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A Note from the Author

Having spent most of my career developing and implementing corporate change, the “opportunity” to teach this age group during our church’s Wednesday night program, was an even greater challenge. For adults, youth can be extremely frustrating. They can seem “wild” at times and genius at other times. The reality, however, is that this time in their lives will greatly determine the path they will follow. Sadly, many will turn to the destructive forces in the world seeking fun, wealth, and power. This book, hopefully, will help keep them from taking the dark path of the world.

I call this a behavior “intervention” series. An intervention as I use it here is an attempt to make a change in behavior at a specific time in a person’s life. Youth are beginning to make the choices that will determine their path in life. God has a plan for each life, a plan which in this series is “God’s Dream”. My hope is that each young person that reads this series will find that Dream.

“Change” is a popular concept now. But knowing what we are changing to is as important as changing. Middle School students are changing rapidly: physically, mentally, and emotionally. What they are changing to is often determined by peers, television, movies, family, and sports.

To those young people who read this series of life changing stories, let me write a few words. You are now at a time in your life that can lead down many paths. Some paths will lead to the dark side of life, for some, even suicide. For others, the path chosen will lead away from family and your home town to travel the world or to give your life work in service to others. Some of you may take a lifetime to find the Dream of God for your life, while others may find it quickly.

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When you find the Dream, the joy of the relationship with God in that Dream will be like a cup overflowing with love. For me it took most of my life to realize that Dream. Hopefully you will find your Dream early in life. Listen to your heart and learn the wisdom to choose the correct path in life. You are given many examples in history to help you gain wisdom. You will not be alone in the search for your Dream: God wants you to find it and provides guideposts for you.

The "Notepad" developed is designed to be a "road map" for your life. Follow it with commitment and all of your heart. God will be there to help you.

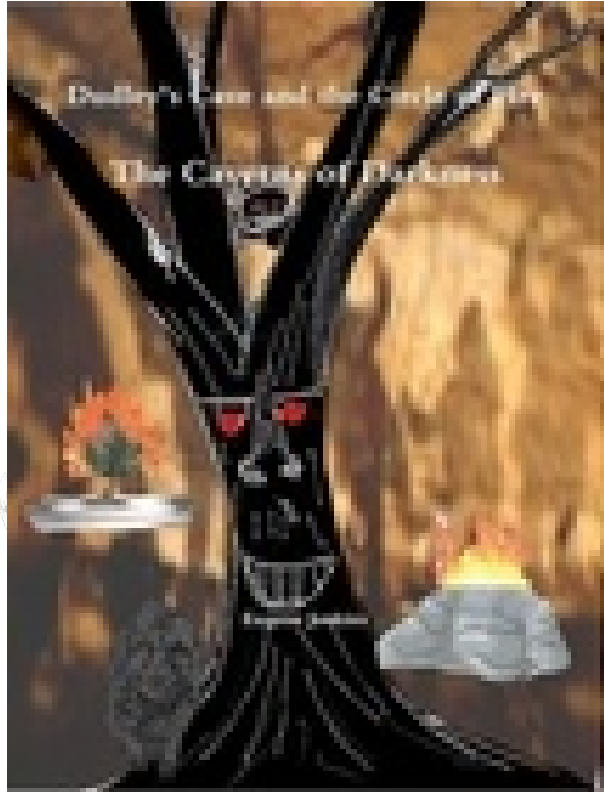
There are many choices in life. Some choices will be good and some bad. The decisions as to which choices to make are often based on what we have learned from friends or our own experience at that point in our lives. But there is much help for us in the decision process from the past and present lives of other people.

This "Wisdom Journal" is provided for you to record your thoughts and learning's gained from each lesson.

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Book 1

The Caverns of Darkness



Proverbs 9:¹⁰ The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.

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In “The Caverns of Darkness” you will journey with Dudley, a one year old Cockapoo, and his young owner through a series of adventures to gain the wisdom to find the Dream of God for you personally. You will meet people from the Bible who define the choices to be made. Your guide will be Nimbah, the “Keeper of the Cave of Wisdom”. But you can count on Dudley to take the lead when his owner is slow to decide.

The journey begins in a cave in New Mexico where you will meet Elijah, the prophet, and Nimbah. There are others with you on the journey, the “I AM Tribe”. Together you form the “Circle of Fire”.

It's time for an adventure!



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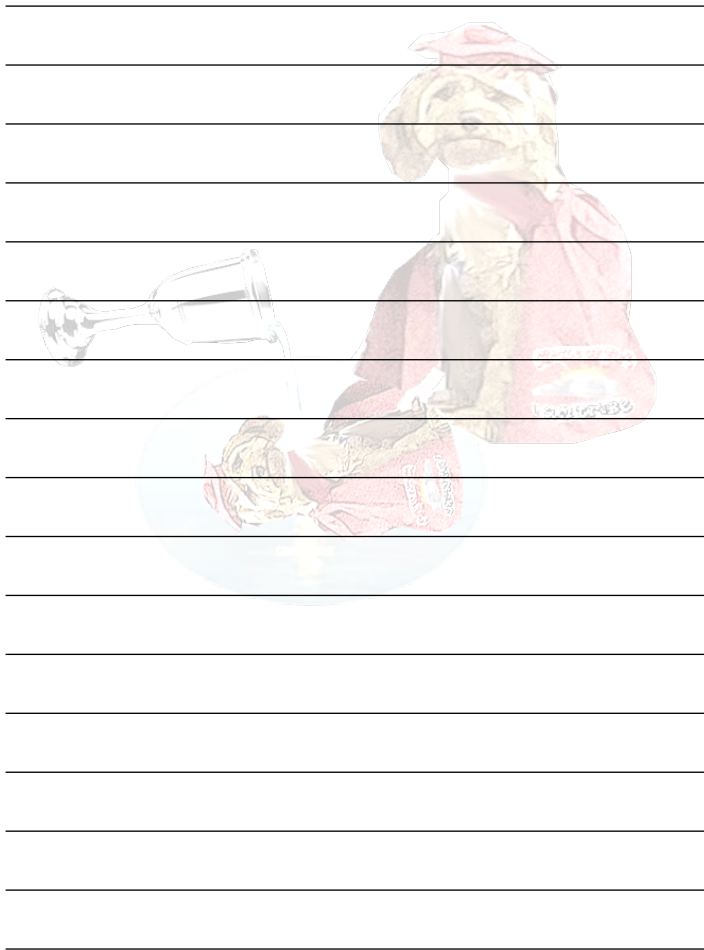
Never Fear: God is near.

Biblical Character: Elijah – The Prophet of Fire

Jeremiah 1: 5 "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations."

1 Kings 19:3 Elijah was afraid and ran for his life.

19:13: Then a voice said to him, "What are you doing here, Elijah?"

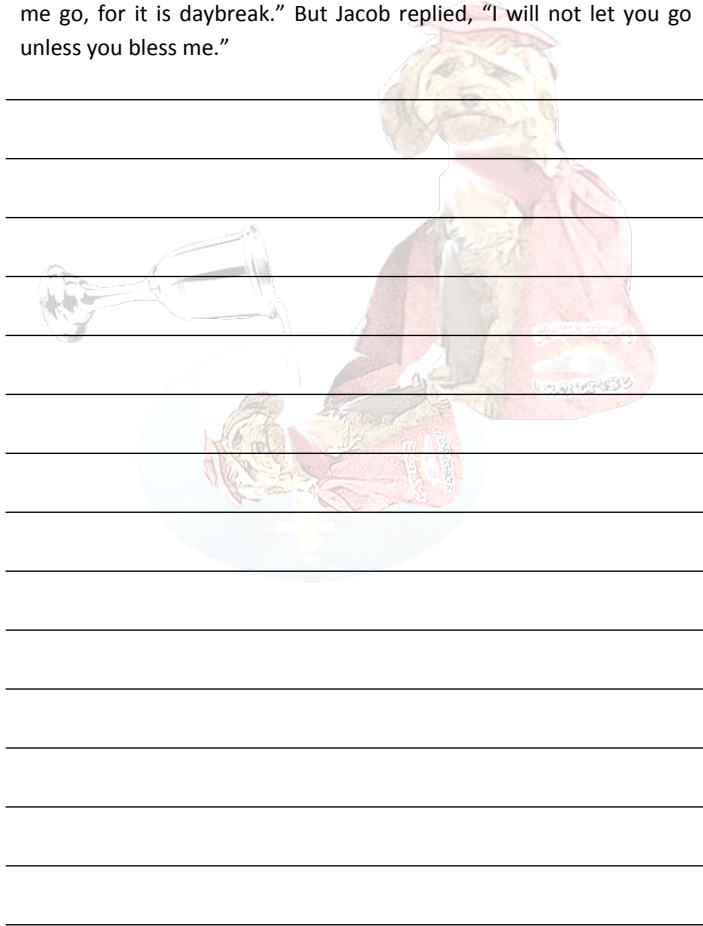


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I am not alone!

Biblical Character: Jacob – A Great Wrestler

Gen. 32: ²² That night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two female servants and his eleven sons and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³ After he had sent them across the stream, he sent over all his possessions. ²⁴ So Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him till daybreak. ²⁵ When the man saw that he could not overpower him, he touched the socket of Jacob's hip so that his hip was wrenched as he wrestled with the man. ²⁶ Then the man said, "Let me go, for it is daybreak." But Jacob replied, "I will not let you go unless you bless me."

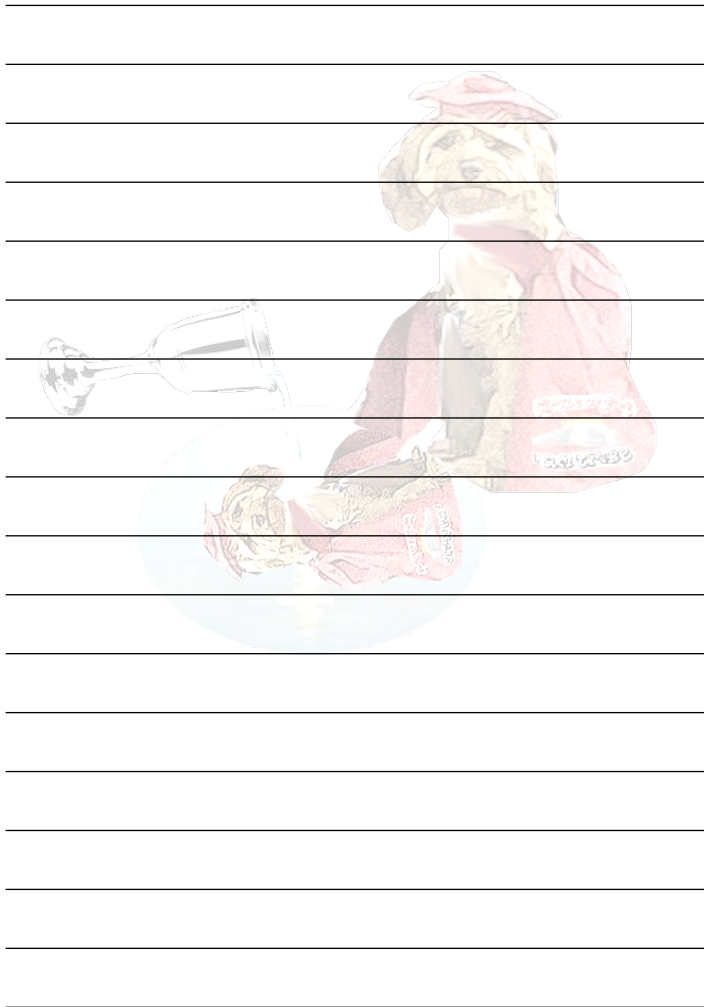


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Have Courage!

Biblical Character: Moses

Exodus 3: ⁴ When the LORD saw that he had gone over to look, God called to him from within the bush, "Moses! Moses!" And Moses said, "Here I am."



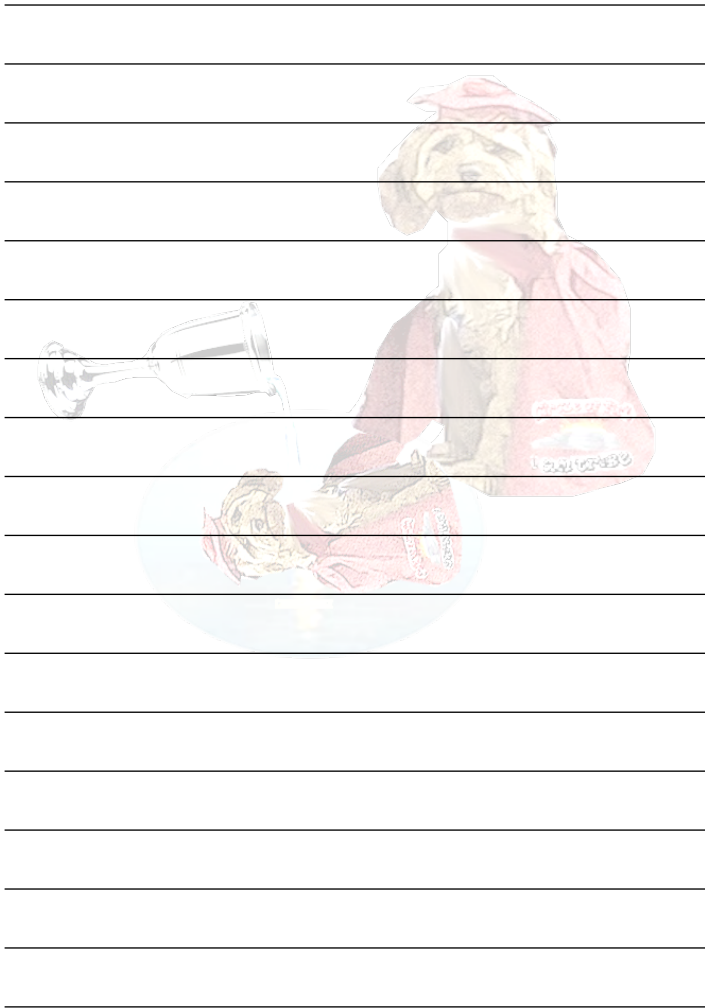
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Trust others: Start small!

Biblical Character: Moses and an Israelite

Ex. 14: ¹³ Moses answered the people, "Do not be afraid. Stand firm and you will see the deliverance the LORD will bring you today. The Egyptians you see today you will never see again. ¹⁴ The LORD will fight for you; you need only to be still."



Celebrate other's success

Biblical Character: Pharaoh



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Power in the Dream

Biblical Characters: Jeremiah and King Jehoiakim

Jer. 1:9 – ⁹ Then the LORD reached out his hand and touched my mouth and said to me, "I have put my words in your mouth.

Jer. 29:11-"For I know the plans I have for you", declares I AM, "plans to prosper you...plans to give you hope and a future."

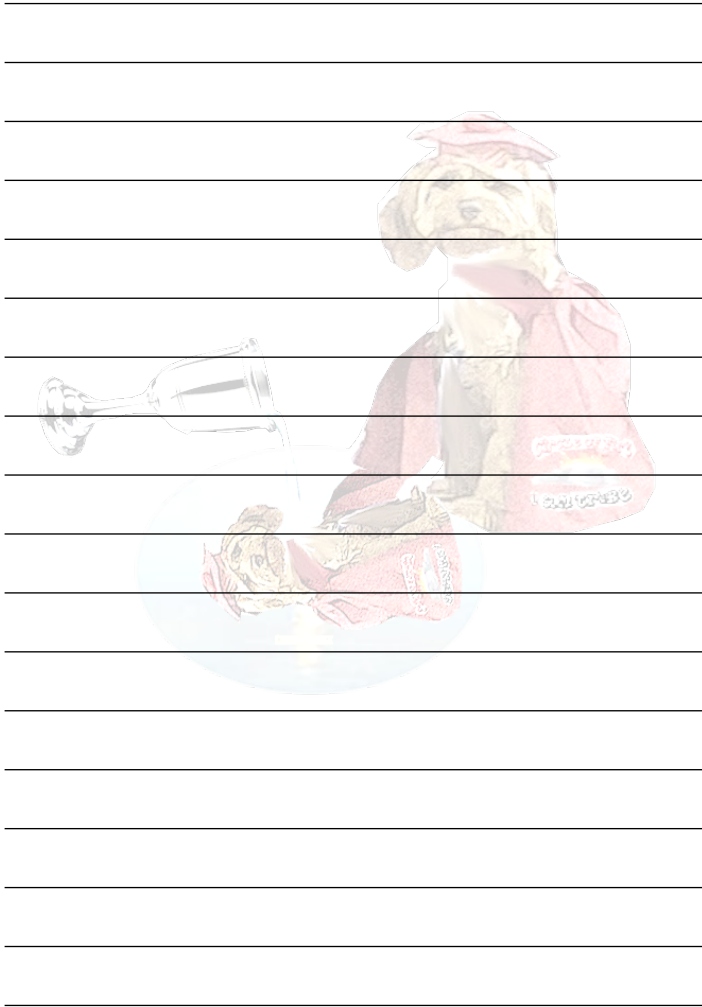


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My heart can sing!

Biblical Character: King Saul

1 Samuel 16:7 - "The Lord does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart."



Be decisive!

John 3:10 – Jesus responded: “You are Israel's teacher and you do not understand these things?”



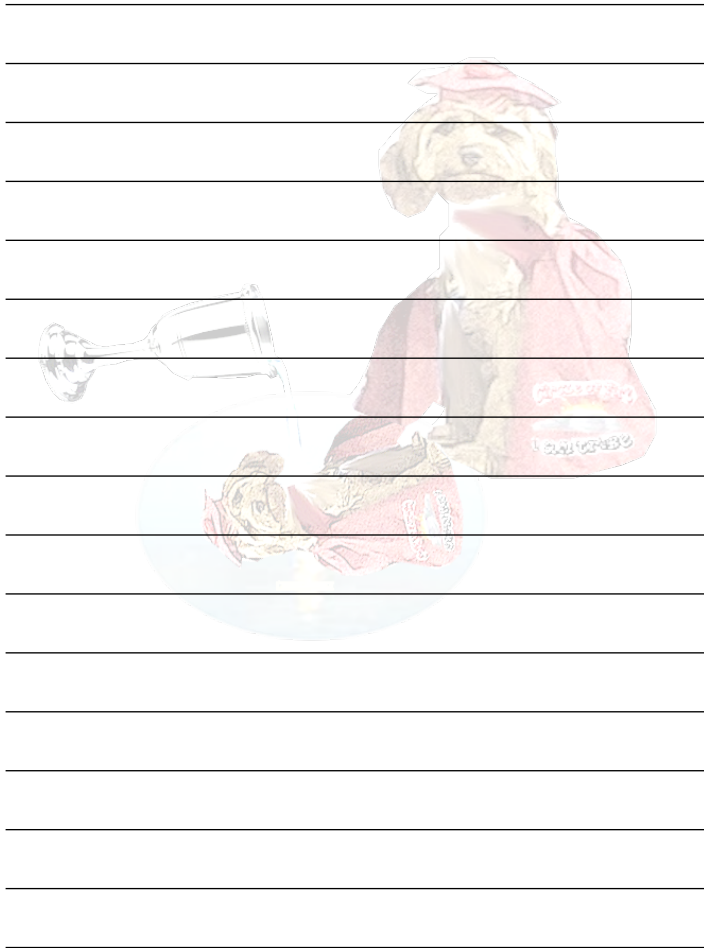
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Never be embarrassed of God

Biblical Character: Miriam

Ex. 15: 19-20 Miriam took a tambourine in her hand and all the women followed her, with tambourines and dancing. Miriam sang to them: "Sing to the Lord, for he is highly exalted. The horse and its rider he has hurled into the sea."



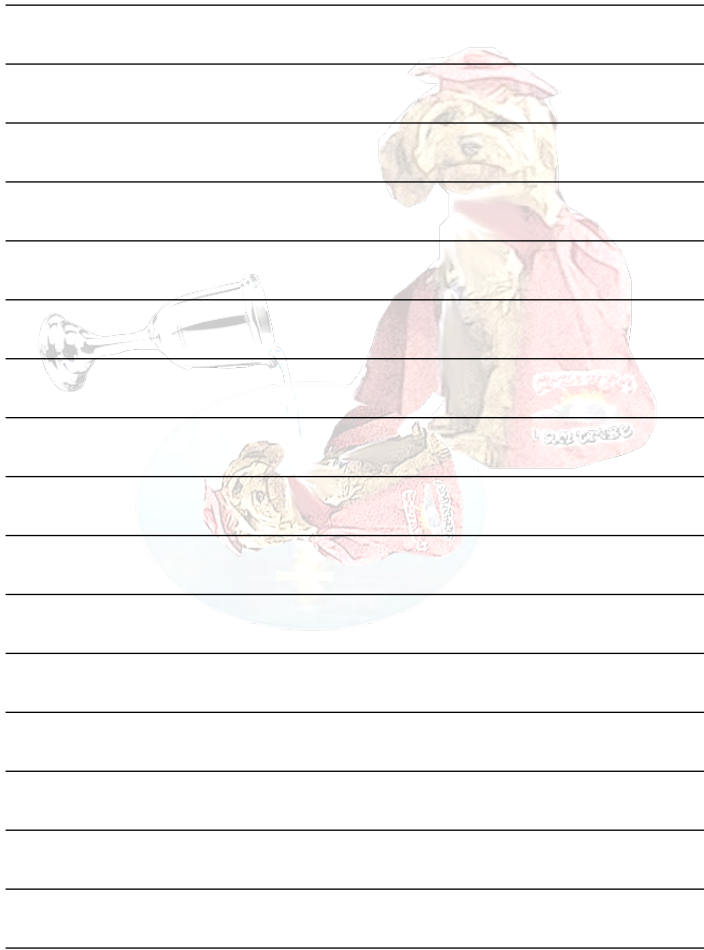
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Never envy others

Biblical Character: Reuben

Genesis 37:¹⁴ *Then he threw his arms around his brother Benjamin and wept, and Benjamin embraced him, weeping. ¹⁵ And he kissed all his brothers and wept over them. Afterward his brothers talked with him.*



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No quitting

Biblical Character: The paralytic and four

Mark 2:¹¹ "I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home." ¹² He got up, took his mat and walked out in full view of them all. This amazed everyone and they praised God, saying, "We have never seen anything like this!"

