

⁸ Why should any of you consider it incredible that God raises the dead? ⁹ "I too was convinced that I ought to do all that was possible to oppose the name of Jesus of Nazareth. ¹⁰ And that is just what I did in Jerusalem. On the authority of the chief priests I put many of the Lord's people in prison, and when they were put to death, I cast my vote against them. ¹¹ Many a time I went from one synagogue to another to have them punished, and I tried to force them to blaspheme. I was so obsessed with persecuting them that I even hunted them down in foreign cities. ...

Acts 26:8-29



¹² “On one of these journeys I was going to Damascus with the authority and commission of the chief priests. ¹³ About noon, King Agrippa, as I was on the road, I saw a light from heaven, brighter than the sun, blazing around me and my companions. ¹⁴ We all fell to the ground, and I heard a voice saying to me in Aramaic, ‘Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me? It is hard for you to kick against the goads.’ ¹⁵ “Then I asked, ‘Who are you, Lord?’ “I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting,’ the Lord replied. ¹⁶ ‘Now get up and stand on your feet. I have appeared to you to appoint you as a servant and as a witness of what you have seen and will see of me. ...

Acts 26:8-29



¹⁷ I will rescue you from your own people and from the Gentiles. I am sending you to them ¹⁸ to open their eyes and turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, so that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me.' ¹⁹ "So then, King Agrippa, I was not disobedient to the vision from heaven. ²⁰ First to those in Damascus, then to those in Jerusalem and in all Judea, and then to the Gentiles, I preached that they should repent and turn to God and demonstrate their repentance by their deeds. ²¹ That is why some Jews seized me in the temple courts and tried to kill me. ...

Acts 26:8-29



²² But God has helped me to this very day; so I stand here and testify to small and great alike. I am saying nothing beyond what the prophets and Moses said would happen — ²³ that the Messiah would suffer and, as the first to rise from the dead, would bring the message of light to his own people and to the Gentiles.” ²⁴ At this point Festus interrupted Paul’s defense. “You are out of your mind, Paul!” he shouted. “Your great learning is driving you insane.” ²⁵ “I am not insane, most excellent Festus,” Paul replied. “What I am saying is true and reasonable. ...

Acts 26:8-29



²⁶ The king is familiar with these things, and I can speak freely to him. I am convinced that none of this has escaped his notice, because it was not done in a corner. ²⁷ King Agrippa, do you believe the prophets? I know you do." ²⁸ Then Agrippa said to Paul, "Do you think that in such a short time you can persuade me to be a Christian?" ²⁹ Paul replied, "Short time or long—I pray to God that not only you but all who are listening to me today may become what I am, except for these chains."

Acts 26:8-29



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What could help you believe
that God had created you to be
a difference maker?



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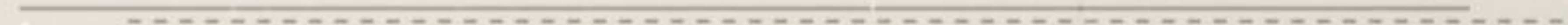
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**“Hey @apostles: Got that Call,
no more Saul, Now I’m Paul.”**



What are those three
difference-making questions?






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a question for the world






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What are those three difference-making questions?

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a question for you



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incredible that God raises the dead?

Acts 26:8

“I had deep within me the inability to do nothing. I knew I may die, but I also knew that I would not die with a bullet in my back.”

Joshua Chamberlain



“Who are you, Lord?”

Acts 26:15

“I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting,” the Lord replied. “Now get up and stand on your feet. I have appeared to you to appoint you as a servant and as a witness of what you have seen and will see of me.”

Acts 26:15-16

Procheirizō

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to take into one's own hands
and form for one's own use.

