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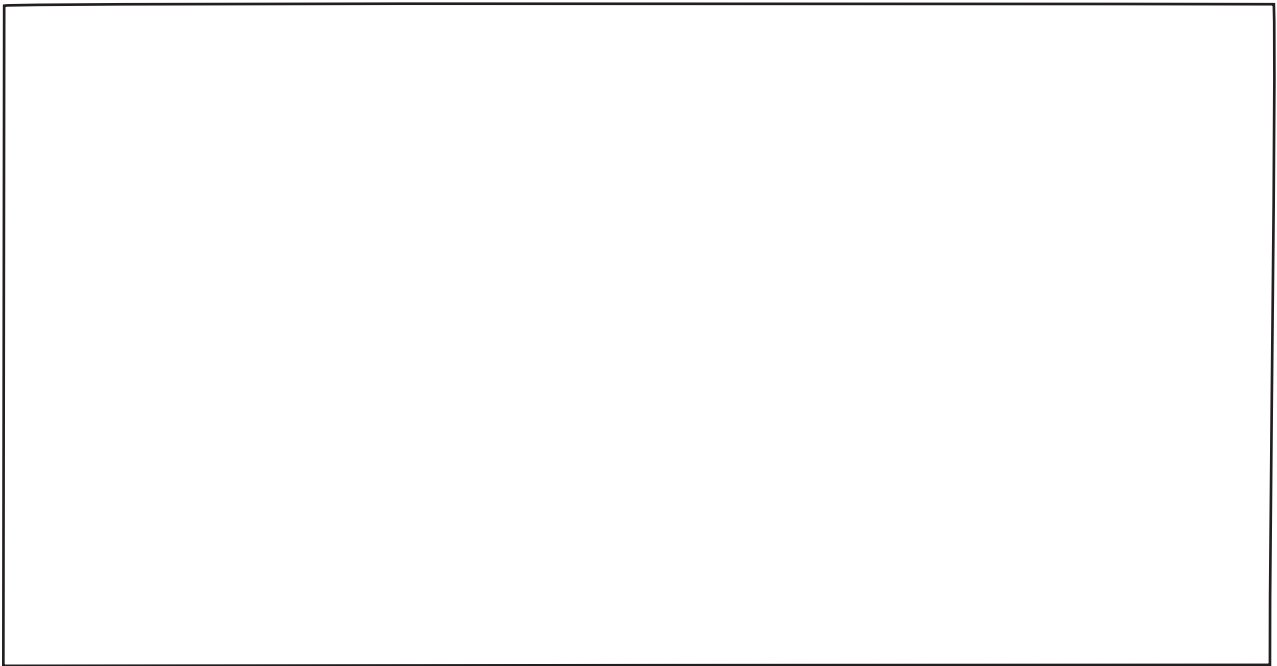
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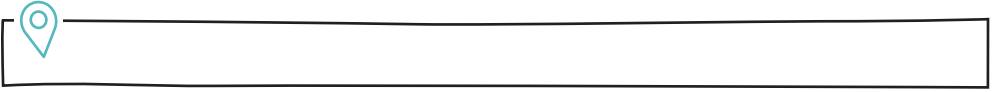
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gossiping, deceit, and malice. They gossip and speak evil of one another; they are hateful to God, insolent, proud, and boastful; they think of more ways to do evil; they disobey their parents;³¹ they have no conscience; they do not keep their promises, and they show no kindness or pity for others.³² They know that God's law says that people who live in this way deserve death. Yet, not only do they continue to do these very things, but they even approve of others who do them.

God's Judgement

2 Do you, my friend, pass judgement on others? You



The Example of Abraham

4 What shall we say, then, of Abraham, the father of our race? What was his experience? he was



of our troubles, because we know that trouble produces endurance,⁴ endurance brings God's approval, and his approval creates hope.⁵ This hope does not disappoint

far as sin is concerned, but living in fellowship with God through Christ Jesus.

¹²Sin must no longer rule in your mortal bodies, so that you obey the desires of your natural self. Nor must you surrender any part of yourselves to sin to be used for wicked purposes. Instead, give yourselves to God, as those who have been brought from death to life, and surrender your whole being to him to be used for righteous purposes.¹⁴ Sin must not be your master; for you do not live under law but under God's grace.

Slaves of Righteousness

¹⁵What, then? Shall we sin, because we are not under law but under God's grace? By no means! Surely you know that when you surrender yourselves as slaves to obey someone, you are in fact the slaves of the master you obey — either of sin, which results in death, or of obedience, which results in being put right with God. But thanks be to God! For though at one time you were slaves to sin, you have obeyed with all your heart the truths found in the teaching you received.⁸ You were set free from sin and became the slaves of righteousness. (I use everyday language because of the weakness of your natural selves.) At one time you surrendered yourselves entirely as slaves to impurity and wickedness for wicked



because God willed it to be so. Yet there was the hope
²¹that creation itself would one day be set free from its
slavery to decay and would share the glorious freedom
of the children of God.²² For we know that up to the
present time all of creation groans with pain, like the
pain of childbirth.²³ But it is not just creation alone which
groans; we who have the Spirit as the first of God's gifts
also groan within ourselves, as we wait for God to make
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Romans



Matt.
Mark
Luke
John
Acts

Salvation is for All

⁵Moses wrote this about being put right with God by obeying the Law: "Whoever obeys the commands of the Law will live."⁶But what the scripture says about being put right with God through faith is this: "You are not to ask yourself, Who will go up into heaven?" (that is, to bring Christ down).⁷"Nor are you to ask, Who will go down into the world below?" (that is, to bring Christ up from death).⁸What it says is this: "God's message is near you, on your lips and in your heart" — that is, the message of faith that we preach.⁹If you confess that Jesus is Lord and believe that God raised him from death, you will be saved.¹⁰For it is by our faith that we are put right with God; it is by our confession that we are saved.¹¹The scripture says, "Whoever believes in him will not be disappointed."¹²This includes everyone, because there is no difference between Jews and Gentiles; God is the same Lord of all and richly blesses all who call to him.¹³As the scripture says, "Everyone who calls out to the Lord for help will be saved."

¹⁴But how can they call to him for help if they have not