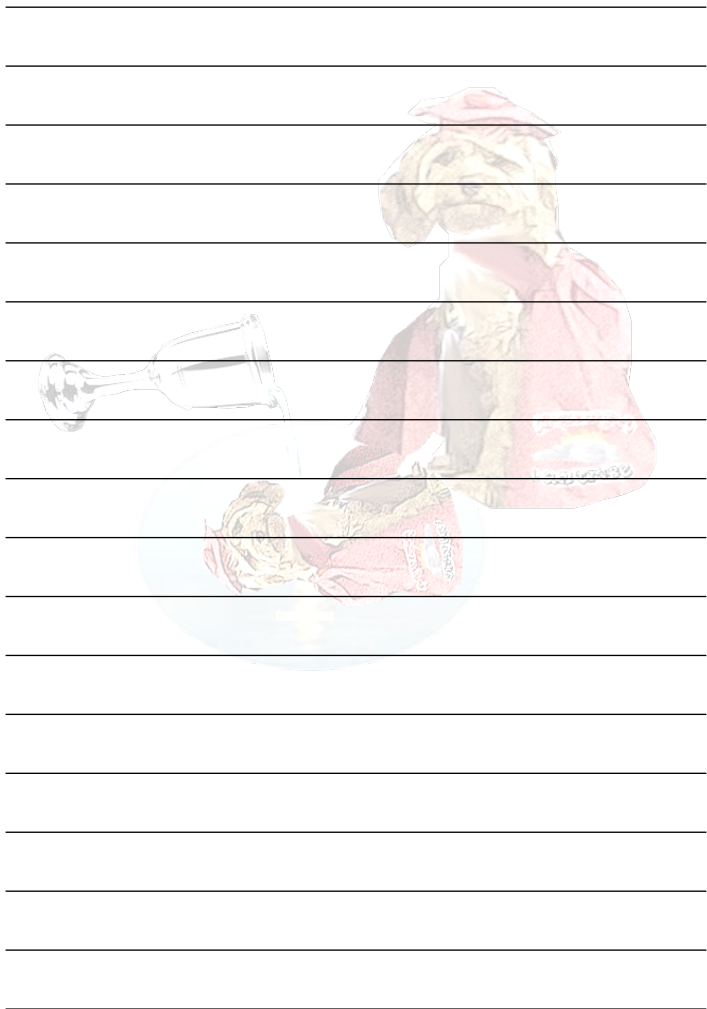


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Love all people

Biblical Character: Esther and Haman

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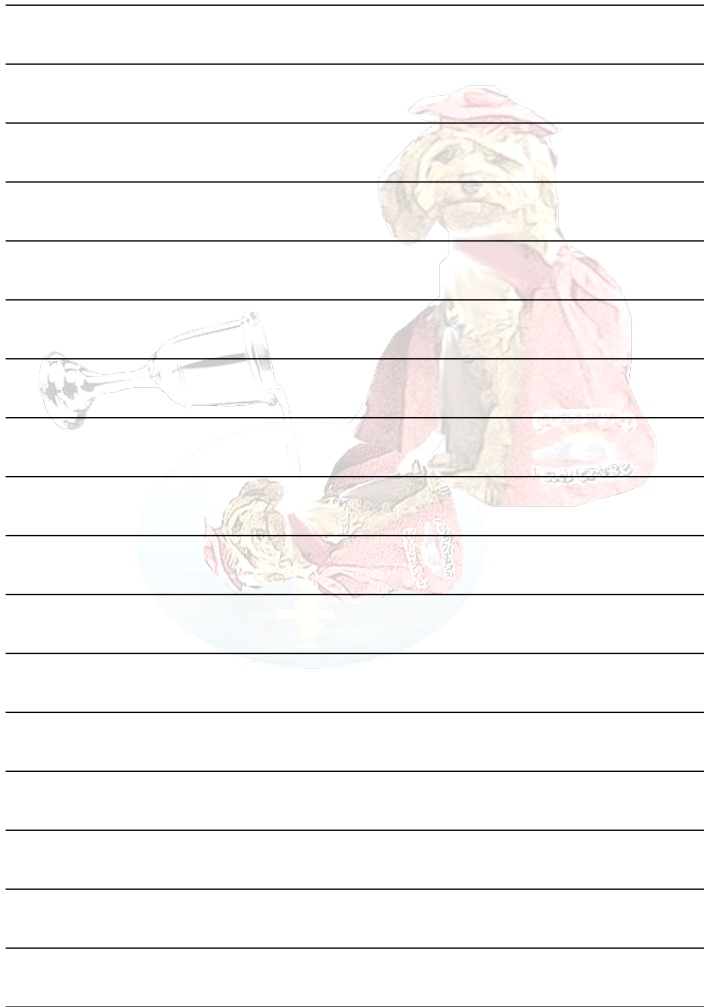


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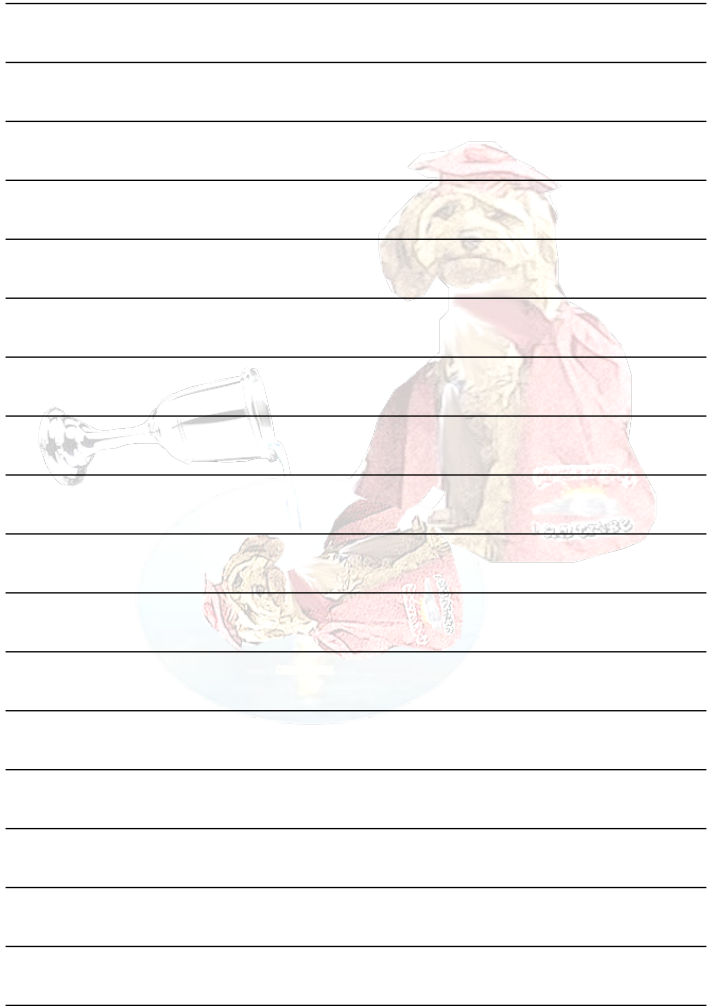


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Have a pure heart

Biblical Character: Bitter little drummer boy and Judas

Matthew 5:8 "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God."



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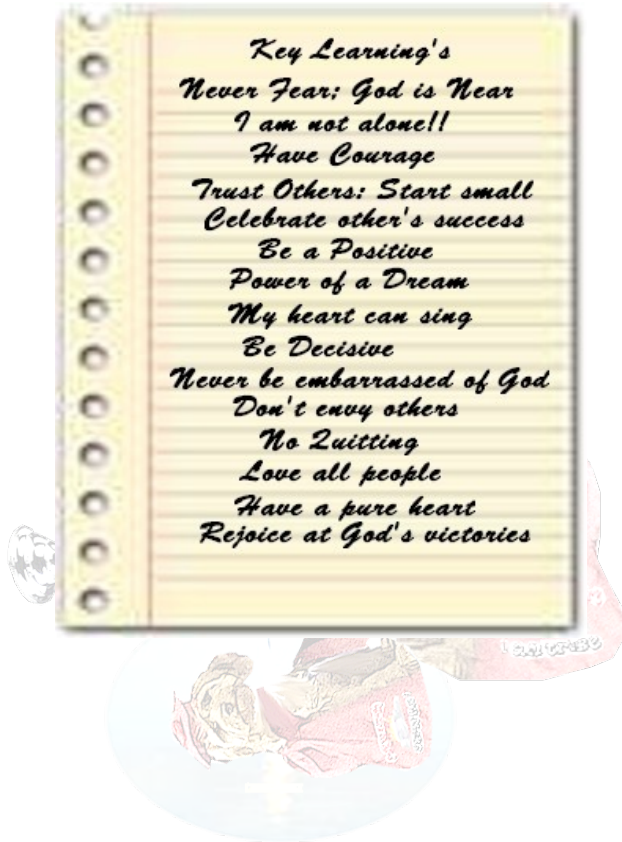
Rejoice at God's victories

Biblical Character: Mordecai

Esther 8: ¹⁵ When Mordecai left the king's presence, he was wearing royal garments of blue and white, a large crown of gold and a purple robe of fine linen. And the city of Susa held a joyous celebration. ¹⁶ For the Jews it was a time of happiness and joy, gladness and honor.



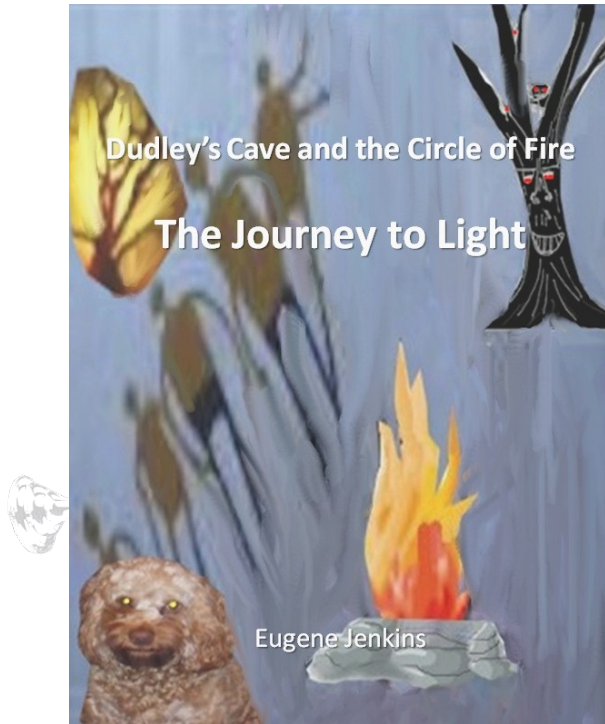
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Book 2

The Journey to Light



“Therefore, I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven—for she loved much. But he who has been forgiven little, loves little.” Luke 7:47

Have you ever wanted a “do-over”? Or wished you could take something back? Are you willing to give others that second chance?

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A Note from the Author

I can remember many times I failed during my life and needed a second chance. God blessed me with many second chances. Given His boundless love for us, I believe many more will be available if needed, and I am just as sure they will be needed. You see, God wants us to achieve the Dream He has for our lives and provides the support needed. The choice is still ours, however, to use the second chances to please God.

In this the second book in the series "Dudley's Cave and the Circle of Fire", you will be introduced to many second chances. Some were taken, some were not. "Light" and "Dark", they go together in life. Follow Nimbah, "Keeper of the Cave of Wisdom", and the Fire she carries through the next caverns to seek God's Dream.

One of my favorite expressions is: "I was so low that I had to look up to see down." If you have ever felt this depressed, then get ready to come to the surface.

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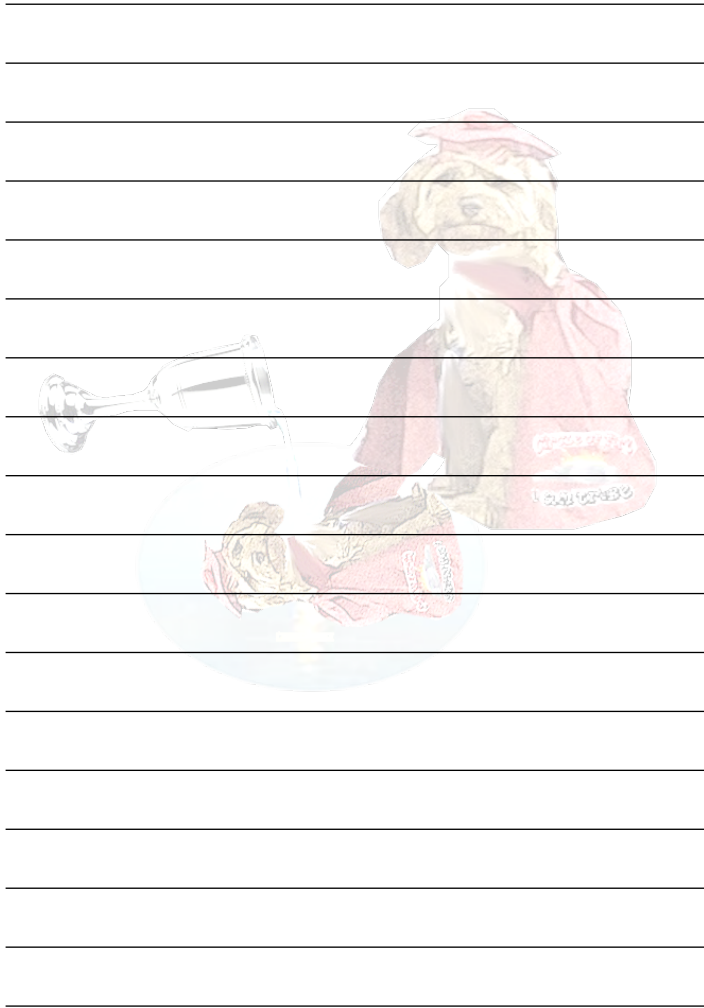
To continue on the path to the Light, the Tribe must first face "The Demons of Life". Dudley, the year old puppy continues to lead its owner through the Cave of Wisdom. But can they overcome the obstacles the Tree of Darkness continues to place in their journey? Will they ever find their way home or will they be stuck in darkness forever?

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Free to help others

Biblical Character: Legion

Mark 5:19 "Go home to your family and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you."

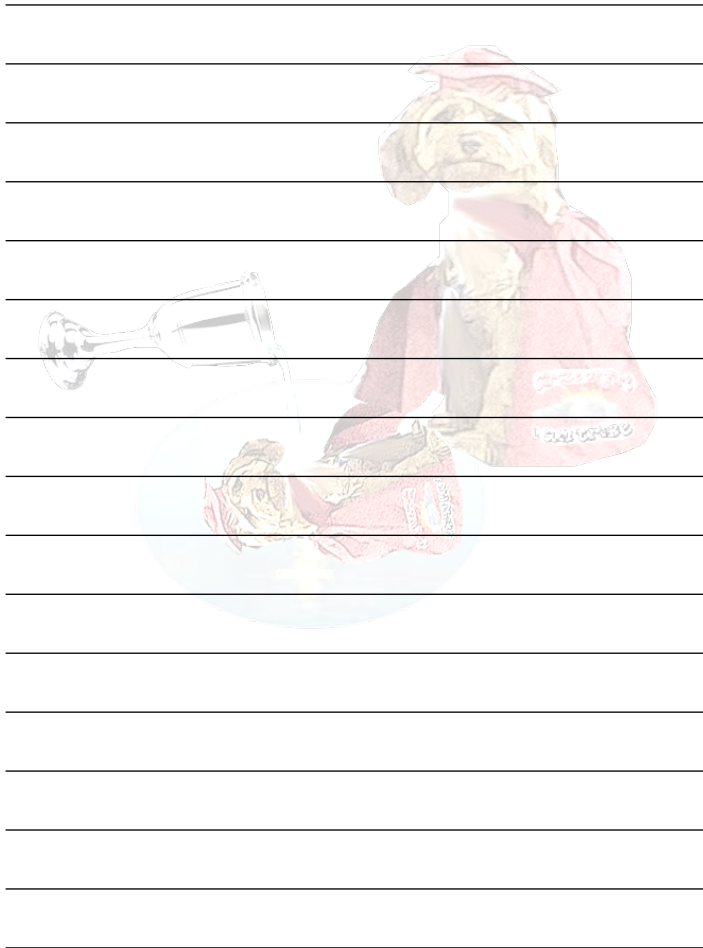


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Stay focused on God

Biblical Character: Saul of Tarsus

Matthew 6: 21-23, "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. The eye is the lamp of the body. If your eyes are good, your whole body will be full of light. But if your eyes are bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light within you is darkness, how great is that darkness!"

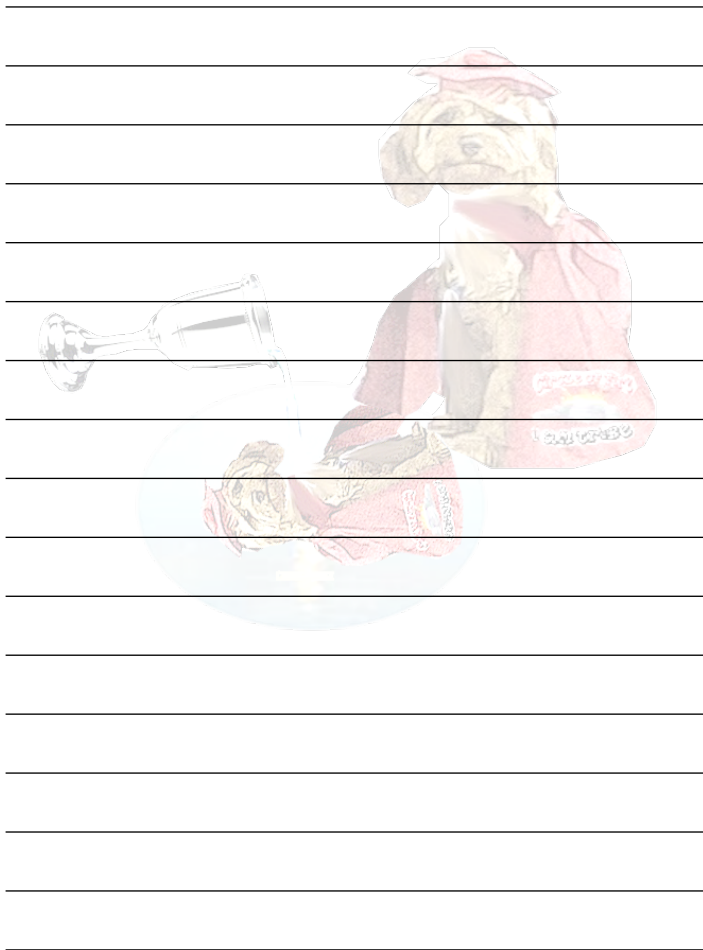


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Accept newcomers

Biblical Character: Ruth

Ruth 1: 16 "Don't ask me to leave you and turn back. Wherever you go, I will go; wherever you live, I will live. Your people will be my people, and your God will be my God. ¹⁷ Wherever you die, I will die, and there I will be buried. May the Lord punish me severely if I allow anything but death to separate us!"



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Remember the source

Biblical Character: Nebuchadnezzar

Daniel 4:37: "those who walk in pride he is able to humble."



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True friends sacrifice themselves

Biblical Character: Jonathan

Proverbs 18:²⁴A man of many companions may come to ruin, but a true friend sticks closely in trouble.

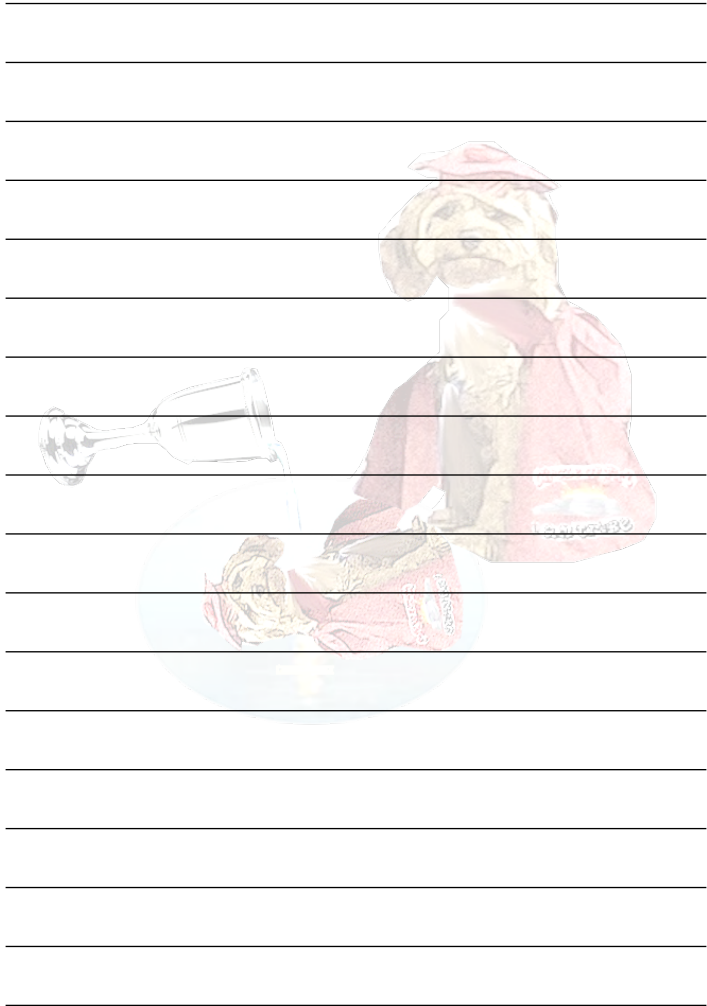


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God gives second chances

Biblical Character: Peter

John 21: 15-19 *"Feed my sheep; Feed my sheep; Feed my sheep."*

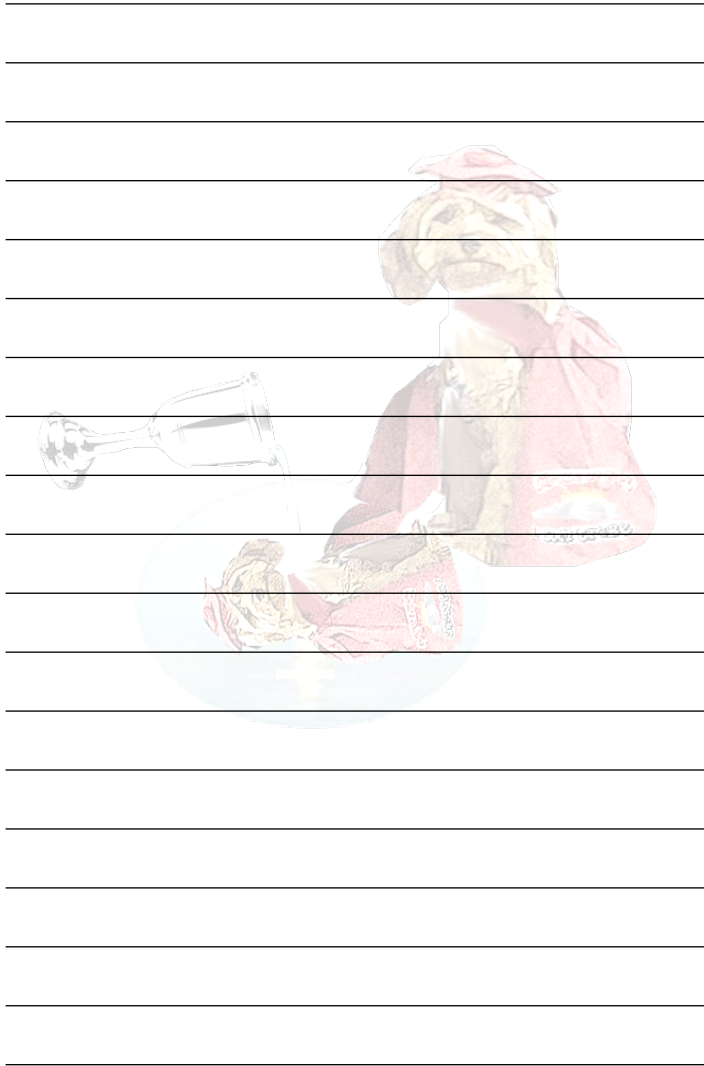


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Forget the past

Biblical Character: Lot and his wife (Lldeth)

Psalm 103:¹² as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

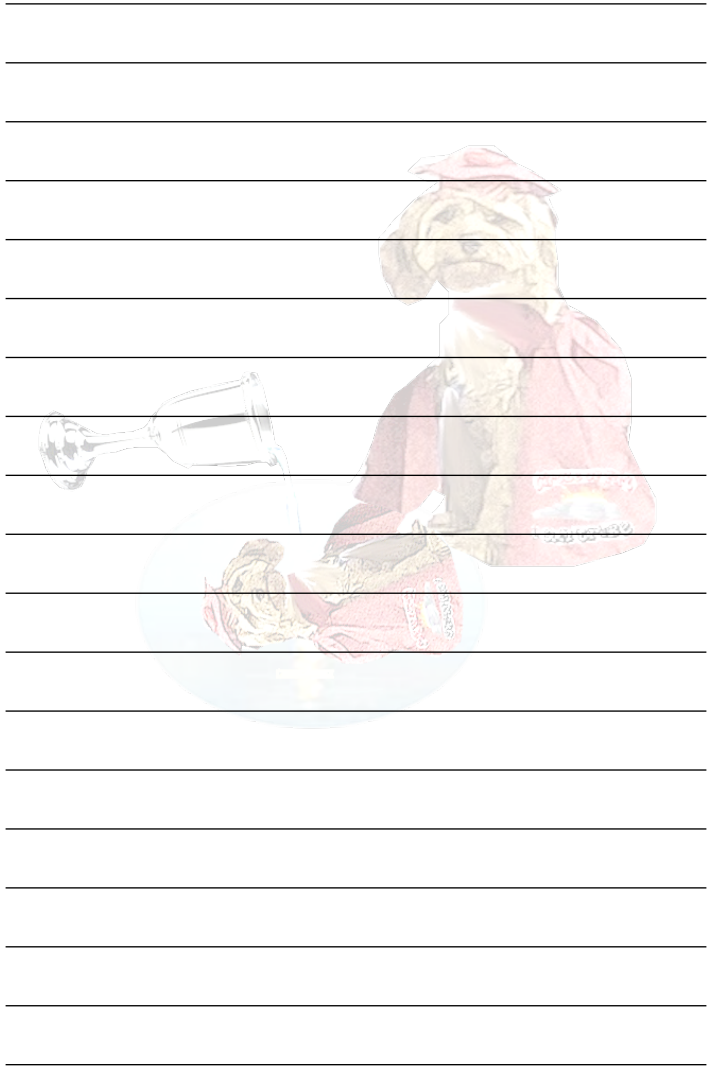


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Give much to others

Biblical Character: The rich farmer

Luke 12:14 "Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions."