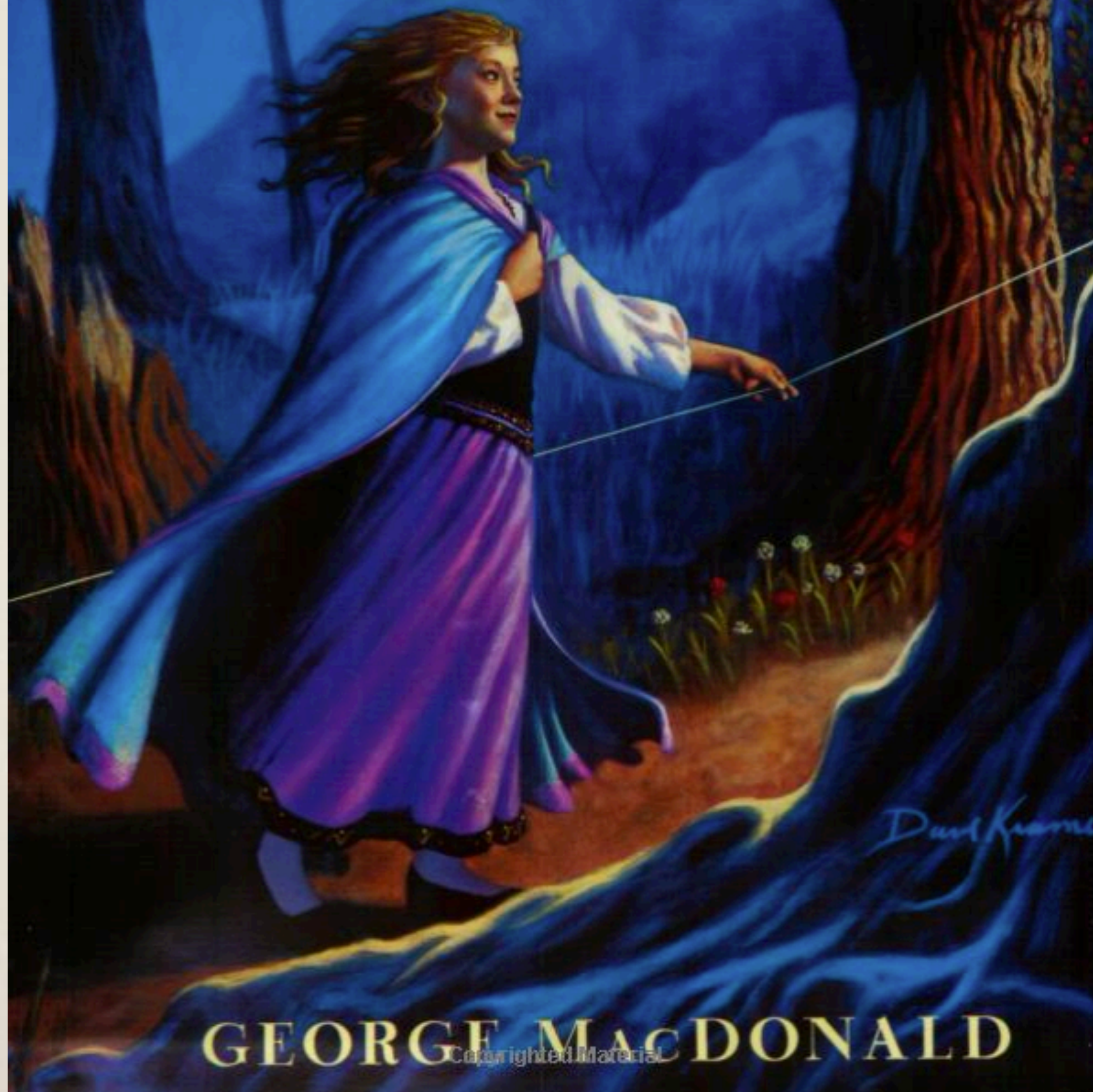
“I will rescue you from your own people and from the Gentiles. I am sending you to them”

