

Living in the Truth

FROM DARKNESS TO OBEDIENCE

1 John 2:3-6

³ And we can be sure that we know him if we obey his commandments.⁴ If someone claims, “I know God,” but doesn’t obey God’s commandments, that person is a liar and is not living in the truth. ⁵ But those who obey God’s word truly show how completely they love him. That is how we know we are living in him. ⁶ Those who say they live in God should live their lives as Jesus did. (NLT)



Test of Perfect Obedience

Arabian Horses

1. We must live in Light and not in darkness

- God is light and there is no darkness in him (1 John 1:5)
- False Teachers Claim 1 -Saying we have fellowship but living in Spiritual Darkness ((1 John 1:6)
- If we live in light we will have fellowship with each other (1 John 1:7)

SIN

1 John 1:7

But if we are living in the light, as God is in the light, then we have fellowship with each other, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, cleanses us from all sin.

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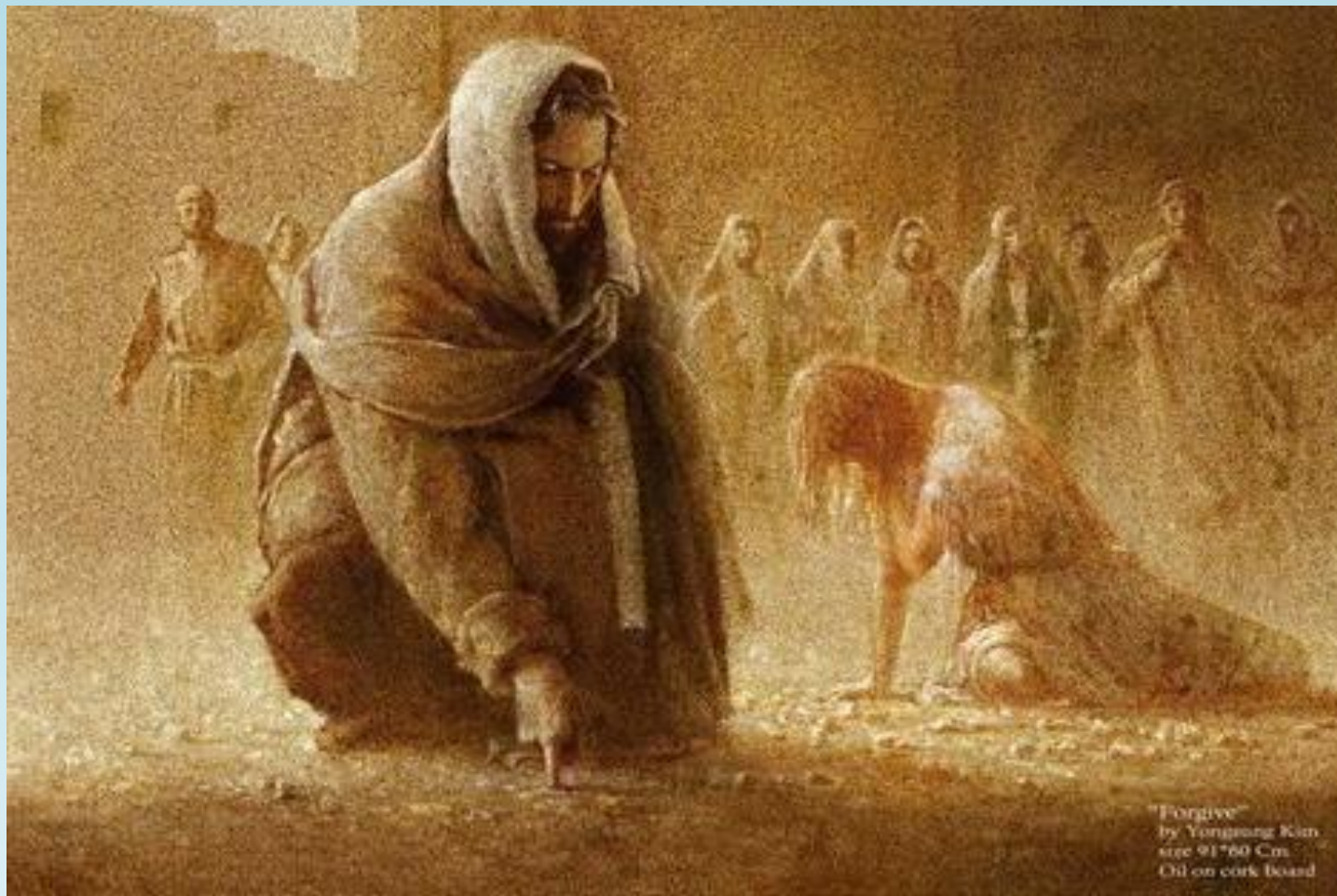
1. TAKE YOU FARTHER THAN YOU PLANNED
ON GOING.