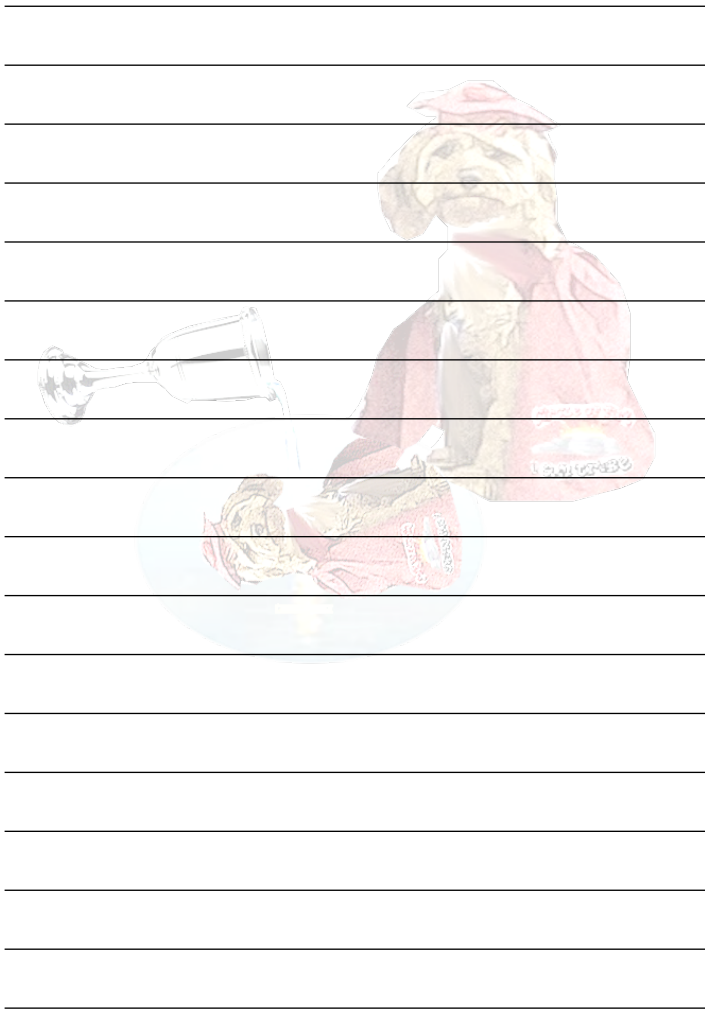
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Look for other's needs

Biblical Character: The Good Samaritan and the two

Luke 10: 36-37 – “Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?” Jesus asked. The expert in the law replied, “The one who had mercy on him.” Jesus told him, “Go and do likewise.”

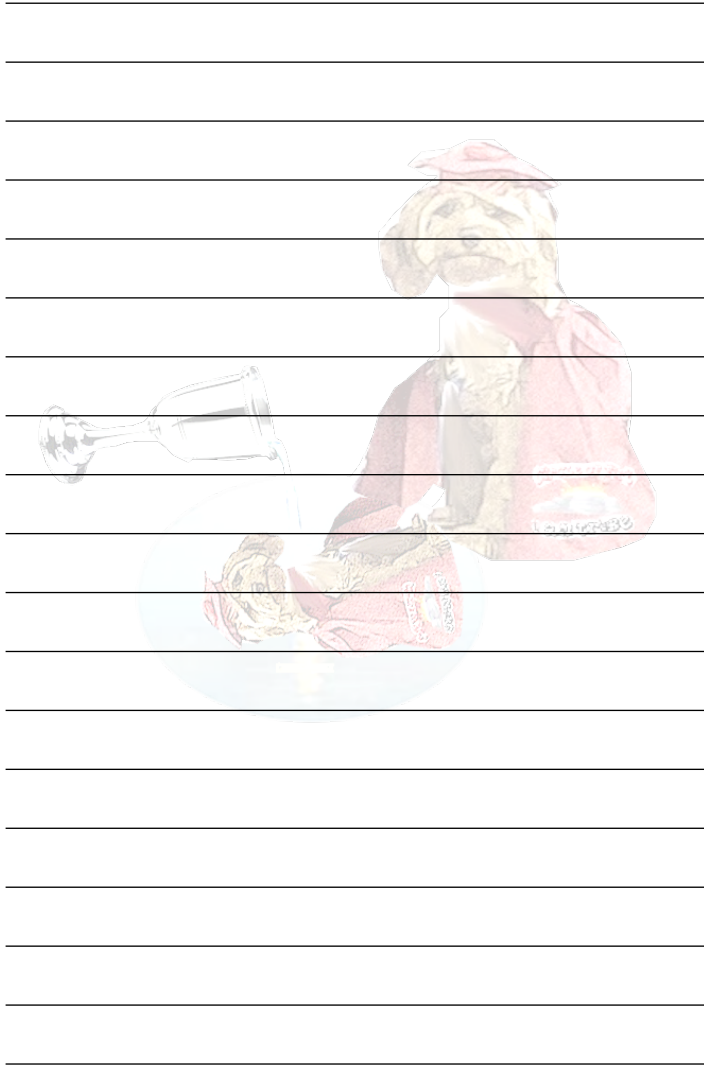


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Always obey God

Biblical Character: Joshua

Joshua 7:12^b The Lord said, "I will not be with you anymore unless you destroy whatever among you is devoted to destruction."

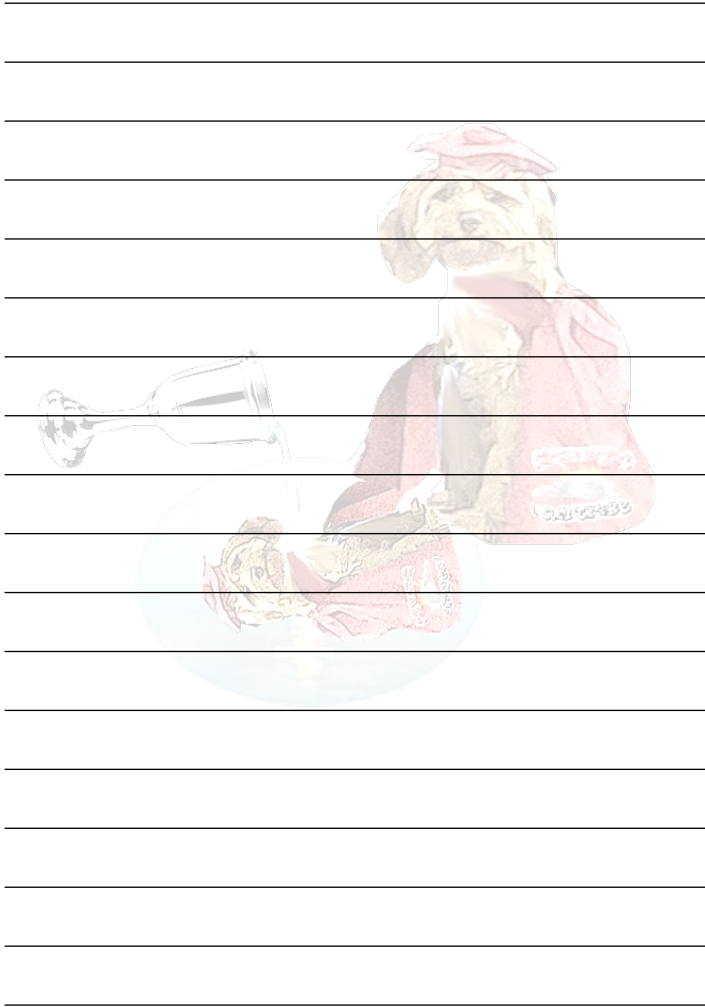


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See my real self today

Biblical Character: The Rich Man

James 1: ²² But be doers of the word and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.

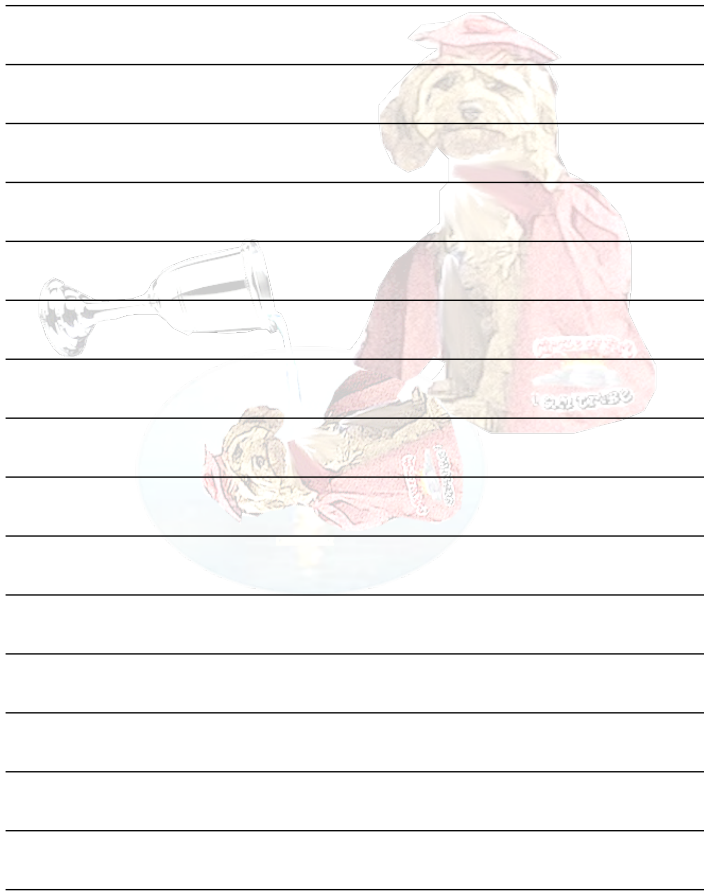


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Remove hindrances to helping

Biblical Character: Elymas

Acts 13:⁸ But Elymas the sorcerer (for so is his name by interpretation) withstood them, seeking to turn aside the proconsul from the faith. Then Paul, who was filled with the Holy Spirit, Looked straight at Elymas and said, "You are a child of the devil and an enemy of everything that is right! ... You are going to be blind for a time."



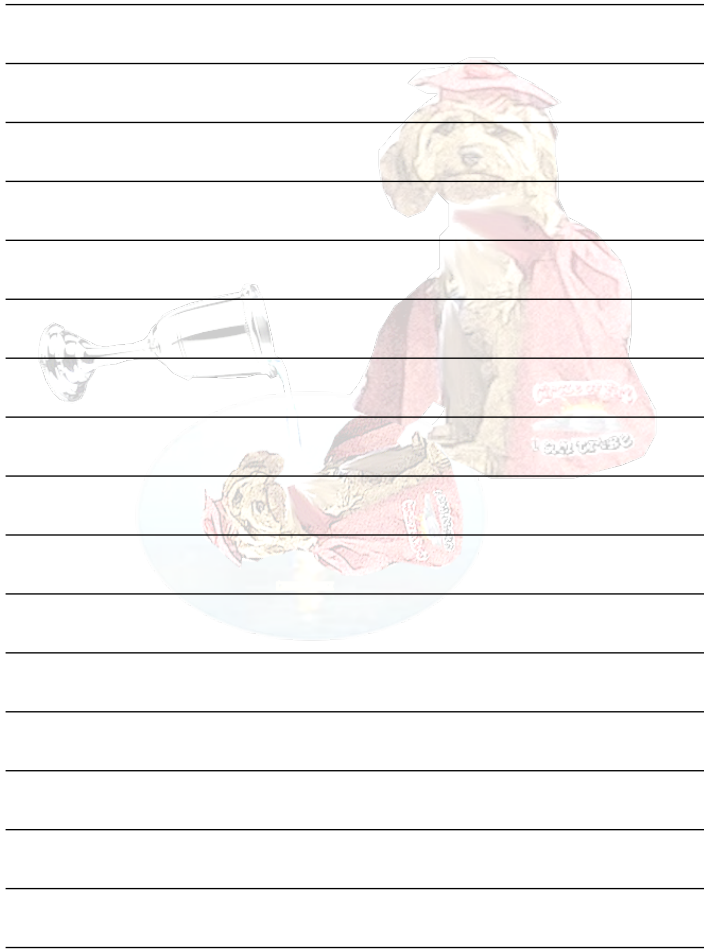
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Purge gangrene actions

Biblical Character: Hymenaeus and Philetus

Romans 12:² Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

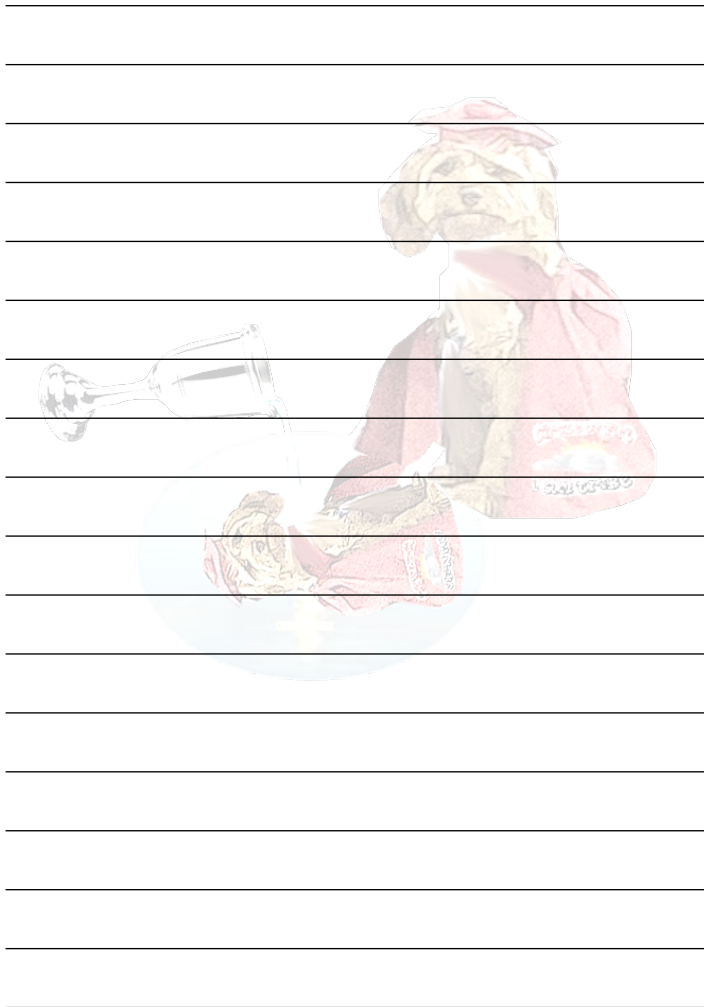


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Avoid pride

Biblical Character: The Magi and Apollo

Romans 12:³ “For by the grace given me I say to you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the measure of faith God has given you.



Eyes deceive; the heart is true

Genesis 15:6 Abram believed the LORD, and he credited it to him as righteousness.

John 14:11 *“Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the miracles themselves.”*



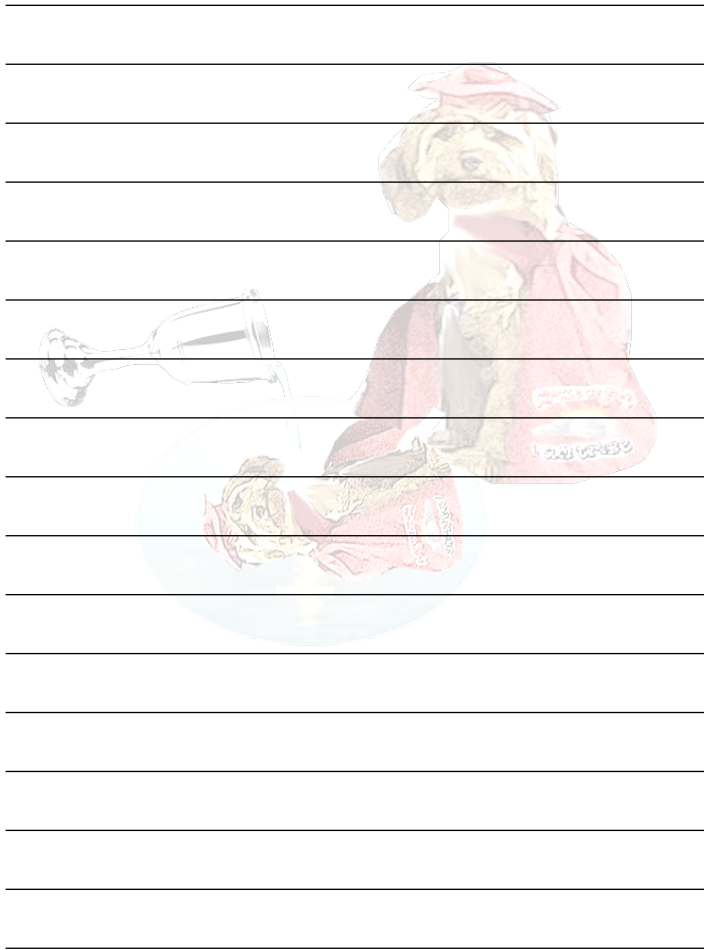
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Keep your eyes and heart on the Master

Biblical Character: Peter

Matthew 14:³¹ Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. "You of little faith," he said, "why did you doubt?" ³²And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down. ³³Then those who were in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."



Believe with your heart

Mark 9: 23 "If you can?" said Jesus. "Everything is possible for him who believes." *24* Immediately the boy's father exclaimed, "I do believe; help me overcome my unbelief!"

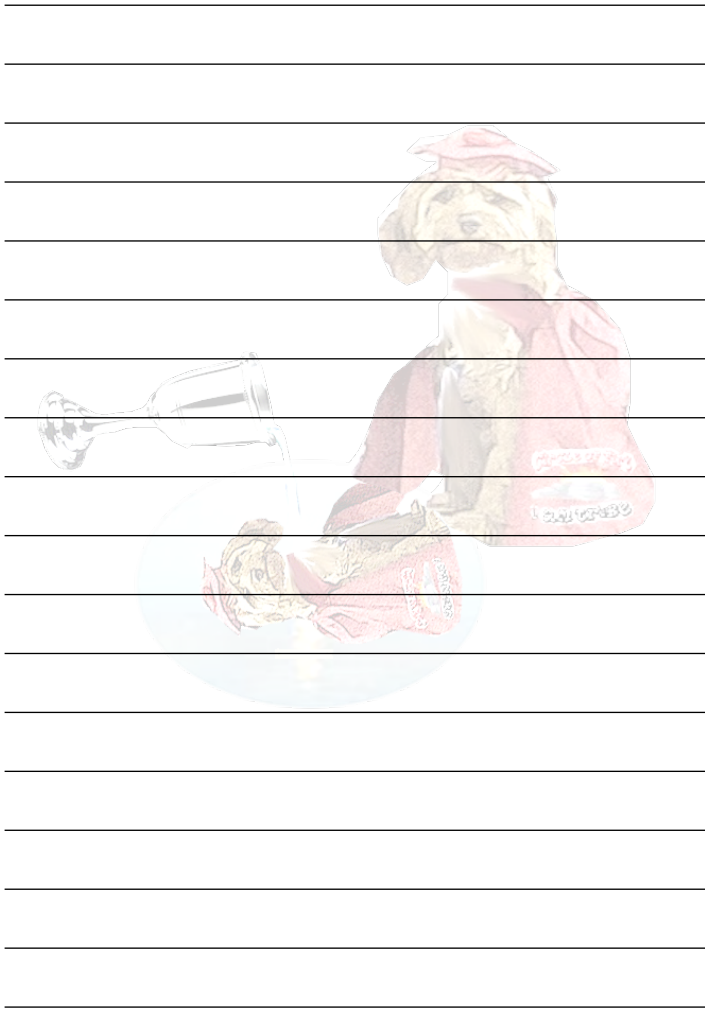


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Desire God's Dream first

Biblical Character: Solomon or Absalom

Proverbs 3:¹³ Blessed is the man who finds wisdom, the man who gains understanding,



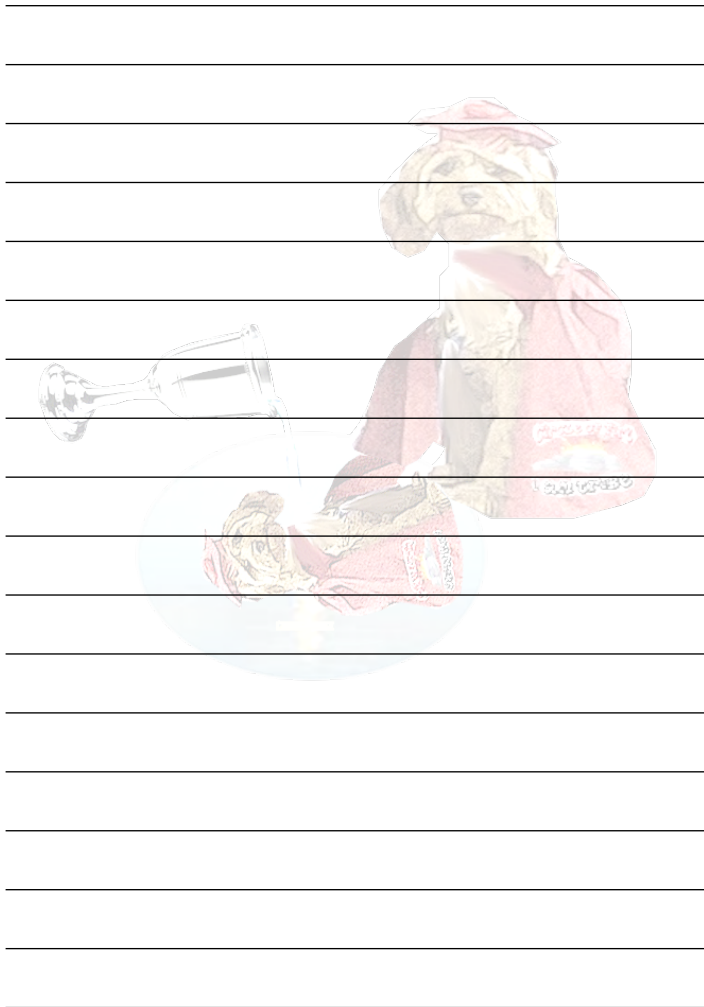
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Don't become discouraged

Biblical Character: Ananias the Chief Priest

Acts 26:¹⁹ So then, King Agrippa, I was not disobedient to the vision from heave. 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."