Acts 26:17

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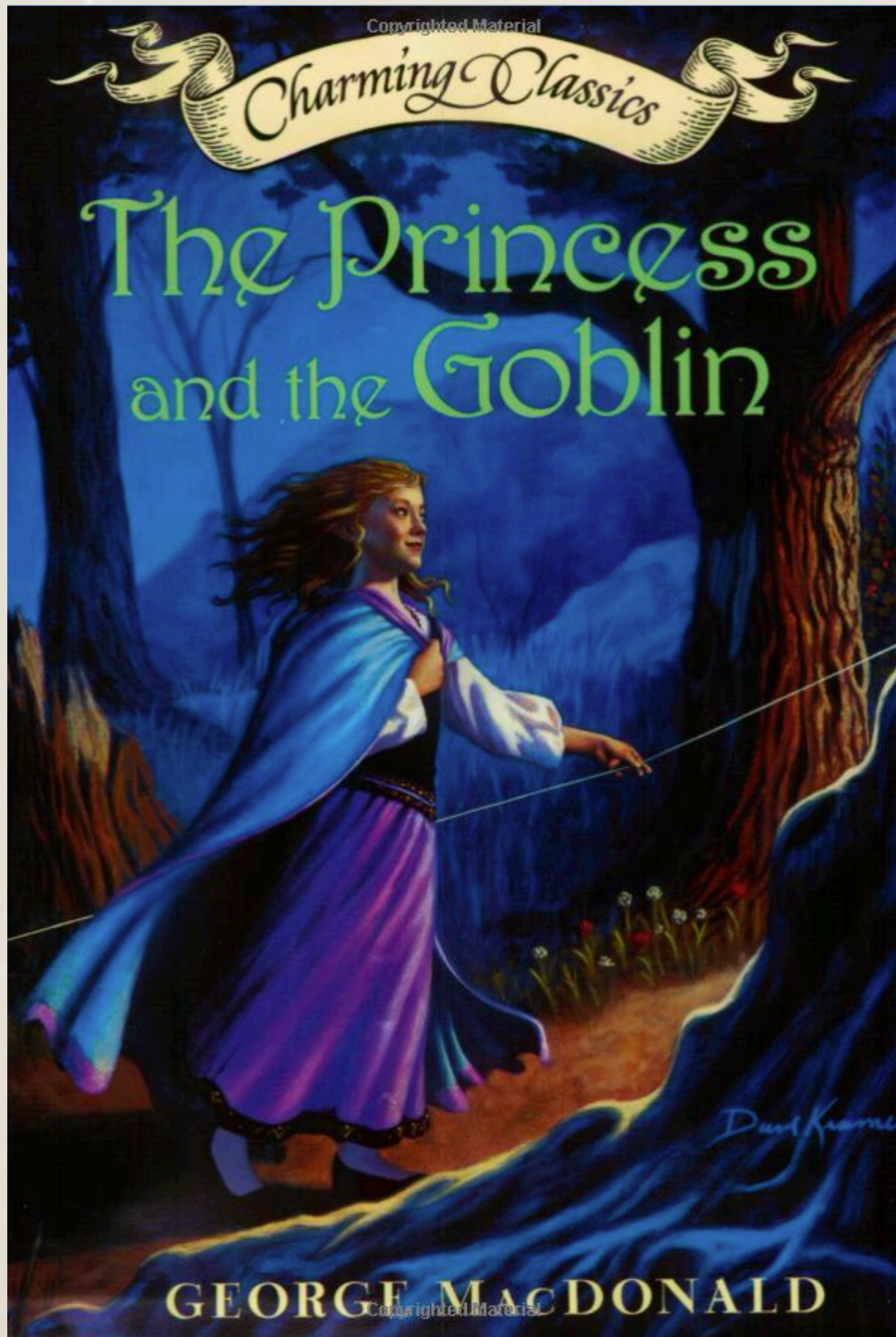
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The Princess and the Goblin



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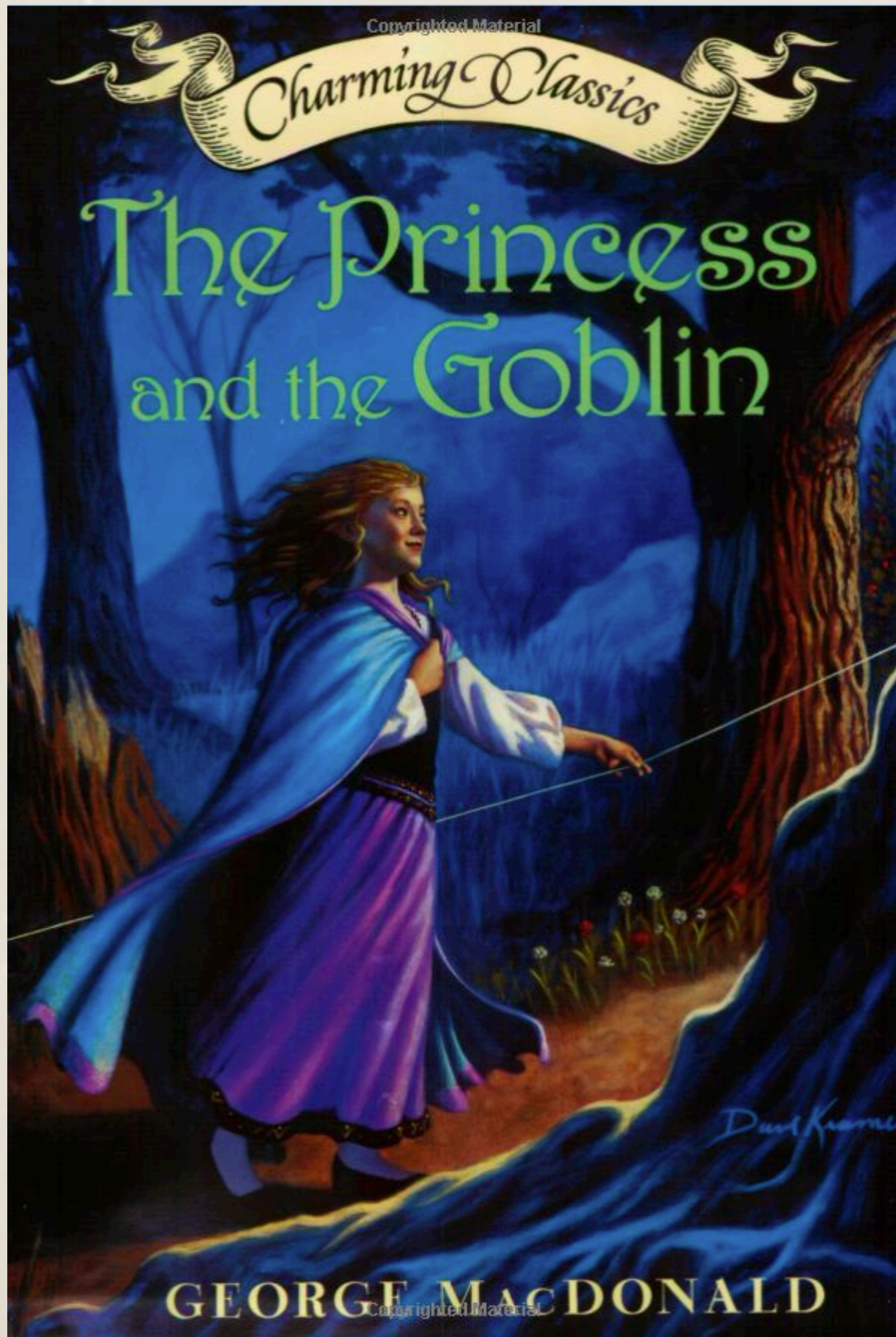


