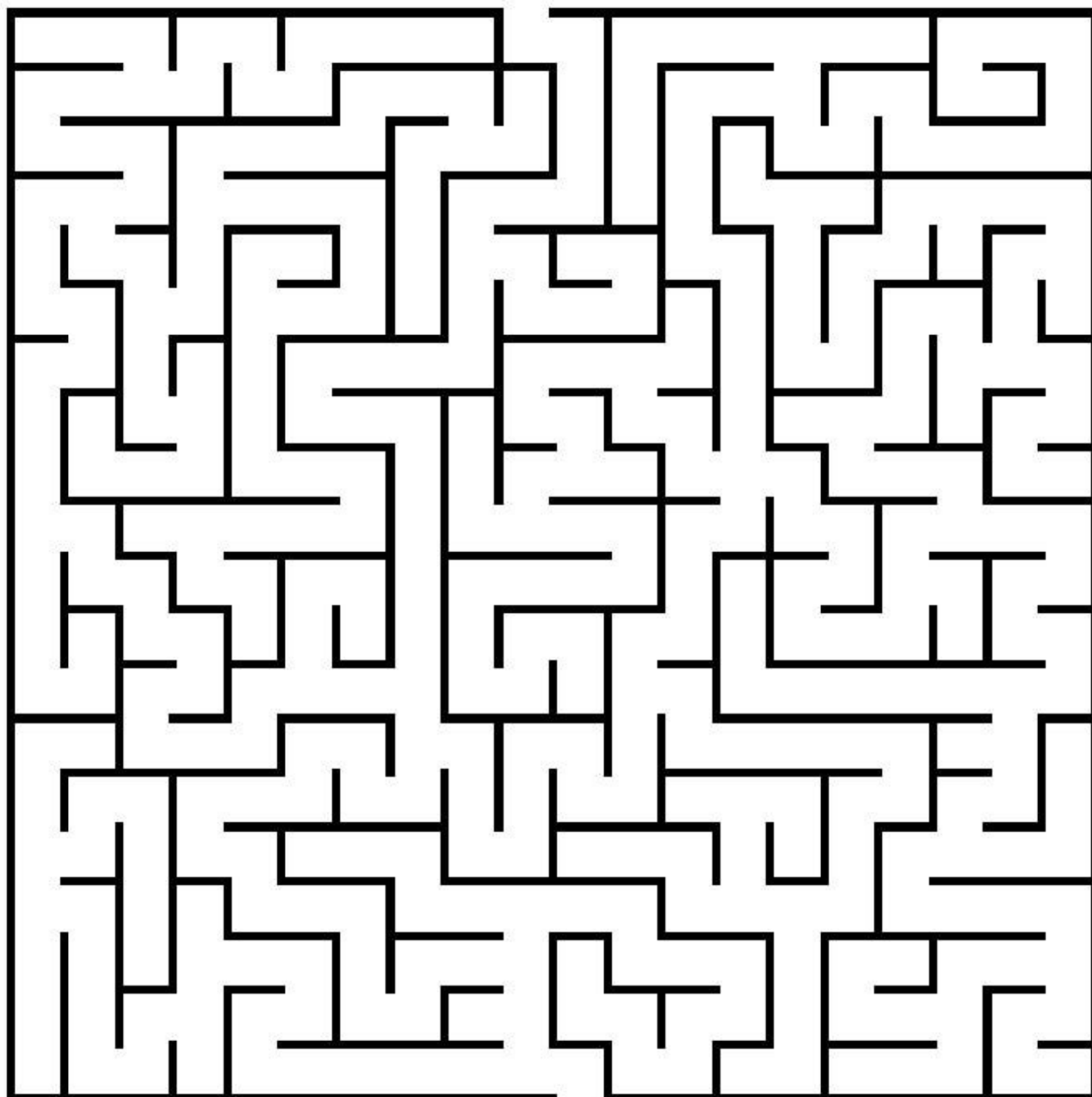
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LISTEN
UNDERSTAND
FATHER
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DISCIPLES

PARABLE
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DAUGHTER
MERCY
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FAITH
HEAL