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Listen with my heart

Biblical Character: Ananias of Damascus

Acts 9: ¹⁰ In Damascus there was a disciple named Ananias. The Lord called to him in a vision, "Ananias!" "Yes, Lord," he answered.

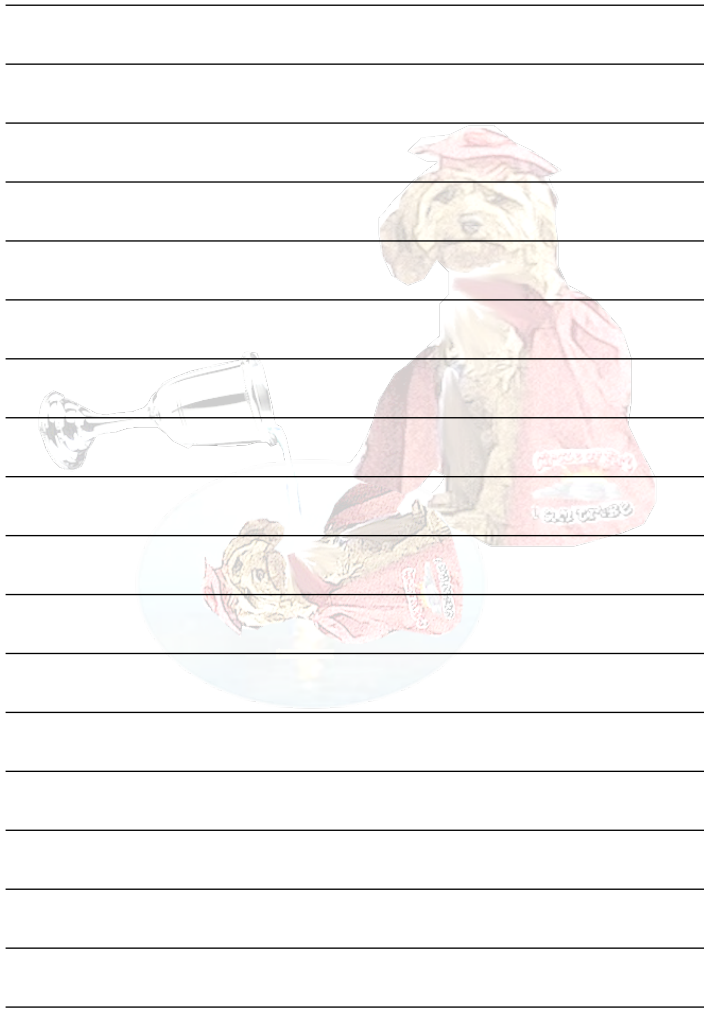


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Work for the Dream

Biblical Character: King David and Nathan

2 Thessalonians 3:6 "Keep away from everyone who is idle and does not live according to the teaching you received from us."

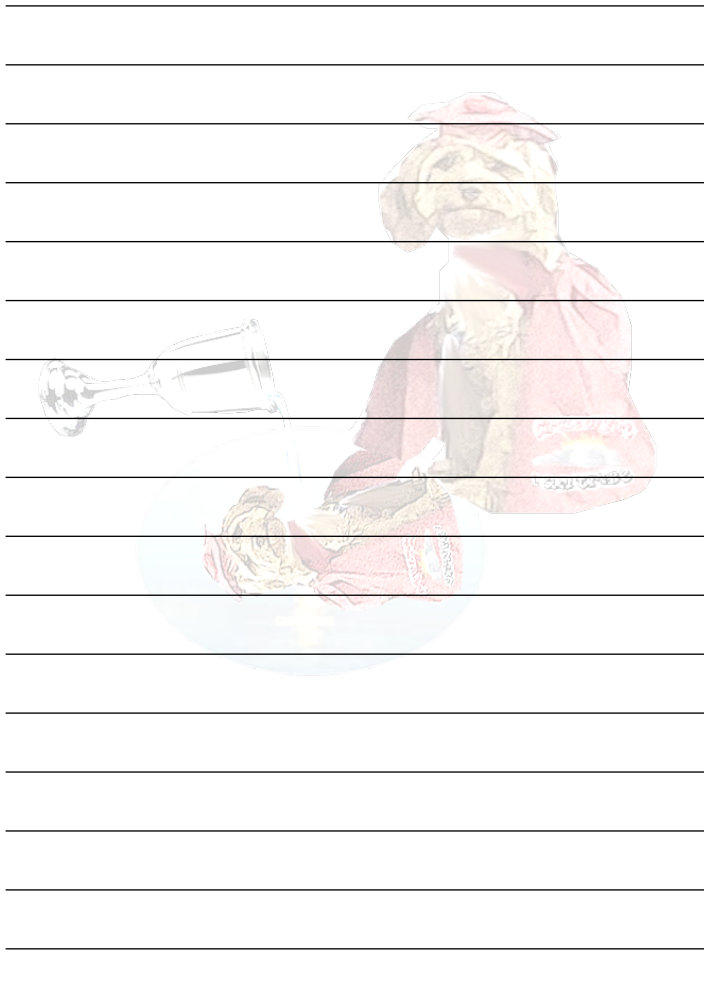


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Your desire must glorify God

Biblical Character: Elijah

Matthew 25:^{34b} "Come, you are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world."

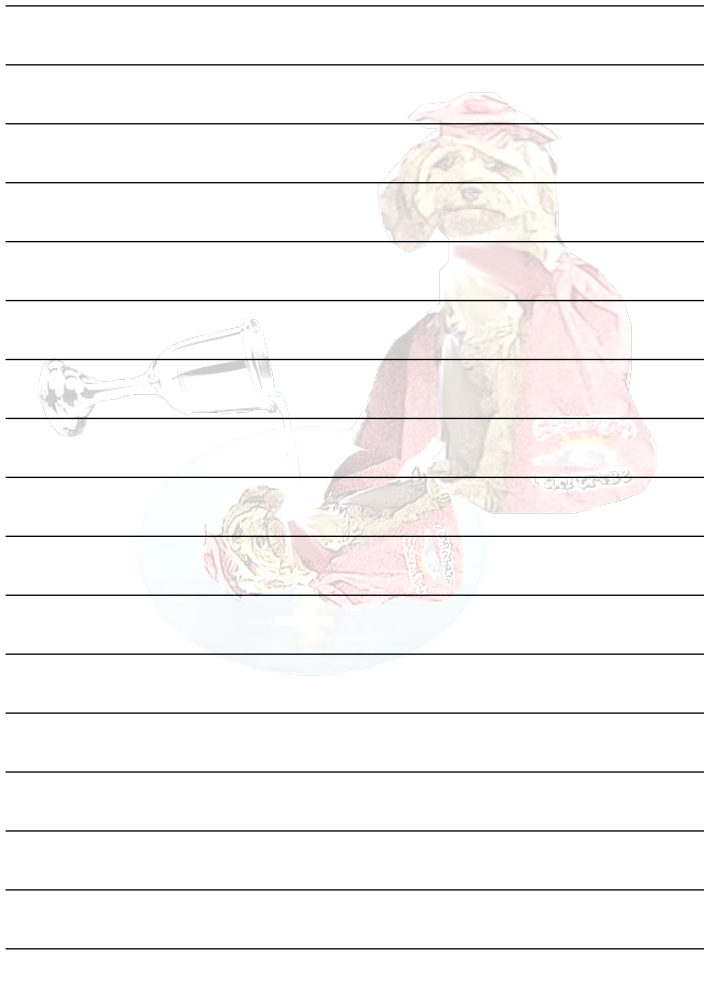


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Listen for the gentle voice

Biblical Character: Elisha

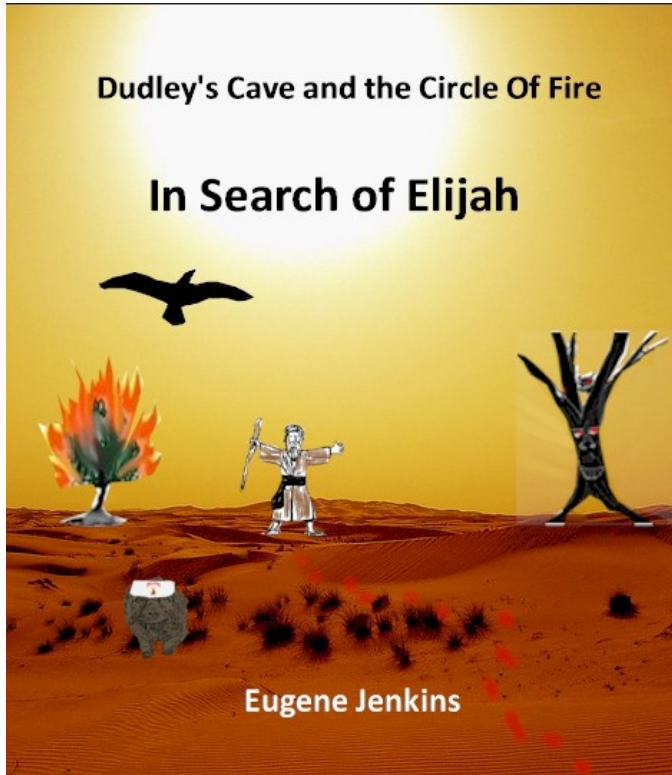
1 Kings 19: 15 "Go back the way you came ..." It is time for Elijah to move on to the next level of his relationship with God, to complete the dream.



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Book 3



2 Chronicles 7:¹⁴ "If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land."

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I hope you have enjoyed the series so far, but more importantly that you believe that God did have you in his mind long before you were born and that he has a Dream specifically for you.

"Fear of the LORD is the beginning of Wisdom." But it is only the "beginning". In this the third book in the "Dudley's Cave and the Circle of Fire" series, the "I AM TRIBE" will need to apply the wisdom they have gained. The "Notepad" of Key Learning's recorded during their journey will be helpful on the quest to obey the command of a gentle voice to "Find Elijah" and the way home. The Notepad is provided at the end of this book for reference.

The Tribe learned in the "Journey to Light" that for the successes in their lives they are to give praise to the Lord, and thanks to others. For failures, they learned that being accountable is critical if God's Dream is to be achieved.

"In Search of Elijah" provides an example of a man seeking the Dream of God. You will follow Elijah as he uses the opportunities given to him by Yahweh to achieve the Dream after failure and a second chance. As a bonus, you will be taught the map of Israel and Judah just prior to Israel being taken into captivity by Assyria.

Elijah went from the mountain top of success on Mount Carmel to the valley of despair in the cave. He thought he could do anything, yet had failed to convert the people back to Yahweh. But God did not leave him. He waited patiently outside the cave for Elijah to lift up his head and "look up" for Him. In the third adventure book, "In Search of Elijah", the "I AM Tribe" will experience looking up to God as the Circle of Fire seeks to find the prophet and the way home.

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The need for a Prophet

Biblical Character: King Ahab and Queen Jezebel

1 Kings 17: ¹ Now Elijah the Tishbite, from Tishbe in Gilead, said to Ahab, "As the Lord, God of Israel, lives, whom I serve, there will be neither dew, nor rain in the next few years except at my word."



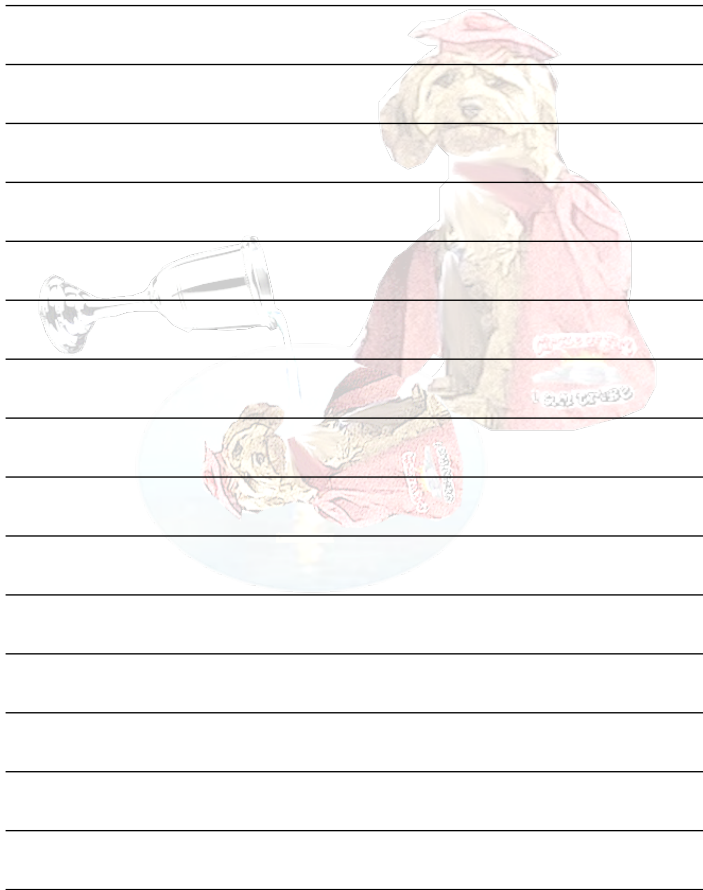
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Other gods

Biblical Character: Baal Priest and Priestess

1 Kings 16:³¹ He not only considered it trivial to commit the sins of Jeroboam son of Nebat, but he also married Jezebel daughter of Ethbaal king of the Sidonians, and began to serve Baal and worship him. ³² He set up an altar for Baal in the temple of Baal that he built in Samaria. ³³ Ahab also made an Asherah pole and did more to provoke the LORD, the God of Israel, to anger than did all the kings of Israel before him.



Care and Provision

1 Kings 17:⁵ So he did what the LORD had told him.



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The Miracle: A Prophet's training

Biblical Character: Widow of Zarephath and her son

1 Kings 17:¹⁰ So he went to Zarephath.

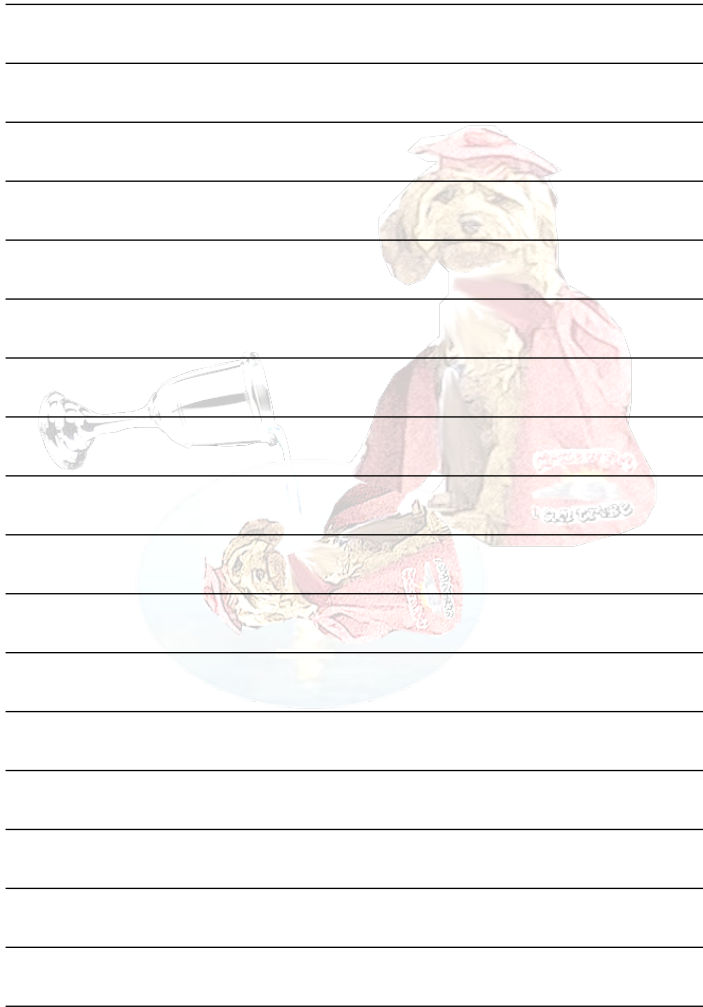


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A Wet Altar

Biblical Character: Israelite Witness at Mount Carmel

1 Kings 18: 38 *Then the fire of the Lord fell and burned up the sacrifice, the wood, the stones and the soil, and also licked up the water in the trench.*



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Sound of Rain

Biblical Character: Elijah's servant

1 Kings 18:⁴⁶The power of the LORD came upon Elijah and, tucking his cloak into his belt, he ran ahead of Ahab all the way to Jezreel.

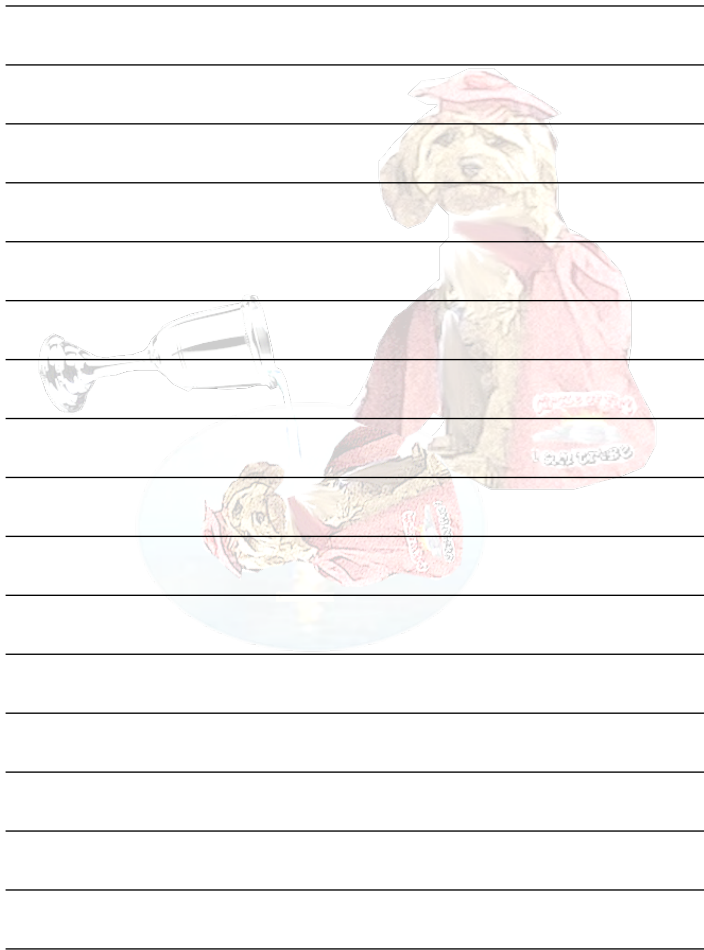


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Long Journey Home

Biblical Character: The "Broom Tree" Angel

1 Kings 19:⁷ The angel of the LORD came back a second time and touched him and said, "Get up and eat, for the journey is too much for you." ⁸ So he got up and ate and drank. Strengthened by that food, he traveled forty days and forty nights until he reached Horeb, the mountain of God.

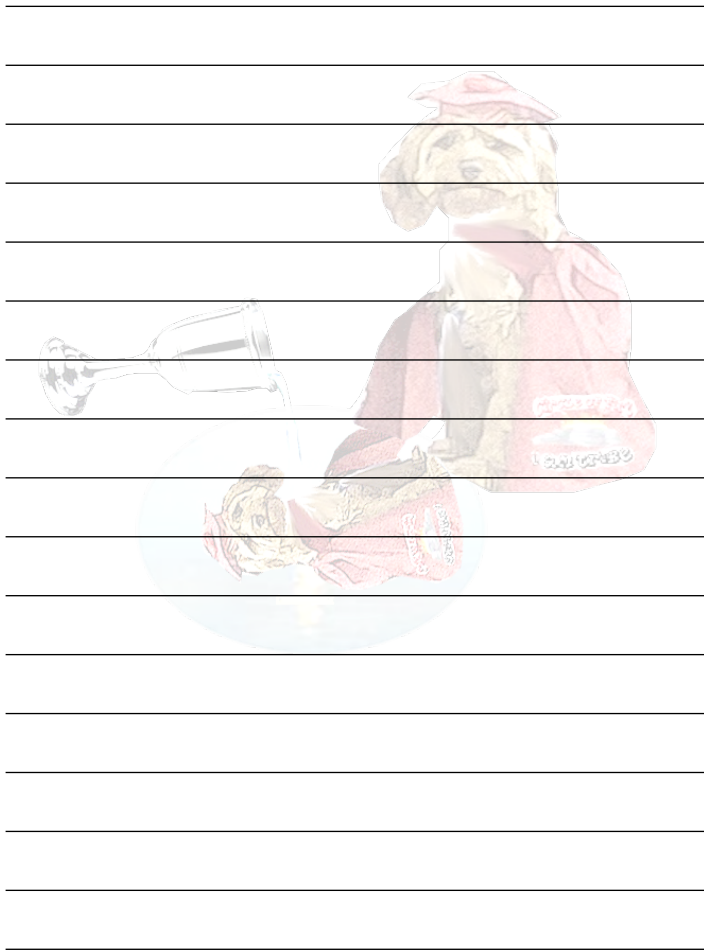


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At the bottom of the valley

Biblical Character: The Shepherd of Mount Horeb

1 Kings 18: ⁹ There he went into a cave and spent the night. ¹⁰And the word of the LORD came to him: "What are you doing here, Elijah?"



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A replacement

Biblical Character: Elisha's Father and Mother

1 Kings 19:¹⁹ So Elijah went from there and found Elisha son of Shaphat. He was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen, and he himself was driving the twelfth pair. Elijah went up to him and threw his cloak around him.



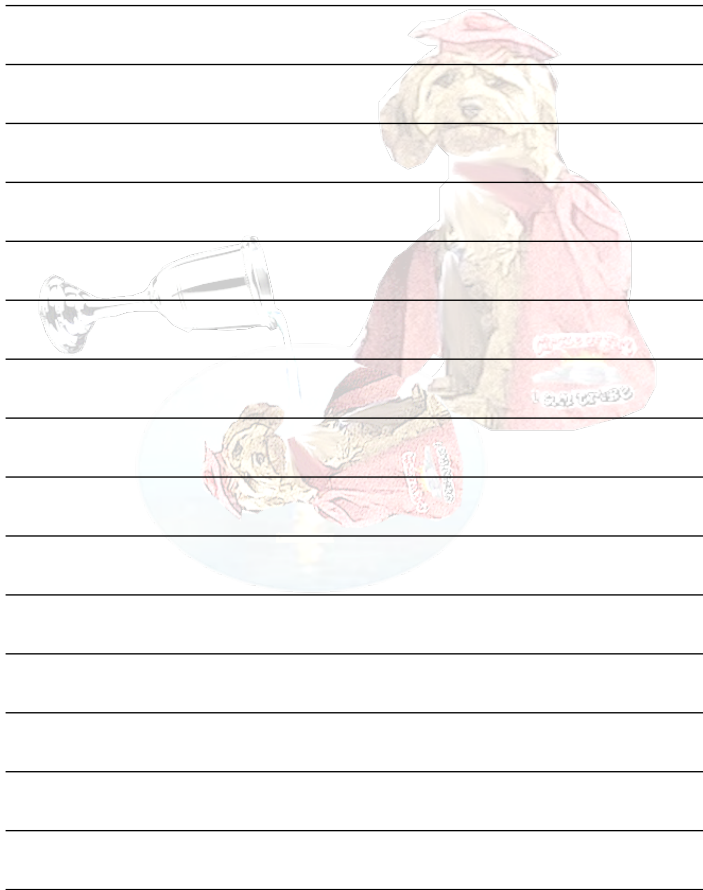
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Anointments

Biblical Character: Hazael of Aram

1 Kings 19:^{15b} When you get there, anoint Hazael king over Aram.
¹⁶Also, anoint Jehu son of Nimshi king over Israel, and anoint Elisha son of Shaphat from Abel Meholah to succeed you as prophet.
¹⁷Jehu will put to death any who escape the sword of Hazael, and Elisha will put to death any who escape the sword of Jehu. ¹⁸Yet I reserve seven thousand in Israel—all whose knees have not bowed down to Baal and all whose mouths have not kissed him.”