“Now, listen,” says the grandmother, if ever you find yourself in any danger, you must take off your ring and put it under the pillow of your bed. Then you must lay your forefinger... upon the thread, and follow the thread wherever it leads you.”

“Oh, how delightful! It will lead me to you, Grandmother, I know!”

“Yes,” said the grandmother, “but remember, it may seem to you a very roundabout way indeed, and you must not doubt the thread. Of one thing you may be sure, that while you hold it, I hold it, too.”

George MacDonald



"Where are you going there? That's not the way out. That's where I couldn't get out."

"I know that," says Irene. "But this is the way my thread goes, and I must follow it."

George MacDonald

“King Agrippa, do you believe?”


Acts 26:27

“Then Agrippa said to Paul, “Do you think that in such a short time you can persuade me to be a Christian?””


Acts 26:28

“In a short time you will persuade
me to become a Christian”

Acts 26:28



“Paul replied, “Short time or long—I pray to God that not only you but all who are listening to me today may become what I am, except for these chains.””



Acts 26:29

"I am sending you to them to open their eyes and turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, so that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me."

Acts 26:17-19

To become a Christian means to:

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Have your eyes opened

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To be turned from darkness to light

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To be turned from the power of Satan
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To receive a place (a status of safety)
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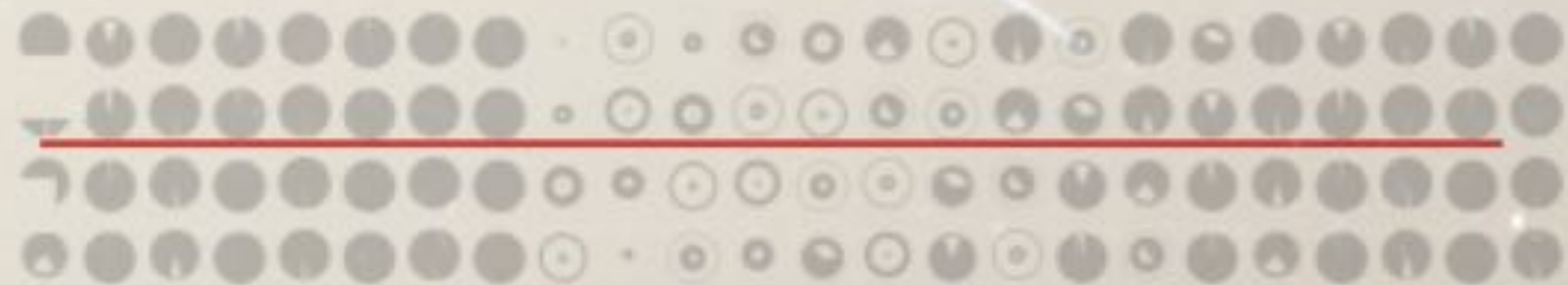
To have faith in Jesus

“Courage is an inner resolution to go forward despite obstacles; Cowardice is submissive surrender to circumstances. Courage breeds creativity; Cowardice represses fear and is mastered by it. Cowardice asks the question, is it safe? Expediency ask the question, is it politic? Vanity asks the question, is it popular?

But conscience ask the question, is it right?

And there comes a time when we must take a position that is neither safe, nor politic, nor popular, but one must take it because it is right.”

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.



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