SOLVE (the) MAZE

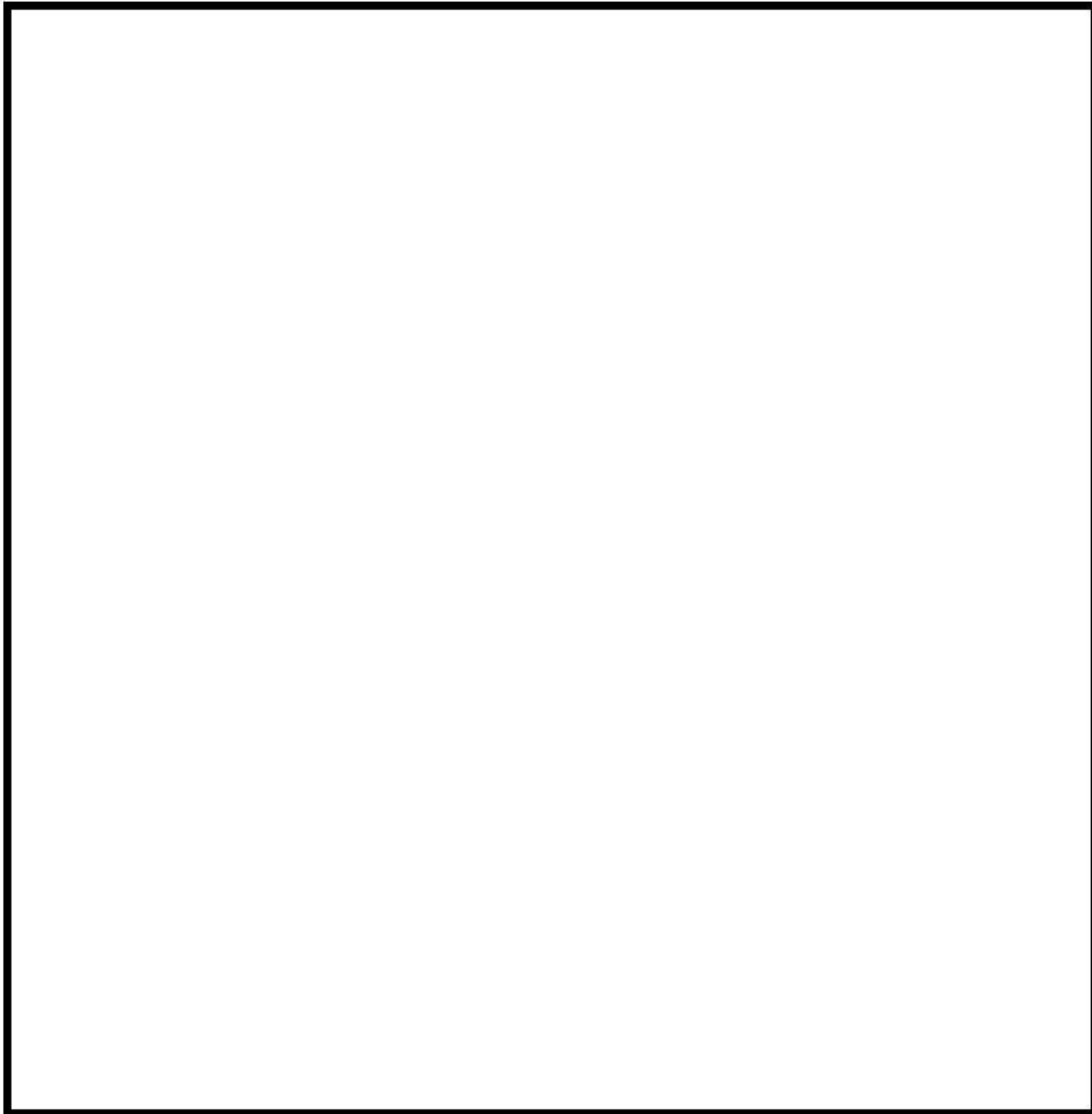
In Genesis 45, Joseph's brothers have traveled all the way to Egypt for food due to famine in their land. Help them find their way!





DRAW IT

In Matthew 15, Jesus shares the importance of how we talk. The words we say have power! Draw a picture of you using your words to encourage someone else.



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