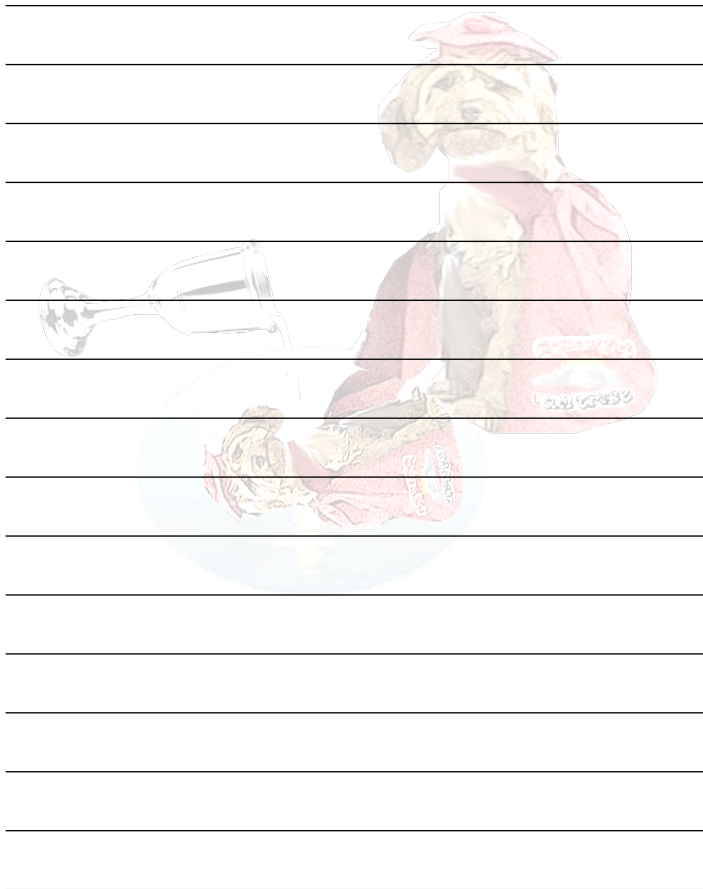


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Attack of the Arameans

Biblical Character: King Ben-Hadad of Aram

Romans 8: ³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, ³⁹ neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.



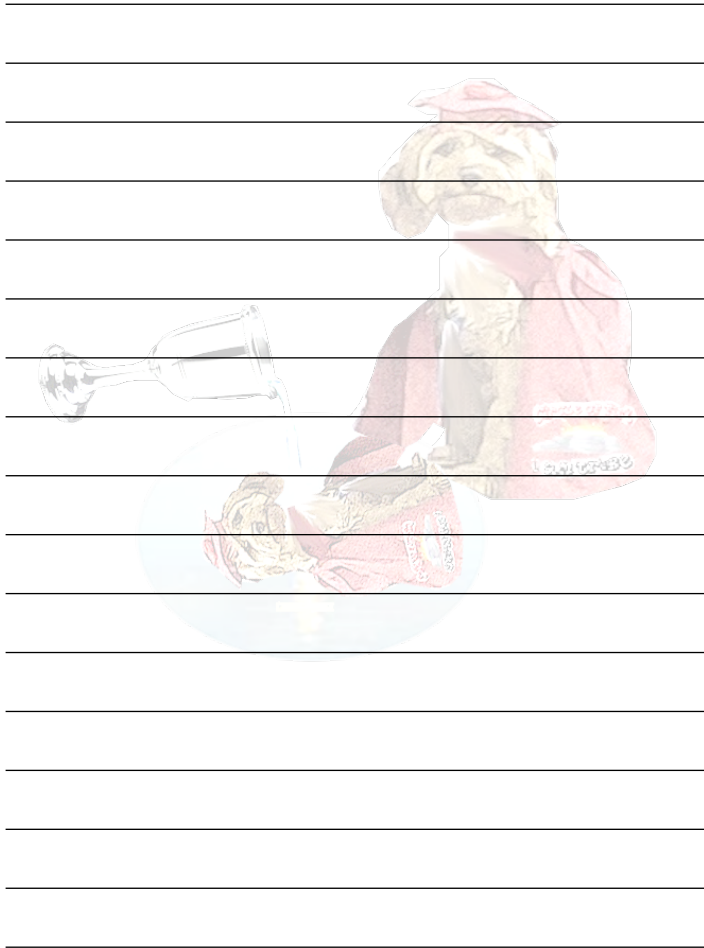
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Naboth's Vineyard

Biblical Character: Elijah's servant

1 Kings 21:²⁹ "Have you noticed how Ahab has humbled himself before me? Because he has humbled himself, I will not bring this disaster in his day, but I will bring it on his house in the days of his son."

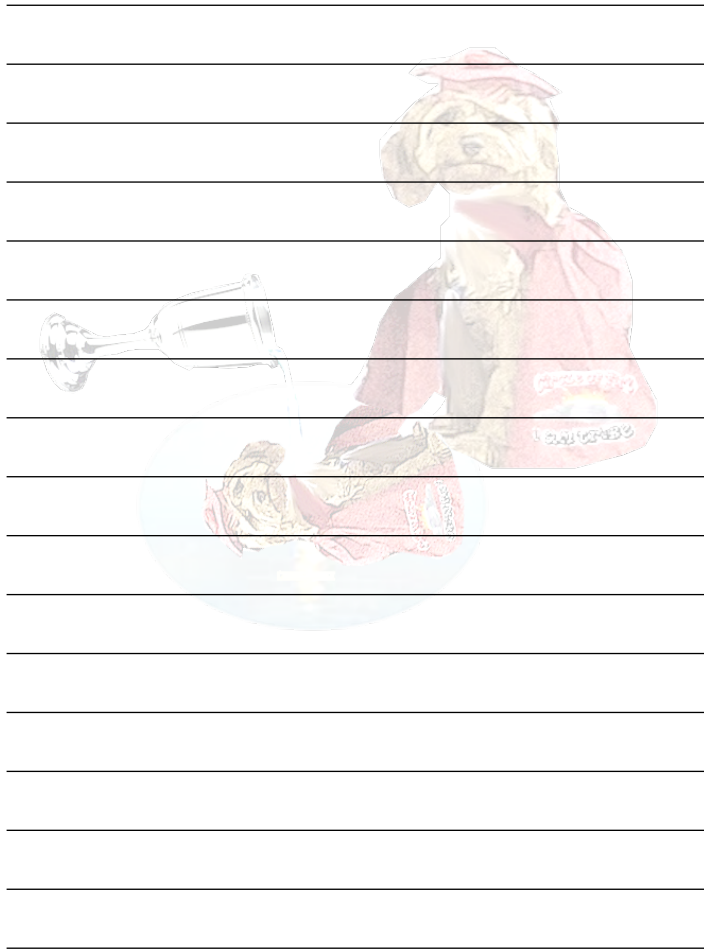


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Judgment at Ramoth Gilead

Biblical Character: Micaiah

1 Kings 22:23 "So now the LORD has put a lying spirit in the mouths of all these prophets of yours. The LORD has decreed disaster for you."



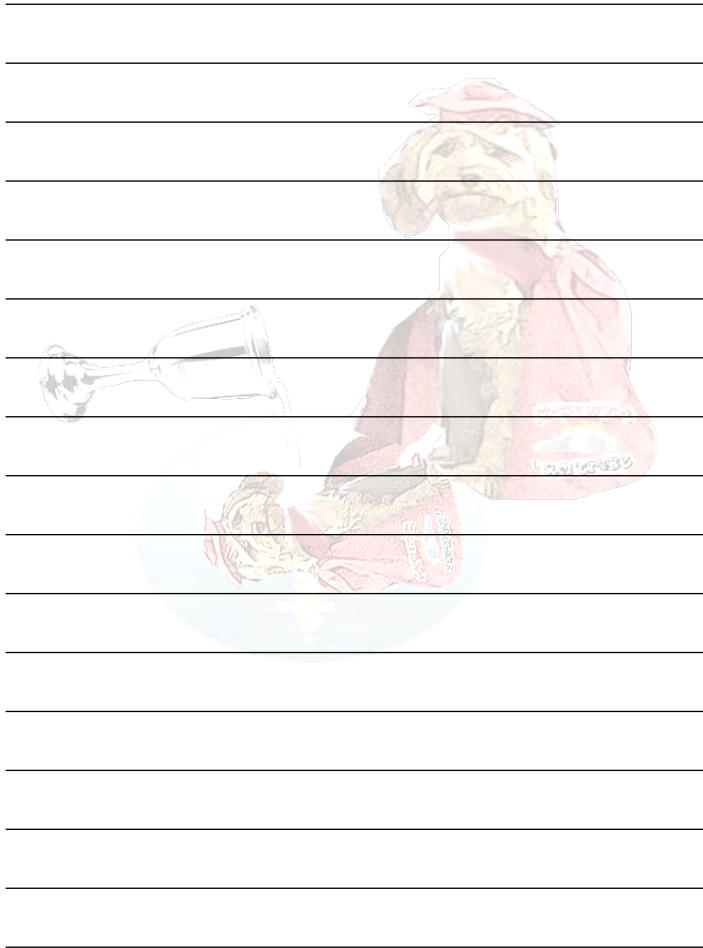
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Ahaziah on fire

Biblical Character: Elijah's servant

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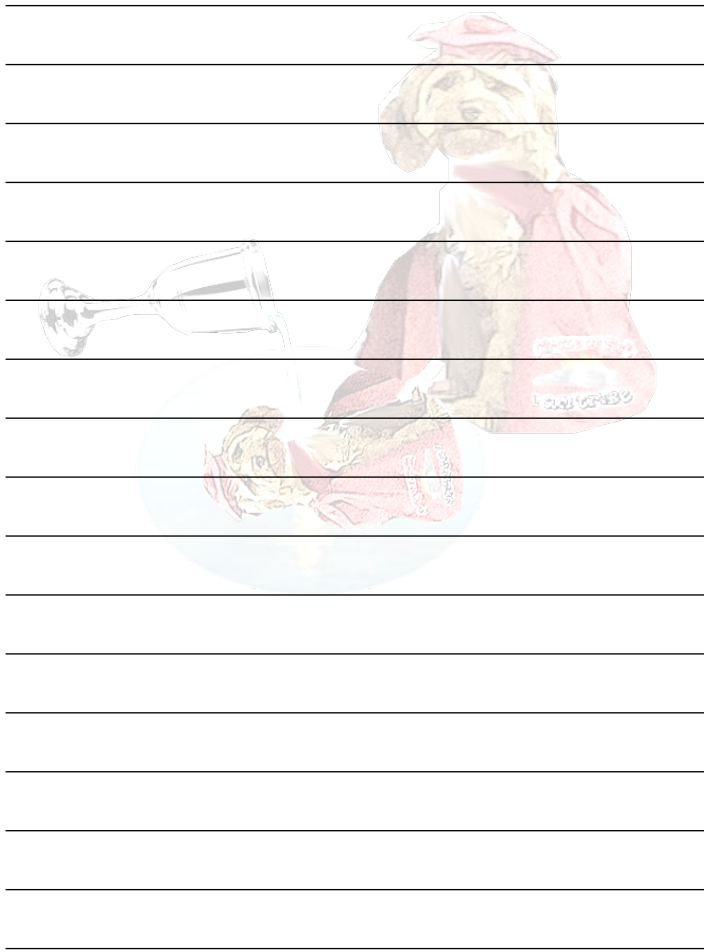
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A Chariot of Fire

Biblical Character: Priests of Bethel and Jericho

2 Kings 2:¹¹ As they were walking along and talking together, suddenly a chariot of fire and horses of fire appeared and separated the two of them, and Elijah went up to heaven in a whirlwind. ¹² Elisha saw this and cried out, "My father! My father! The chariots and horsemen of Israel!" And Elisha saw him no more. Then he took hold of his own clothes and tore them apart.

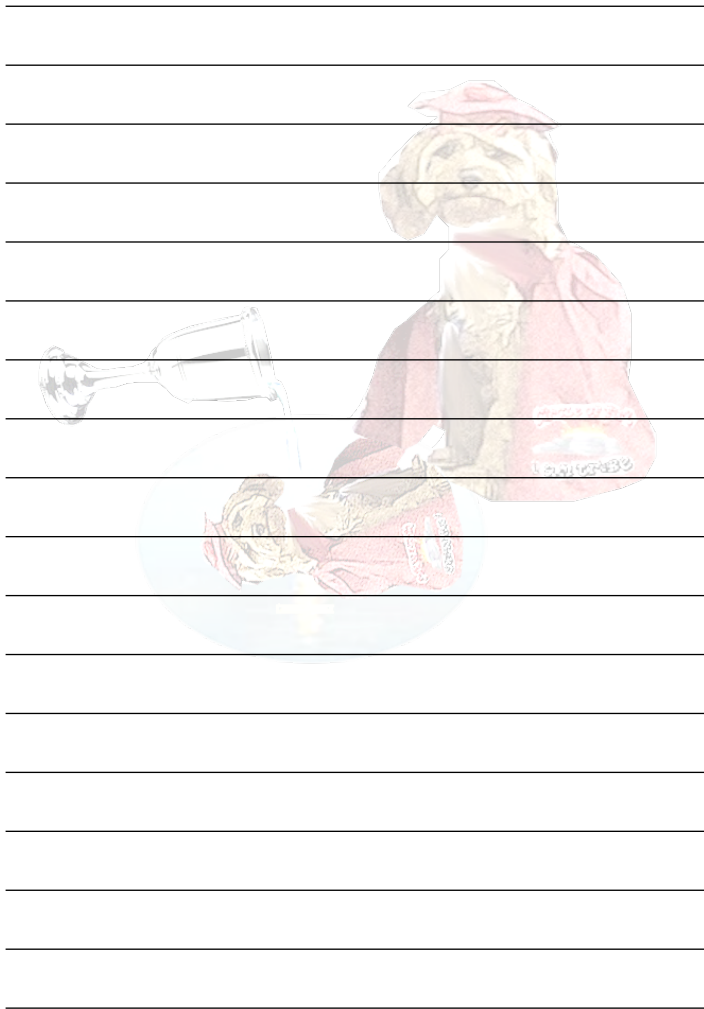


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Jezebel Dies

Biblical Character: Naaman

2 Kings 9:33 "Throw her down!" Jehu said. So they threw her down, and some of her blood spattered the wall and the horses as they trampled her underfoot.



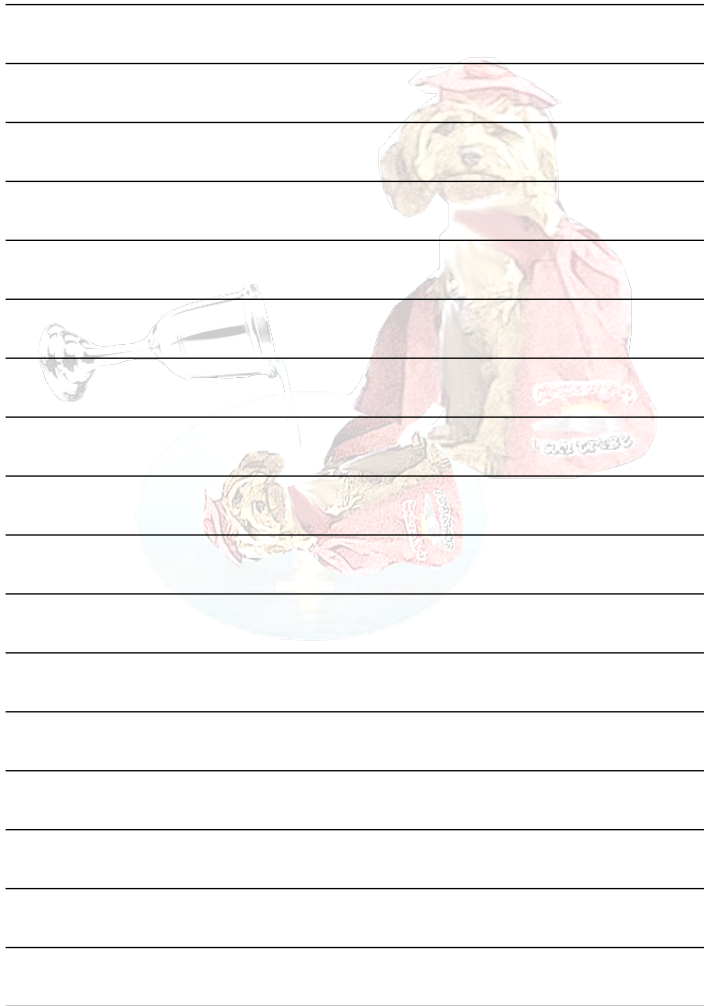
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Preparation

Biblical Character: Elisha

Ephesians 4:¹¹ It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, ¹² to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up.



Cultivation

2 Kings 10:³² In those days the LORD began to reduce the size of Israel. Hazael overpowered the Israelites throughout their territory ³³ east of the Jordan in all the land of Gilead (the region of Gad, Reuben and Manasseh), from Aroer by the Arnon Gorge through Gilead to Bashan.



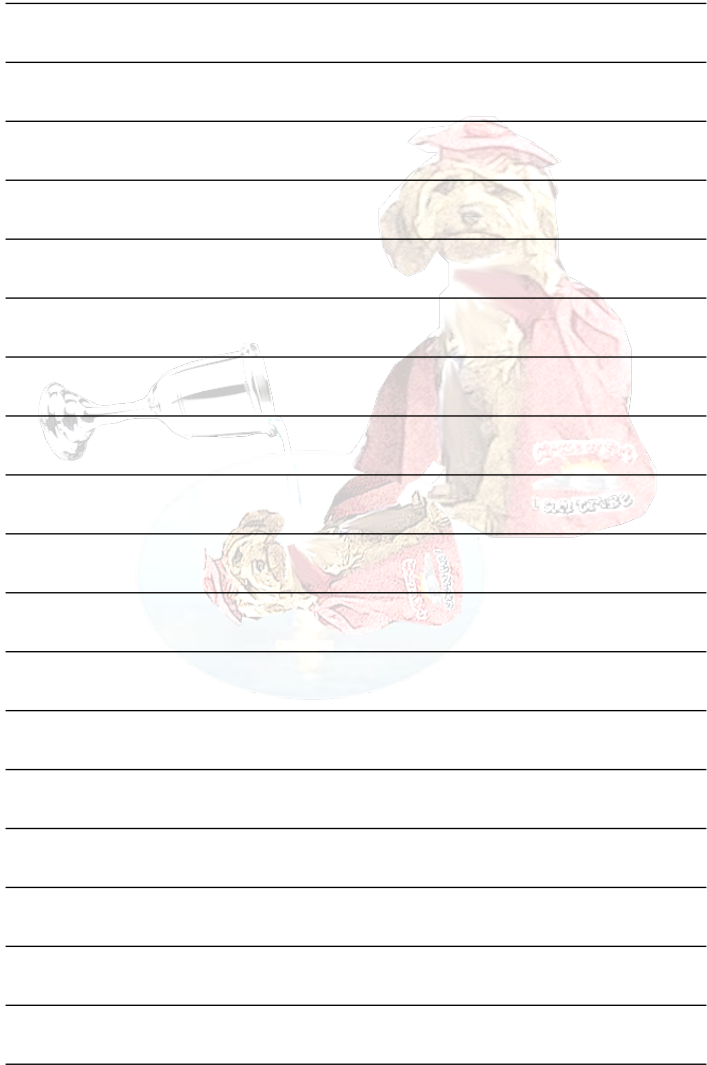
Sowing

Proverbs 11:¹⁸ The wicked man earns deceptive wages, but he who sows righteousness reaps a sure reward.



Feeding

Job 38:⁴¹ Who provides food for the raven when its young cry out to God and wander about for lack of food?

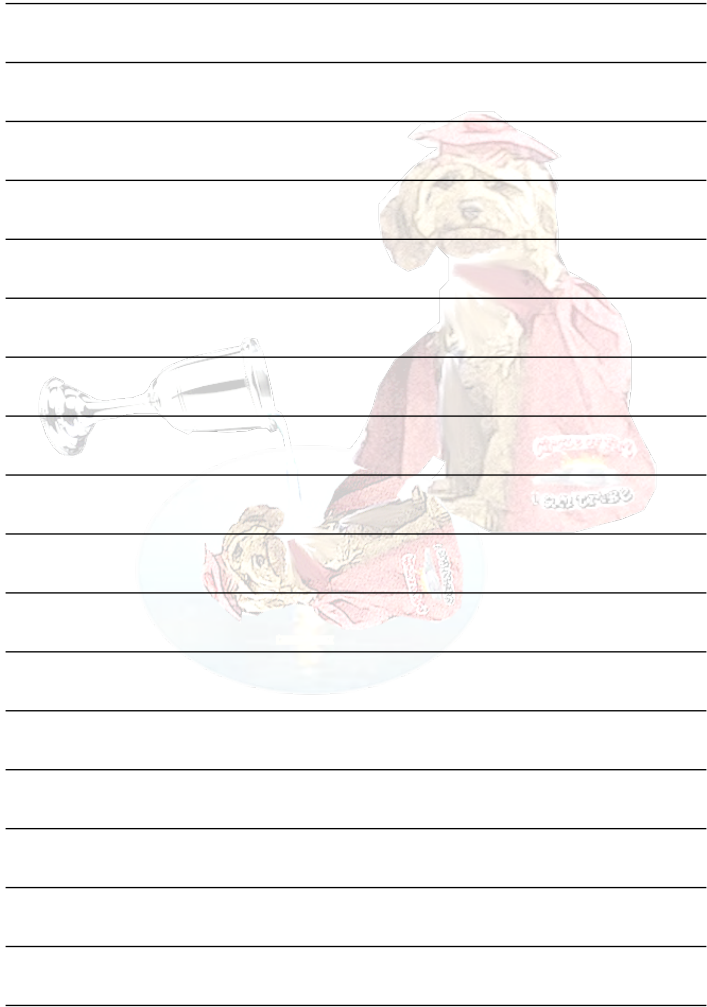


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Weeding

Biblical Character: Zechariah, the son of Jehoash

Luke 8:7 "Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up with it and choked the plants."



Harvesting

Luke 8:8 "Still other seed fell on good soil. It came up and yielded a crop, a hundred times more than was sown."



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A Home for You

Biblical Character: A man in Elisha's tomb

2 Kings 13:21 Once while some Israelites were burying a man, suddenly they saw a band of raiders; so they threw the man's body into Elisha's tomb. When the body touched Elisha's bones, the man came to life and stood up on his feet.



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Book 4

Return of the Jewels



Isaiah 54:¹¹ "Afflicted city, lashed by storms and not comforted, I will rebuild you with stones of turquoise, your foundations with lapis lazuli.¹² I will make your battlements of rubies, your gates of sparkling jewels, and all your walls of precious stones."

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A Note from the Author

This is the fourth book in the series “Dudley’s Cave and the Circle of Fire.” In this book the Tribe begins a series of travels to find the secret of the jewels of Yahweh. The jewels were placed on a Breastpiece worn by the High Priest of Israel as instructed by Yahweh. Dudley had pulled the Breastpiece from the High Priest in a struggle to free Paul from jail. In so doing, the jewels fell from the Breastpiece and disappeared. The Tribe must find each jewel and its special meaning to Yahweh and to the Dream of God for each of them. In Ephesians 6:14, the Apostle Paul implores his readers to “stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place.” The I AM Tribe members are given the “belt” or sash of truth as they begin their quest for the meaning of the “breastplate of righteousness” in both the Old and New Testaments.

Each of us struggles with doing “right” things. Darkness and Light struggle inside use for control, like the ying yang ball. From the time sin entered into the world until the Lord returns, the battle will continue for our hearts, minds, and souls. In this book the students will see both sides and learn the how to defeat the darkness within.

In the beginning of this series I stressed to the Tribe the importance of their lives to God, and that I AM loved the “I am” that was his Dream for each of them personally. The name they were given by their parents is not the name God gave them. In this book, the Tribe will learn the names and meanings of the twelve sons of Judah. Each son is a jewel before God with a name. The Tribe members are also a jewel before God with a name he has given them in their hearts. I have encouraged each person to write their initial from the creativity of their heart, which is a picture of them.

A Host of Witnesses

Genesis 6:22 Noah did everything just as God commanded him.



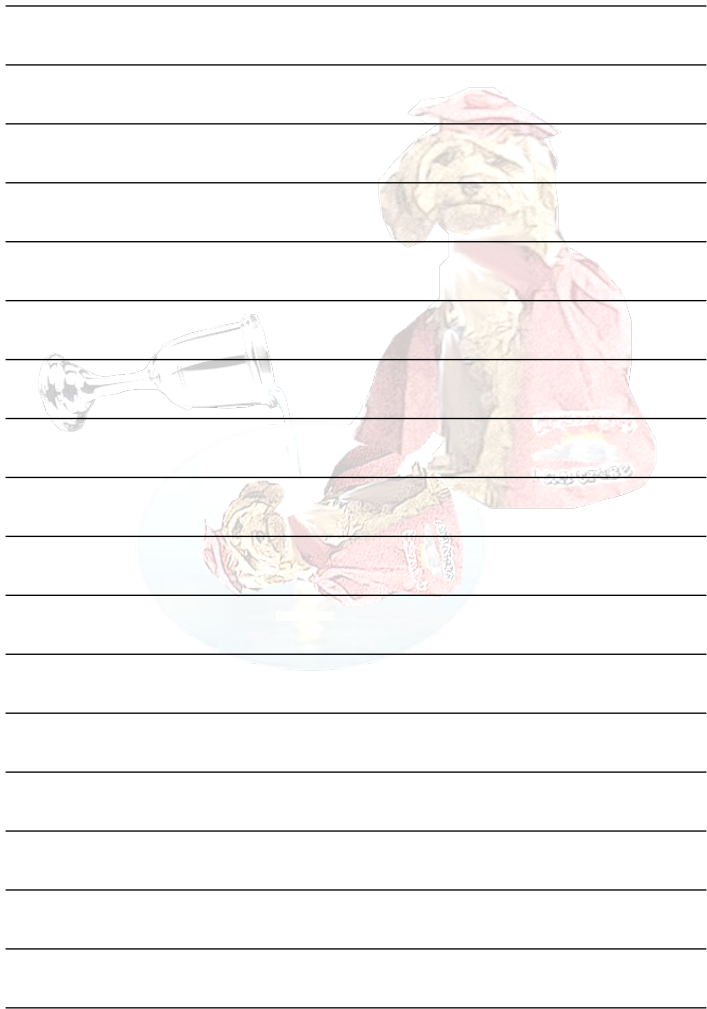
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A Jewel from clay

Love is Patient

Biblical Character: Adam

Genesis 2:⁷ Then the LORD God formed a man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being.



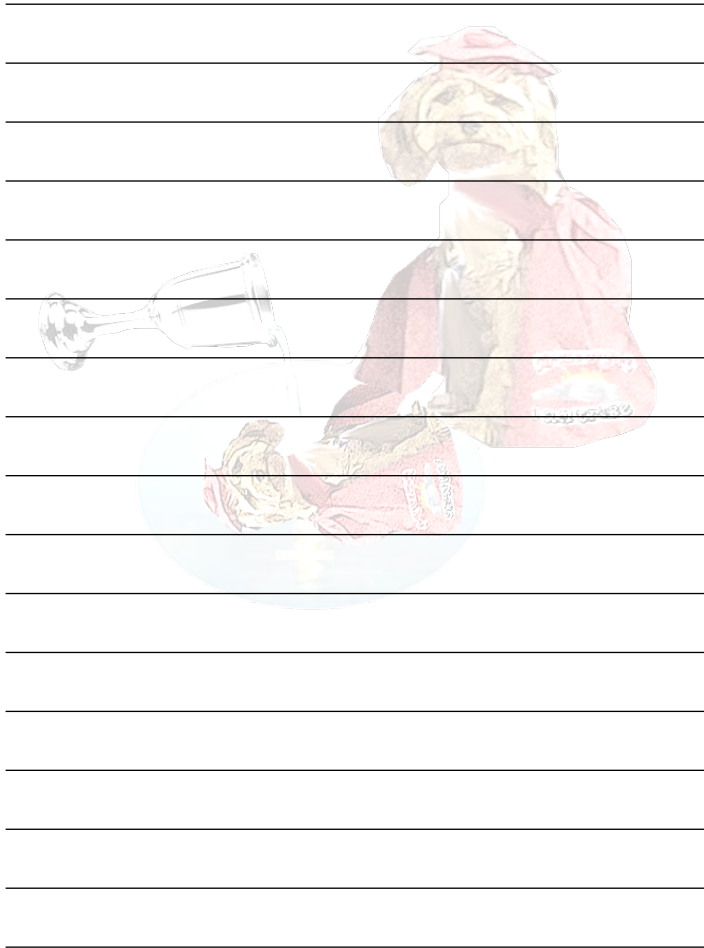
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Precious Stones

Love is Kind

Biblical Character: Eve

Genesis 2:¹⁰ A river watering the garden flowed from Eden; from there it was separated into four headwaters. ¹¹ The name of the first is the Pishon; it winds through the entire land of Havilah, where there is gold. ¹²(The gold of that land is good; lovely pearls and onyx are also there.)



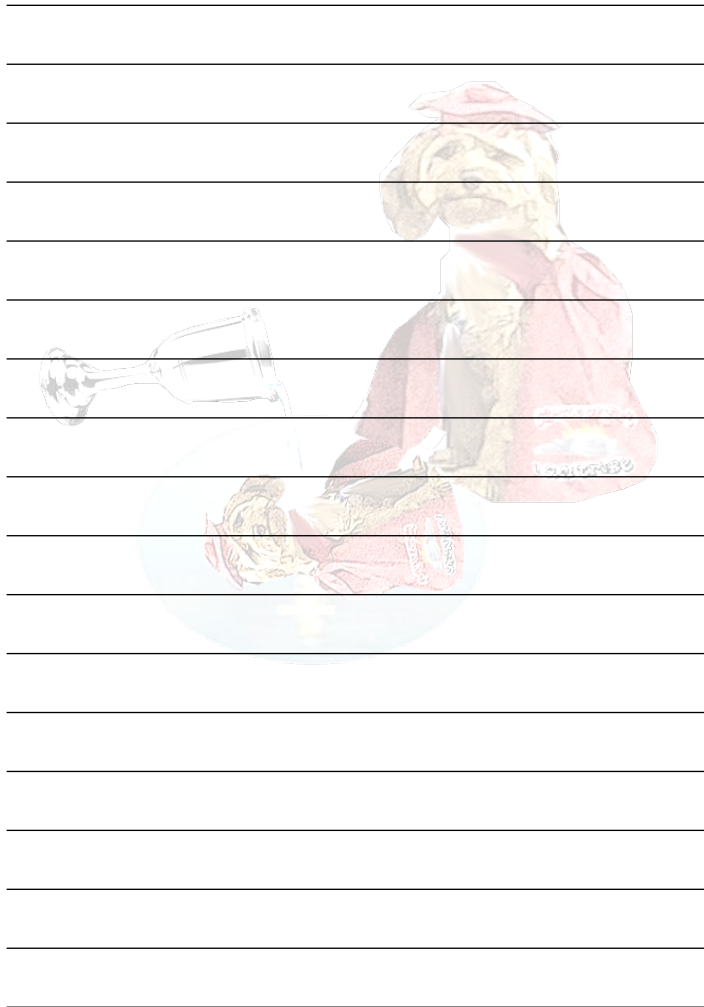
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The Jewel that walked

Love does not envy

Biblical Character: Enoch

Genesis 5:24 Enoch walked faithfully with God; then he was no more, because God took him away.



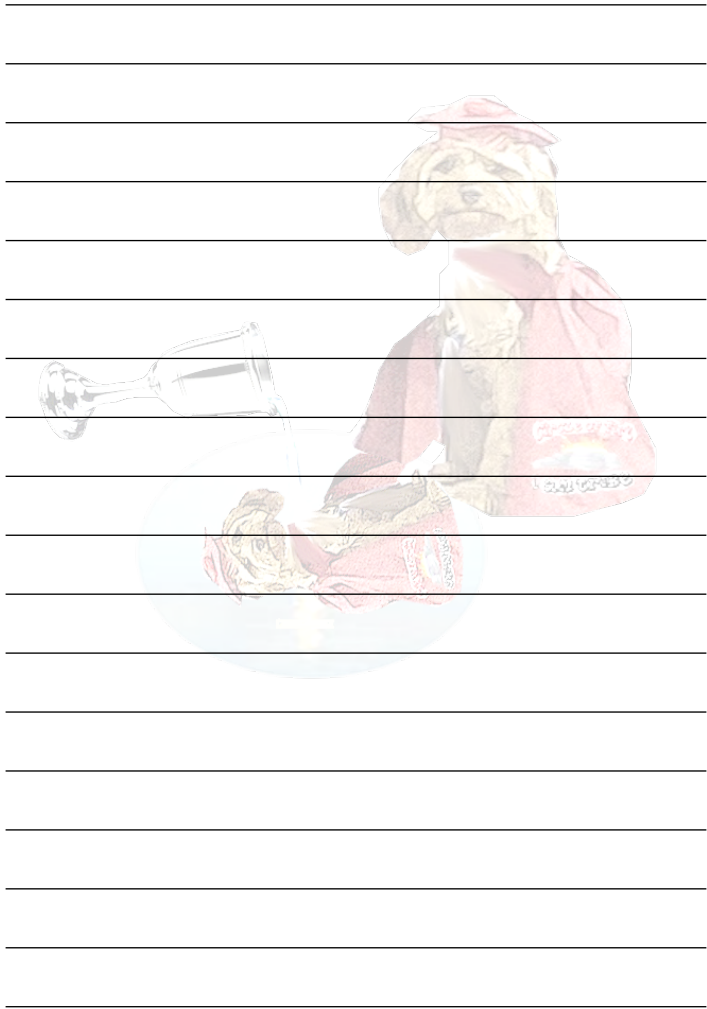
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God the Creator

One Row for Creation

Biblical Character: Leah

1Timothy 4: ^{4a} "For everything God created is good."



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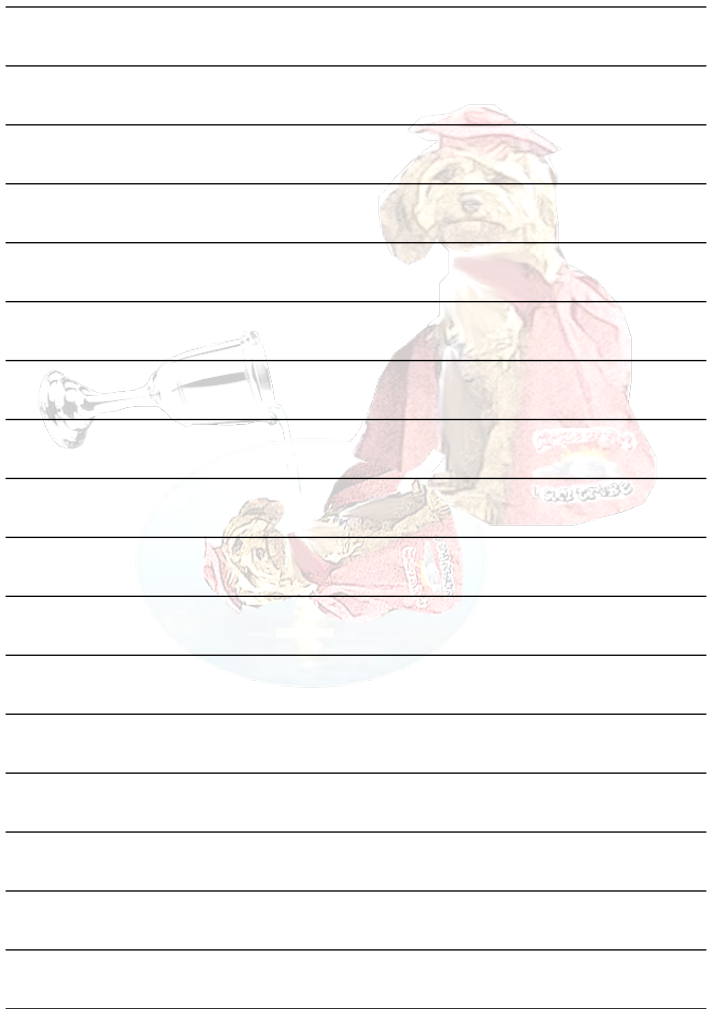
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The Jewel Maker

Love is not boastful

Biblical Character: Aaron, Bezalel, and Oholiah

Genesis 49:¹⁰ The scepter will not depart from Judah, nor the ruler's staff from between his feet, until he to whom it belongs shall come and the obedience of the nations shall be his.



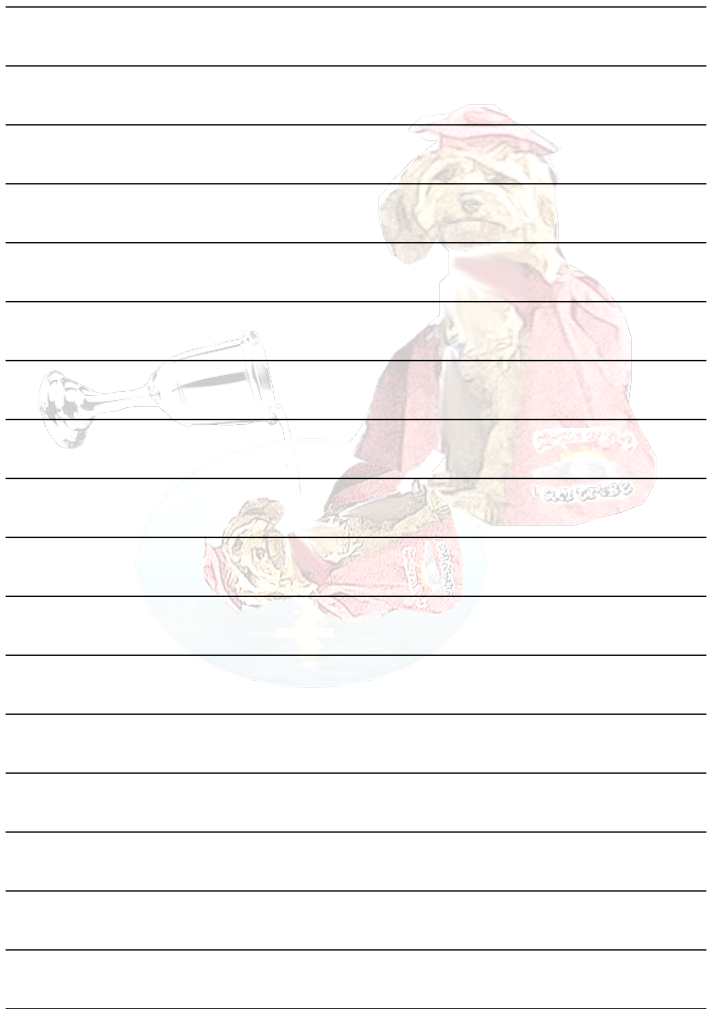
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The Inheritance Jewel

Love is not proud

Biblical Character: Caleb

Numbers 14:²⁴ But because my servant Caleb has a different spirit and follows me wholeheartedly, I will bring him into the land he went to, and his descendants will inherit it.



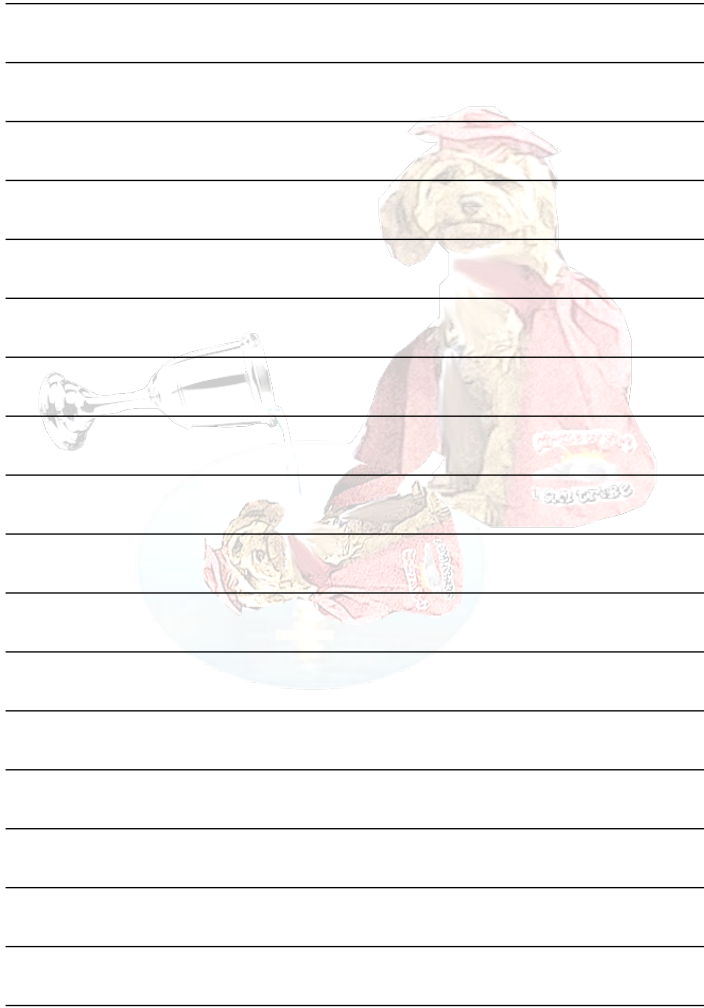
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The Compass Jewel

Love is not rude

Biblical Character: Balaam

Numbers 23: ¹⁹ God is not human, that he should lie, not a human being, that he should change his mind. Does he speak and then not act? Does he promise and not fulfill?



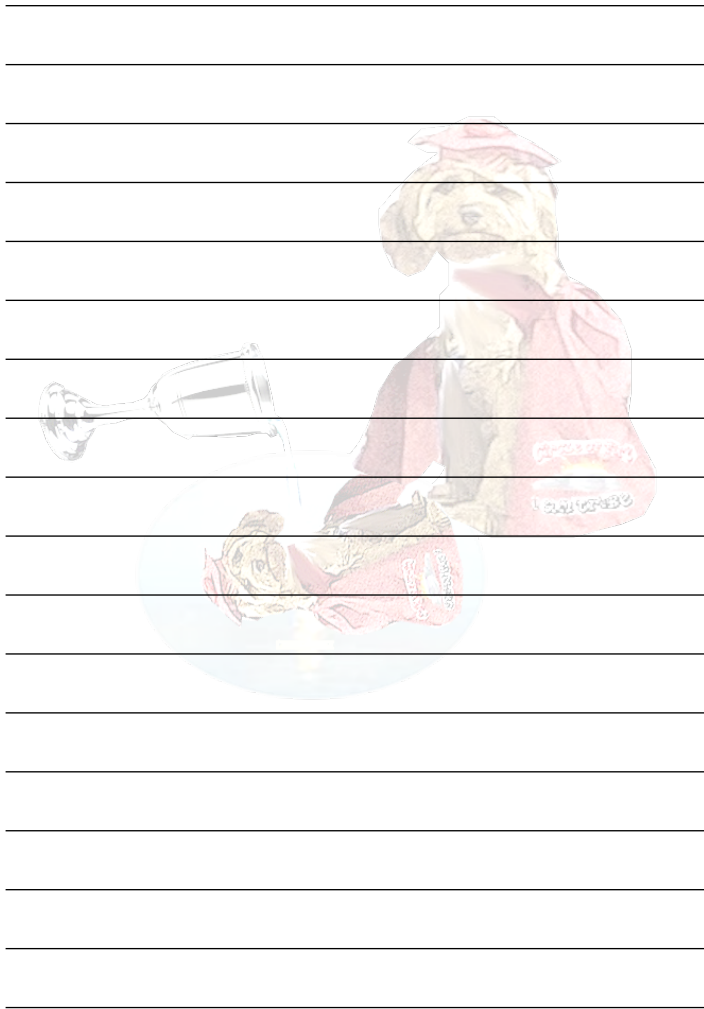
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Lord of all nations

All nations will worship You

Biblical Character: Rahab

Psalm 86:⁹ All the nations you have made will come and worship before you, Lord; they will bring glory to your name.



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The Jewel of honor

Love is not self-seeking

Biblical Character: Deborah

John 12:²⁶ Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me.



Isaiah 51:²¹ “My Spirit, who is on you, will not depart from you.”



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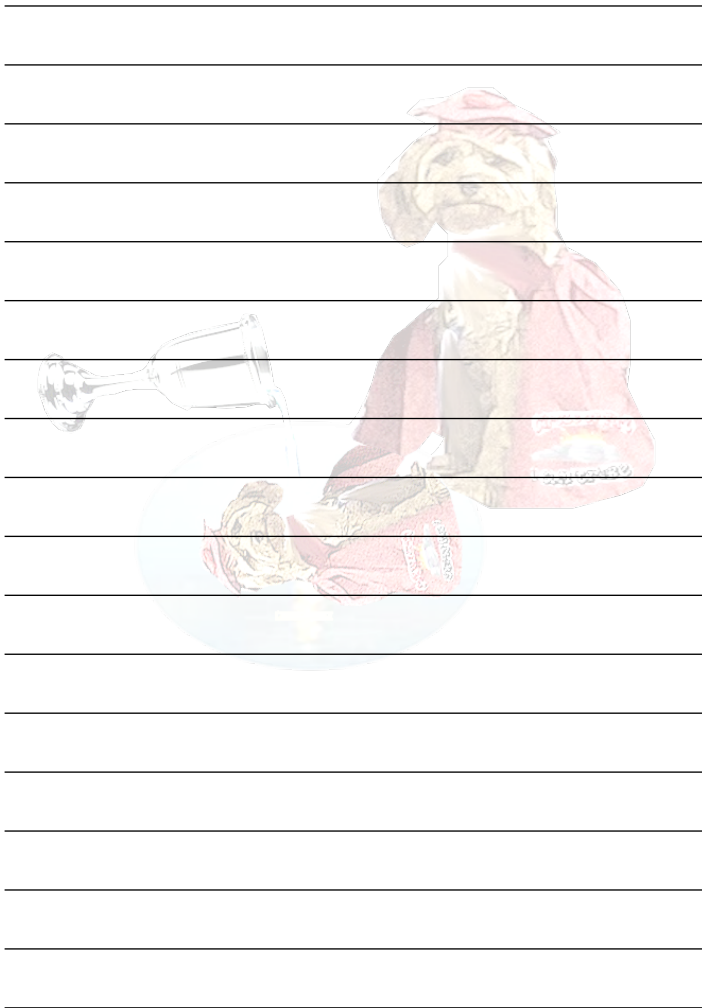
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God's beautiful creation

The perfect creation

Biblical Character: Anointed Cherub - Lucifer

Ezekiel 28:14 "You were anointed as a guardian cherub, for so I ordained you. You were on the holy mount of God; you walked among the fiery stones."



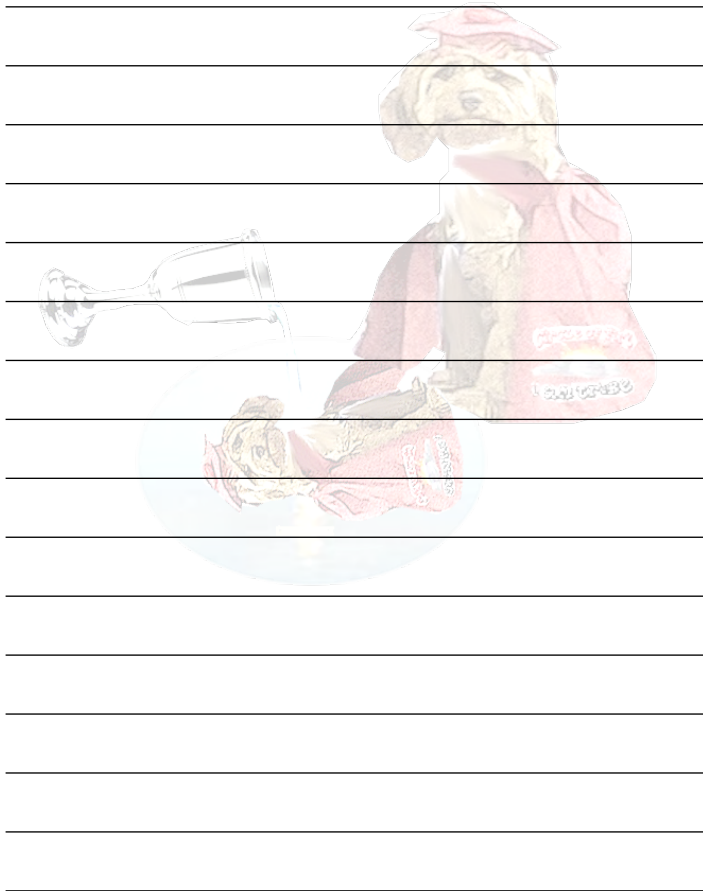
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Walking in the Garden

Beauty and the Beast

Biblical Character: The Leviathan (Envy)

Ecclesiastes 4:4 And I saw that all toil and all achievement spring from one person's envy of another. This too is meaningless, a chasing after the wind.



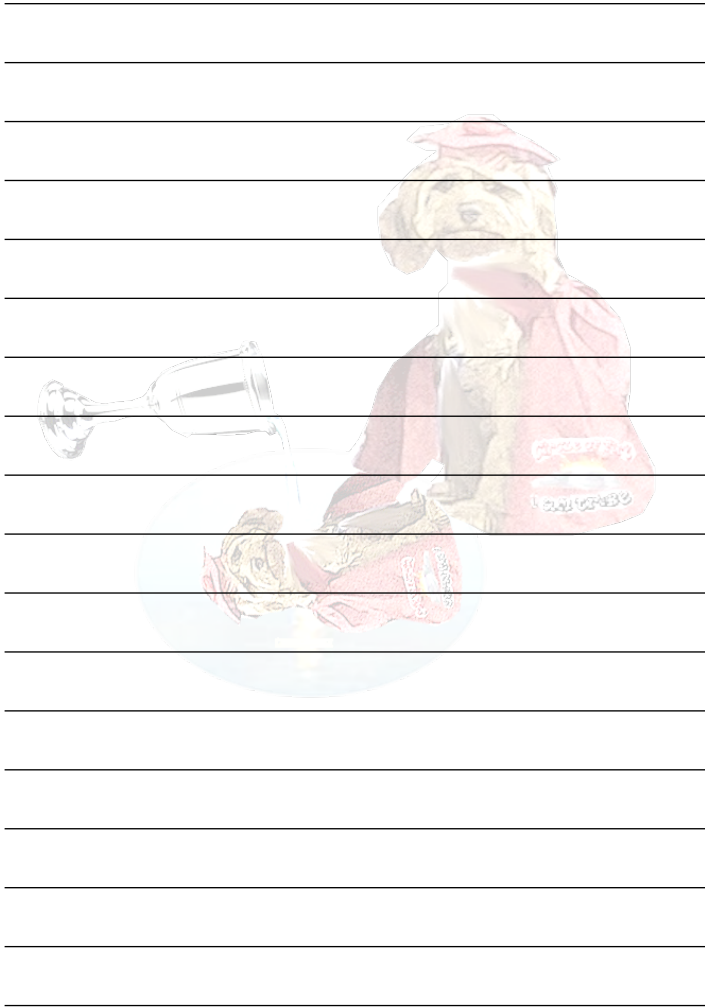
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A Beautiful Woman

Strong desires: Lust

Biblical Character: Asmodeus versus Jeremiah

Lamentations 3: ²⁵ The LORD is good to those whose hope is in him,
to the one who seeks him.



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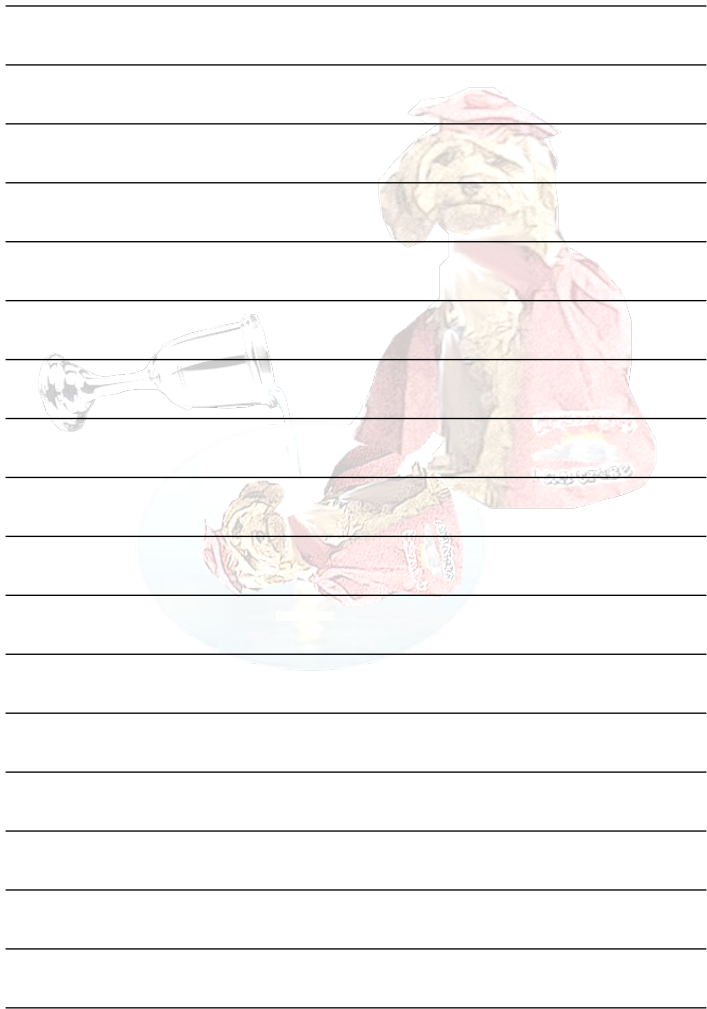
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My better creation

Vanity

Biblical Character: Belphegor - Cain

Genesis 4:7 "If you do what is right, will you not be accepted? But if you do not do what is right, sin is crouching at your door; it desires to have you, but you must rule over it."



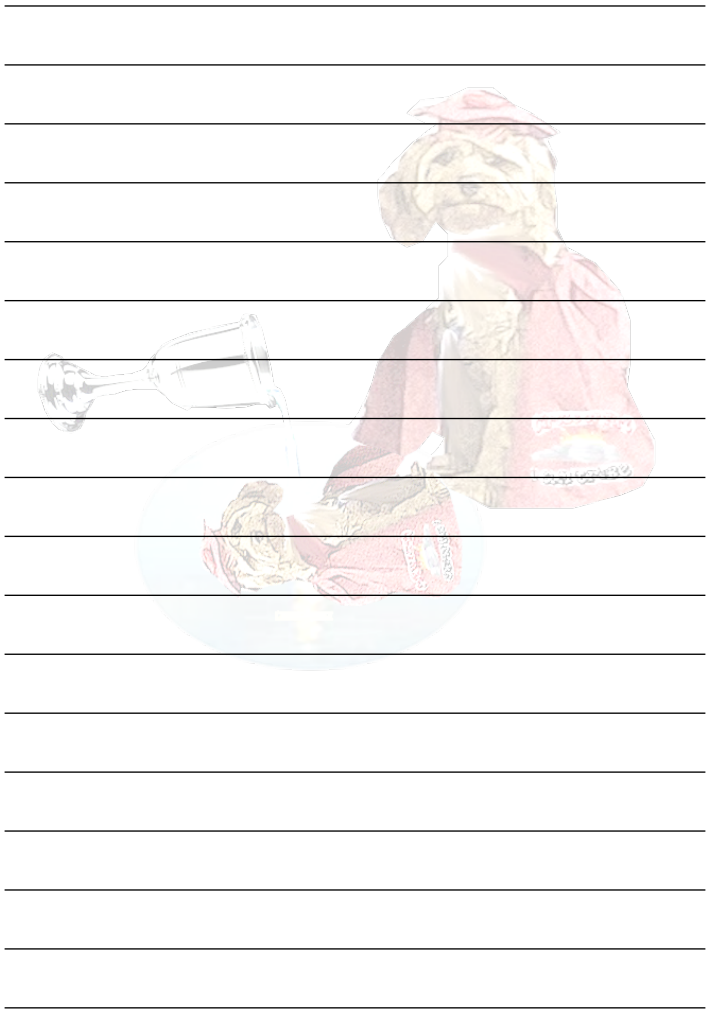
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Possessions

Greed

Biblical Character: Mammon - Korah

Luke 6:15 Then he said to them, "Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions."



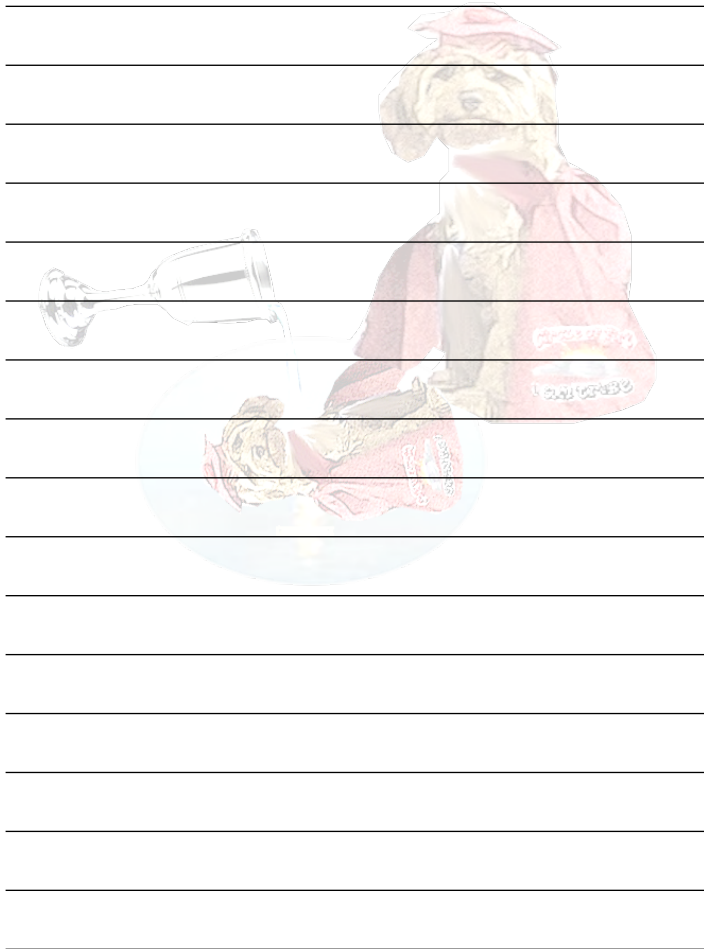
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Rebellion

Pride

Biblical Character: Lucifer - Bera king of Sodom, Birsha king of Gomorrah

1 John 2:16 For everything in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—comes not from the Father but from the world. If you do what is right, will you not be accepted? But if you do not do what is right, sin is crouching at your door; it desires to have you, but you must rule over it.”



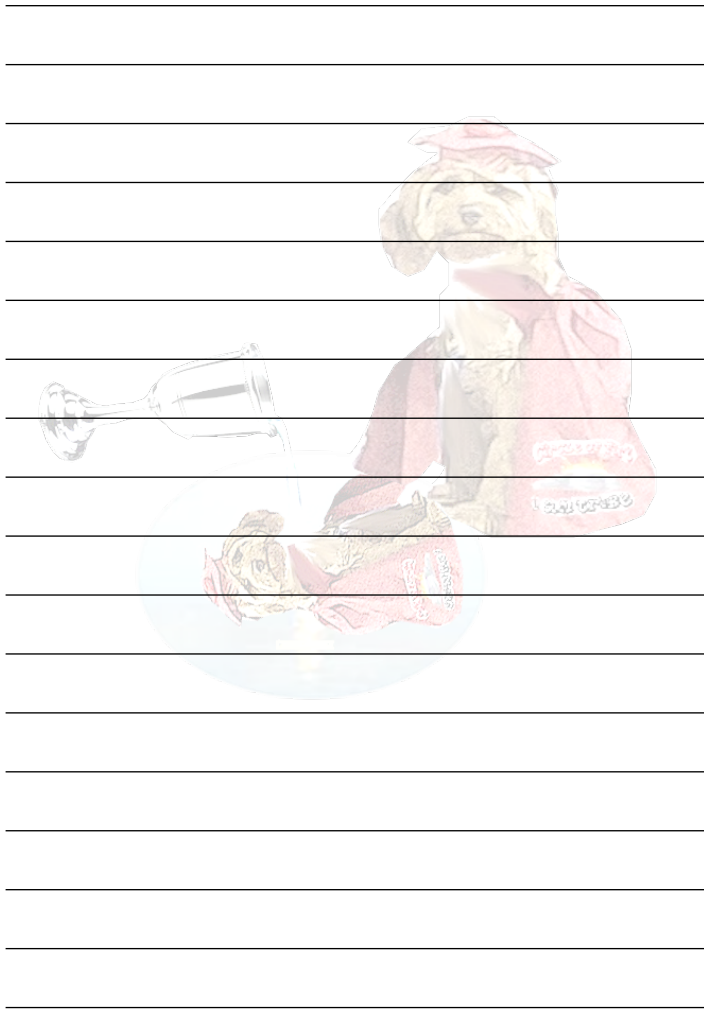
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Suffering God's Wrath

Adversary

Biblical Character: Satan - Pharaoh

1 Thessalonians 5:⁹ For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ.



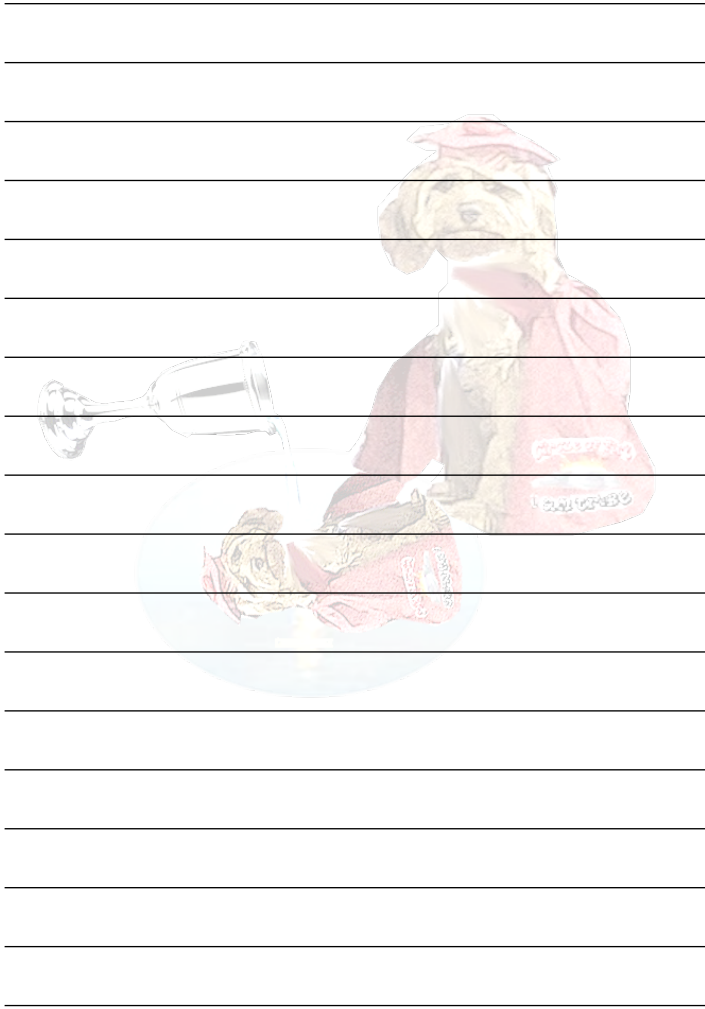
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God's Wisdom

The missing Jewels

Biblical Character: John the Baptist

1 Corinthians 2:7 we declare God's wisdom, a mystery that has been hidden and that God destined for our glory before time began.



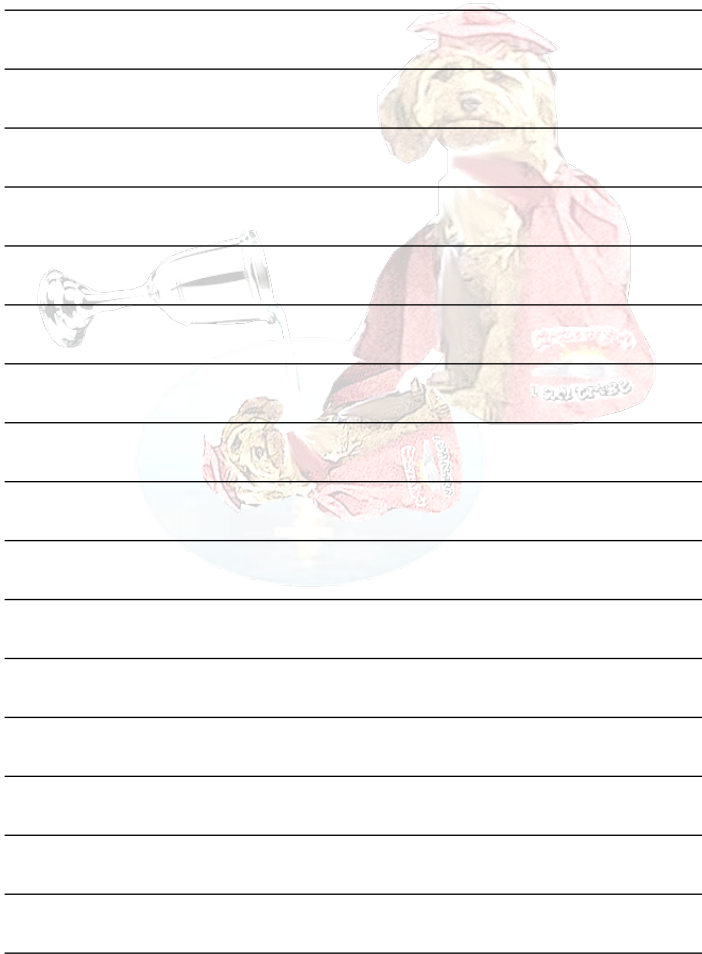
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The Jewel of Truth

Love rejoices with the Truth

Biblical Character: Zechariah – the father of John the Baptist

Zechariah 8: ¹⁶⁻¹⁷ These are the things you are to do: Speak the truth to each other. Do not plot evil against each other, and do not love to swear falsely.⁷ we declare God's wisdom, a mystery that has been hidden and that God destined for our glory before time began.



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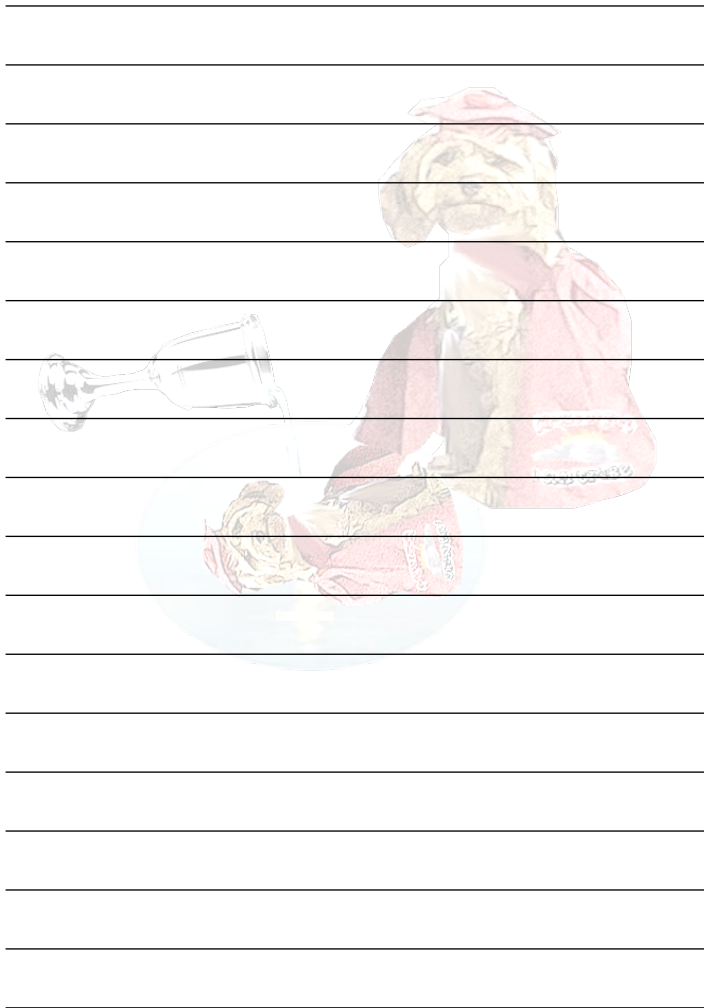
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The Jewel of Redemption

Love never fails

Biblical Character: Rachel – sacrificing all

Isaiah 53: ⁶ We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.



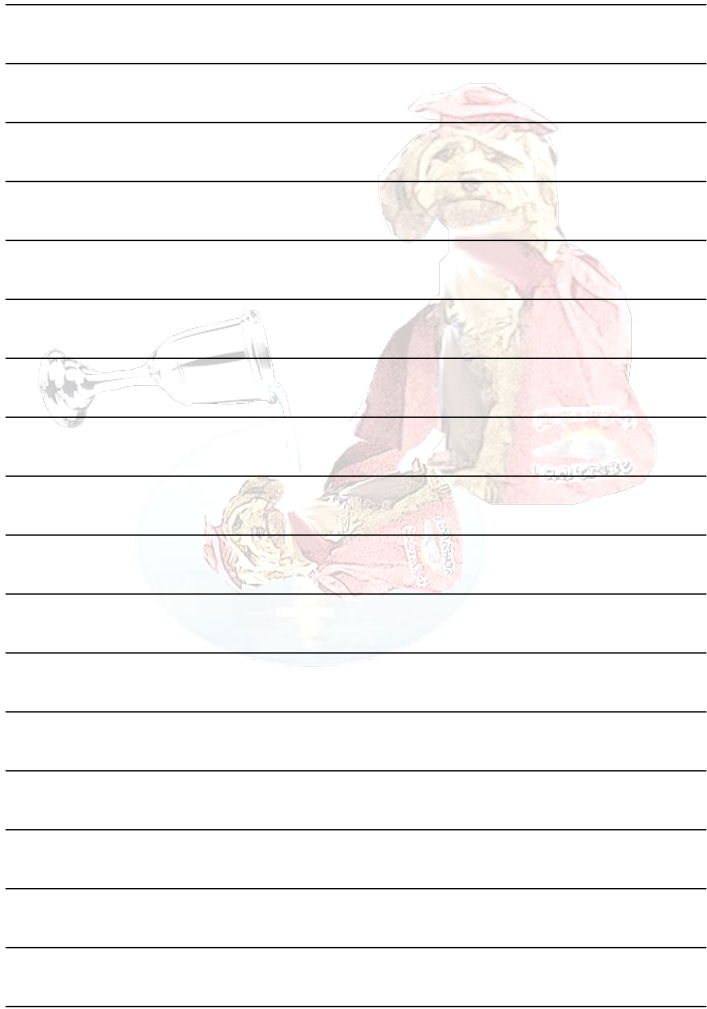
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God's Atonement – the Capstone

God loves you

Biblical Character: Zerubbabel

Zechariah 4:7b "Then he will bring out the capstones to the shouts of 'God bless it! God bless it!'"



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The Breastpiece of Love

Live in peace and love with others

Biblical Character: Paul

Colossians 3:14 Over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.



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Book 5

The Silver Cup



Malachi 3:17 "They shall be Mine," says the LORD of hosts, "On the day that I make them My jewels; and I will spare them, as a man spares his own son who serves him."

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A Note from the Author

Thirteen men reclined around a large table in the upper room of a house in Jerusalem that night. It was a very somber setting. All knew that the Master who sat in the center position had returned to the city expecting to be killed by the people. The twelve men didn't want Jesus to go to the Passover event. The High Priest and the Pharisees were bent on finding a way to kill him.

Still Jesus went to Jerusalem and entered riding on a donkey to the cheers of thousands of people. This was no way for a new king to take his rightful position. Why did he do this? The people embraced him. Maybe it would turn out alright after all, some of the men at the table had thought. Then Jesus went into the Temple. He turned over the tables of merchants selling offerings to the people and claimed that if the Temple were torn down, he would rebuild it in just three days! The ruling Sanhedrin, led by the High Priest, had turned the cheering crowd against the Master. The only way to avoid arrest was to seek asylum in another country. The three year ministry was at an end: or was it?

The Master sat up; lifted a loaf of bread from the table; blessed it, and said, *"Take and eat; this is my body."* The ritual of hospitality was familiar to the men; but why did Jesus need to use it. They had followed him for three years. Didn't he know they were bound to him as friends?

Who were these twelve men chosen by the Master to be his closest students? Surely he could have found better choices than these men. One even worked for the hated Romans collecting tribute taxes for them. Two others had close ties with the rebellion forces against Rome. Others were just common fishermen; not leaders of the country. How could Jesus hope to restore the kingdom with these men?

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The men ate the hospitality bread in silent thought. They had never seen the Master so defeated. Why didn't Jesus just call down his angels and take the throne, two of them thought, the rebels in the group. Others were confused; hadn't they asked to be on each side of the Master in the new kingdom? What would happen after the Master died? One left the table disappointed and walked into the darkness outside.

It was time for the Silver Cup to be used. The house servant went to the place where the owner kept it hidden from the Romans. He opened the box and was stunned: the Silver Cup was missing. The ritual that would bind these men to the Lord until death could not be performed. The servant ran from the house and to the "I AM Tribe". It was time for another journey!

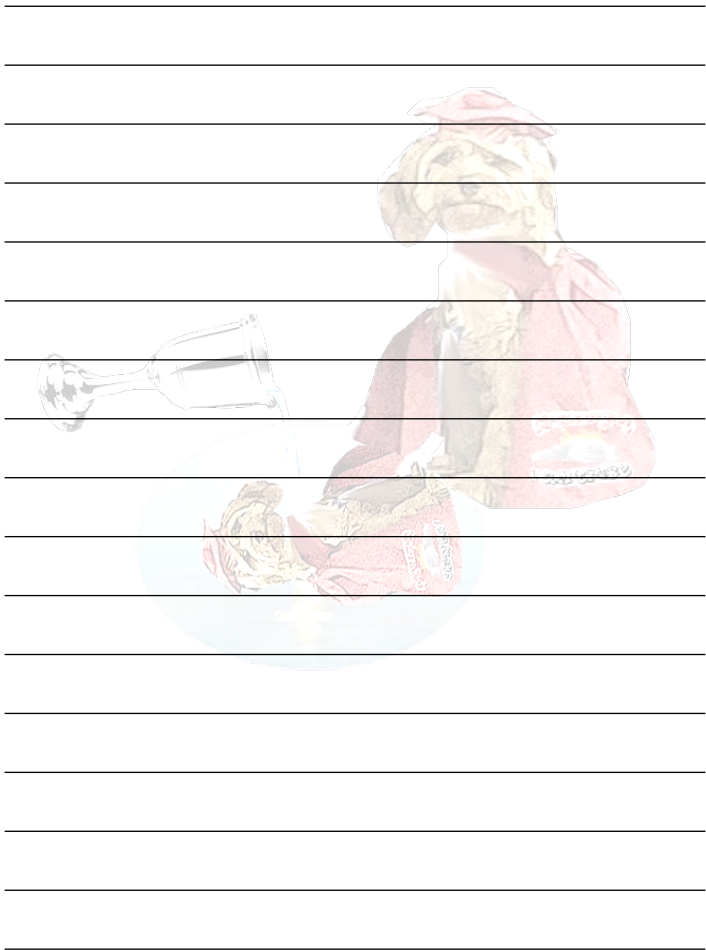
As you seek to find the Dream of God for your life, one thing is certain: you must drink from the Silver Cup as the disciples did that night. They didn't understand it; but they would find the Dream of God for each of them; and so will you. Record your thoughts for each lesson in this journal.



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God made a way back.

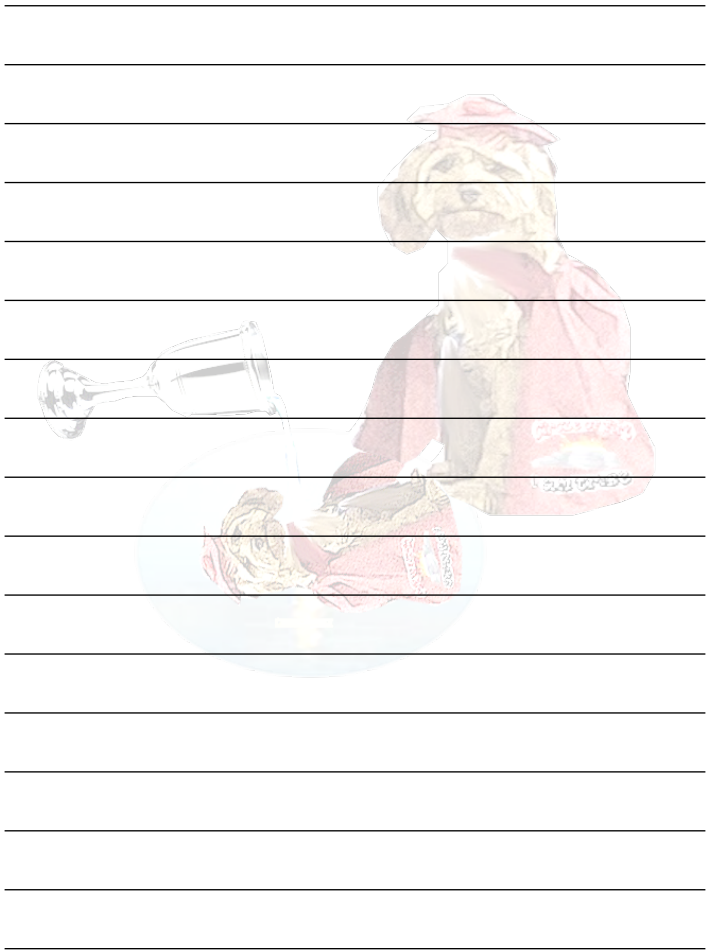
Matthew 4:⁴ Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.' "



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Humble to see Truth.

Matthew 3: ¹⁷And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."



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An open heart sees.

Matthew 4:¹⁷From that time on Jesus began to preach, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."



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Repent for forgiveness.

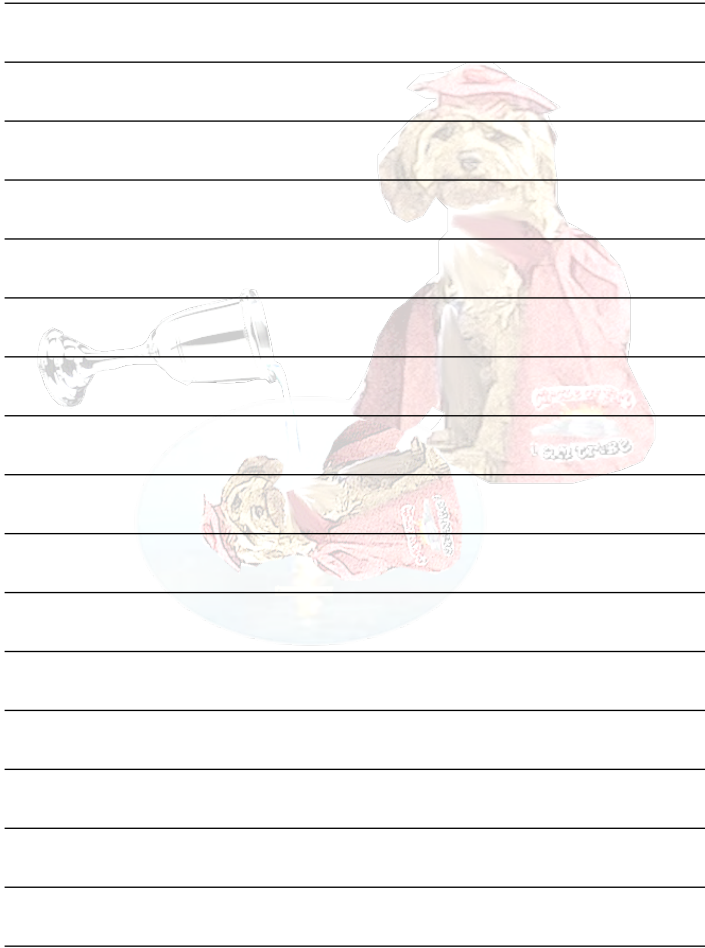
Psalm 23: ¹ The LORD is my shepherd, I lack nothing.



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Have a good foundation.

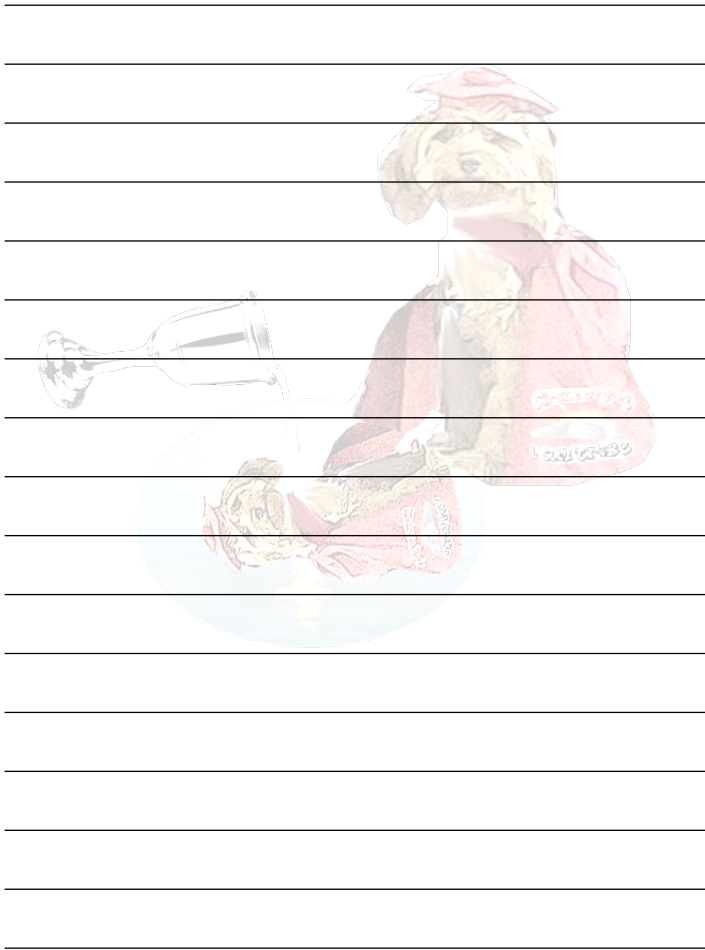
Luke 9:²³⁻²⁴ Then he said to them all: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will save it."



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God provides the tools.

Matthew 7:¹³ "Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it."



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God is Awesome.

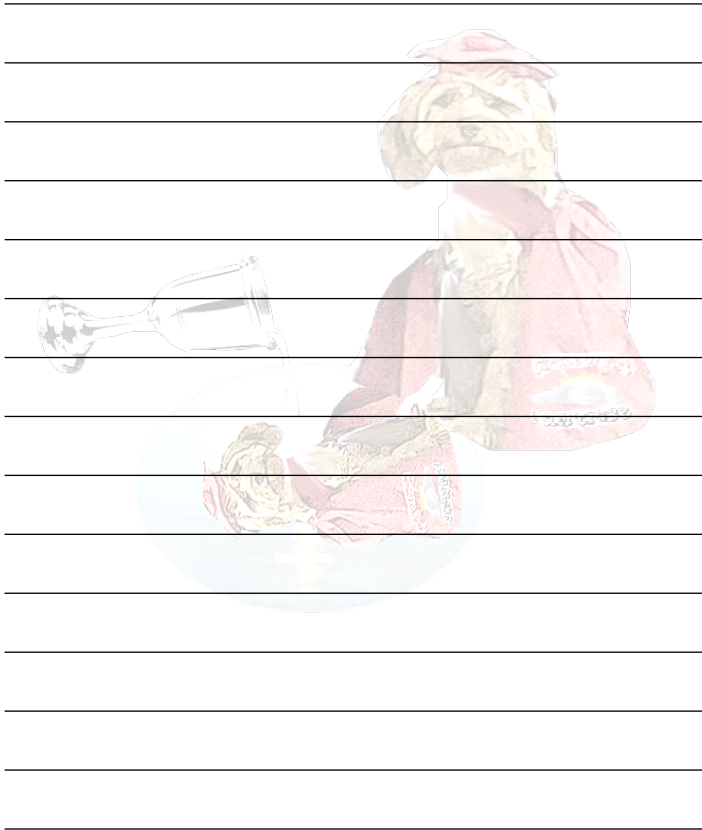
Nehemiah 4:14 "Don't be afraid of them. Remember the Lord, who is great and awesome."



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The least shall be first.

Jeremiah 23: ⁵“The days are coming,” declares the LORD, “when I will raise up from David’s line a righteous Branch, a King who will reign wisely and do what is just and right in the land. ⁶In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. This is the name by which he will be called: The LORD Our Righteous Savior.



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Enough forgiveness.

Luke 7: ⁵⁰ Jesus said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."



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Pursue love to find life.

John 12:²⁶ “Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me.”



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Leaders are normal too.

Luke 5:10b Then Jesus said to Simon, "Don't be afraid; from now on you will catch men."



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Love is life changing.

Matthew 17: ⁵ While he was still speaking, a bright cloud covered them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!"



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Receive like a child.

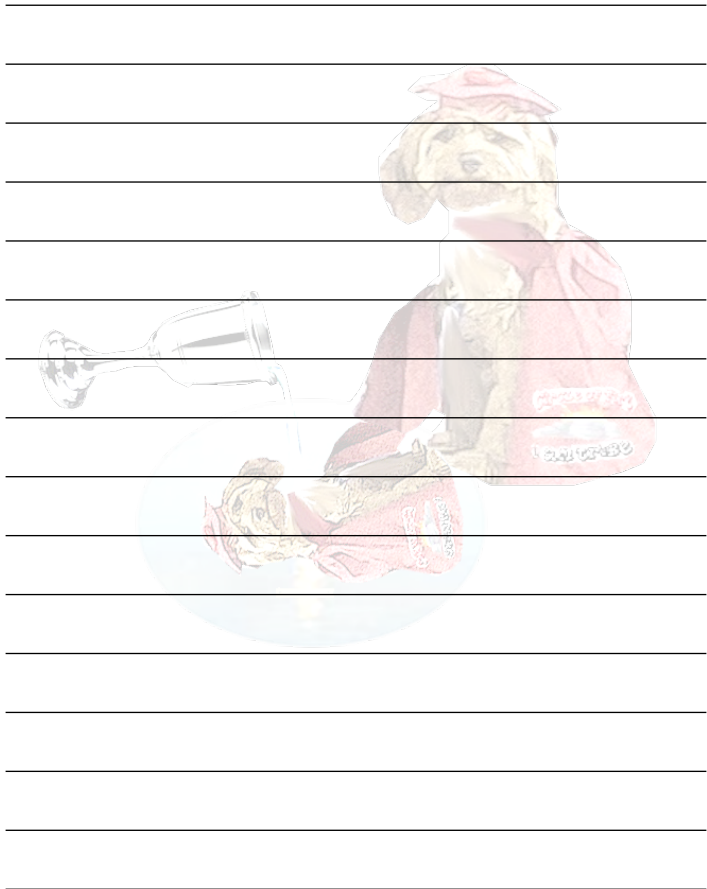
Luke 18: ¹⁷ “Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.”



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Put the Lord first.

Matthew 19:²⁹ "But everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or fields for my sake will receive a hundred times as much and will inherit eternal life."



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Power comes from prayer.

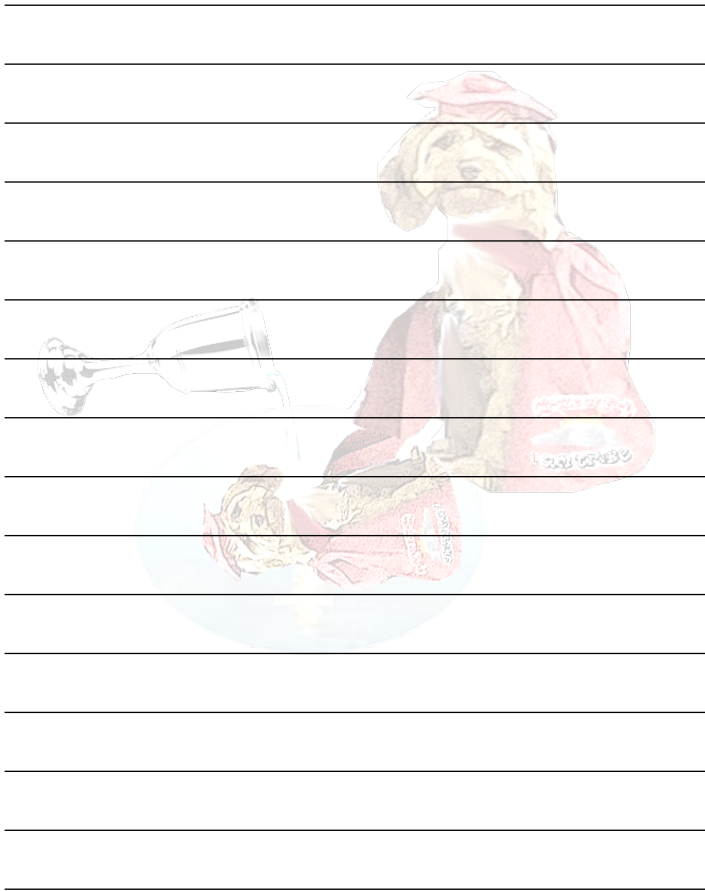
Mark 10:27 Jesus looked at them and said, "With human beings this is impossible, but not with God; all things are possible with God."



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Come and See.

John 17:²⁰ "My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message."



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Answer the Lord's call.

Matthew 9:10 "I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners."



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Stop doubting.

John 20:²⁹ Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."



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The Light has come.

Luke 19: ⁹ Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. ¹⁰ For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost."



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The Lord sees your heart.

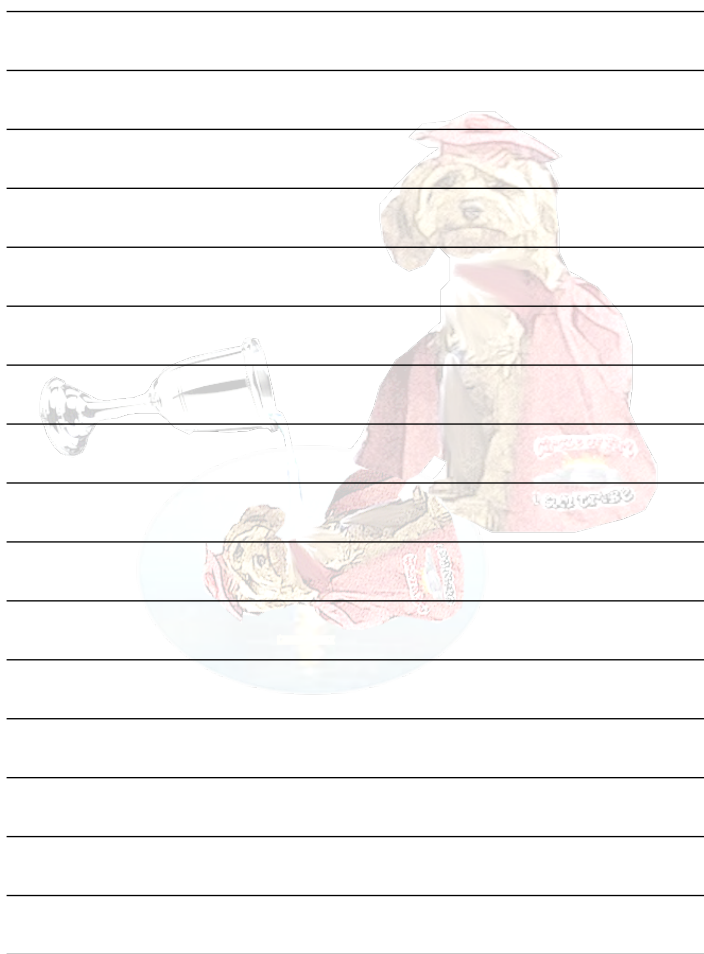
John 17:¹¹ “My days have passed, my plans are shattered. Yet the desires of my heart ¹²turn night into day; in the face of the darkness light is near.”



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Lose life to gain life.

John 14: ²³ "Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching."



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Serve in quietness.

John 15: ¹⁴ “You are my friends if you do what I command.”



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Do not be deceived.

Matthew 25: ¹³ "Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour."



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Drink from the Silver Cup.

1 John 1:5b God is light; in him there is no darkness at all.



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God made a way back
Humble to see Truth
An open heart sees
Repent for forgiveness
Have a good foundation
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Note from the Author

I hope that as you complete this book, you understand that drinking from the Silver Cup is not physical, but spiritual. As you drink of the Holy Spirit of our Lord, you will find that life changes dramatically for you. The disciple Peter could boldly declare: "Even if I have to die with you, I will never disown you." The other disciples also agreed, but Peter denied being a disciple three times and the disciples fled. Only the young boy John would remain by the Lord's side. Yet afterwards each disciple would drink spiritually from the Silver Cup of the Holy Spirit and go forward to become Apostles. Each found the Dream of God for their life.

This is the time in the series for you to answer the Lord's call: "Come and See", if you have not done so already. The pathway has been revealed to you for the Dream of God; but you must take the step onto that pathway. No one else can take the step for you.

The next book in this series will address life on that pathway for those who accepted the call after the Apostles and formed the first bodies of Christ or churches. The Apostle John's visions reveal the pathway to us in "The Golden Lampstand".