2. KEEP YOU LONGER THAN YOU PLANNED ON
STAYING

3. COST YOU MORE THAN YOU PLANNED ON
PAYING.

Sin and Solution

- The blood of Jesus cleanses us from all sin (1 John 1:7)
- False Teachers Claim 2 - we have no sin - we are fooling ourselves (1 John 1:8)
- If we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness (1 John 1:9)
- False Teachers Claim 3 - We have not sinned at all (1 John 1:10)
- If anyone does sin- we have an advocate (1 John 2:1)



John 8:11 – Go and Sin no more

Compassion and Forgiveness

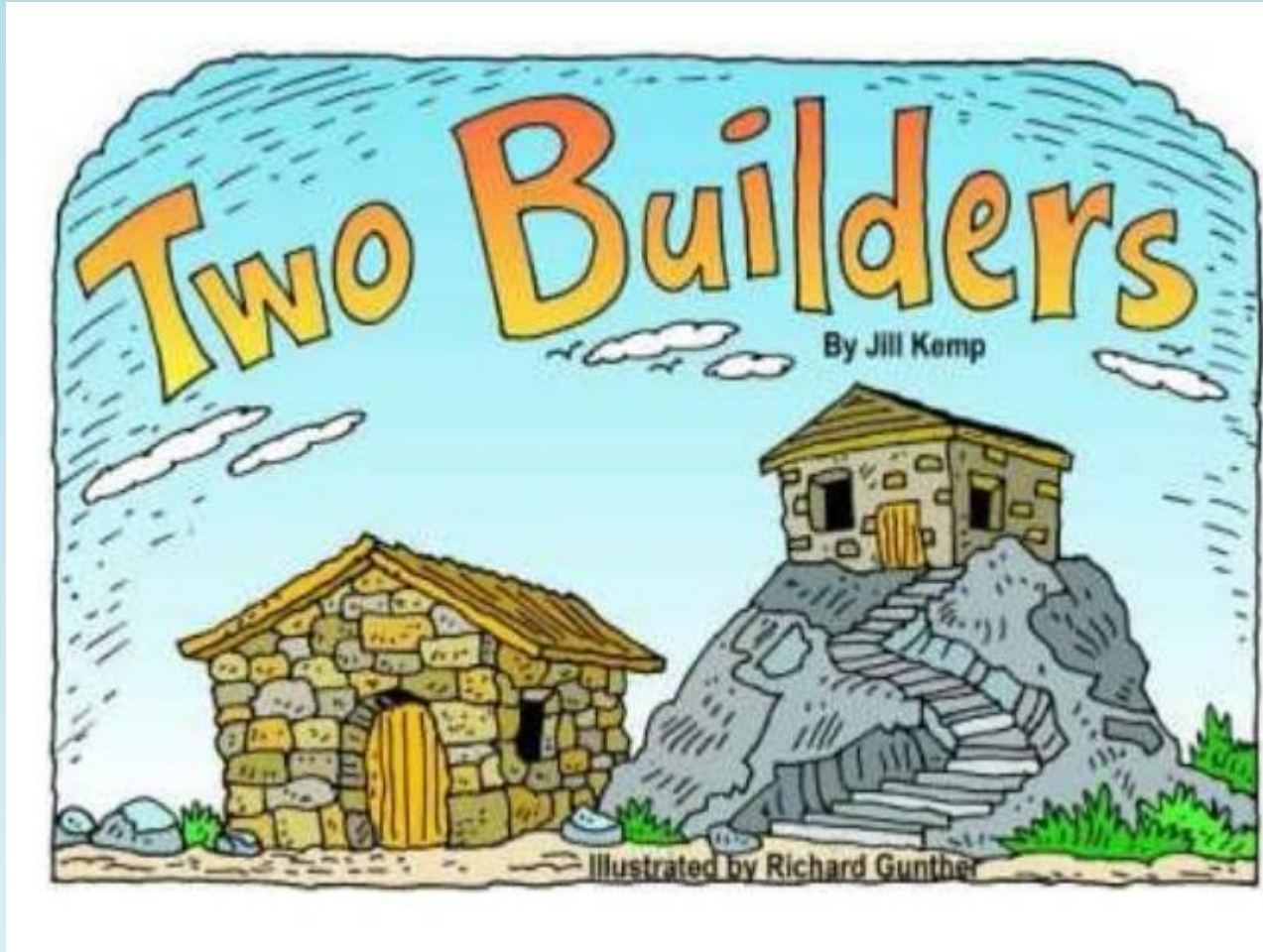


Little Girl – Insensitive to pain

Insensitive to Sin?

Claiming to know God and not obeying God's commandments (1 John 2:3)

- He is a liar
- Not living in the truth
- Obedience is the proof of true love



Two Builders

Mathew 7:21-27; Luke 6:46-49



Obedience
matters more
than our
reputation or
what we say

Obedience

- 1 Cor. 3:13-15 - ¹³ But on the judgment day, fire will reveal what kind of work each builder has done. The fire will show if a person's work has any value.¹⁴ If the work survives, that builder will receive a reward. ¹⁵ But if the work is burned up, the builder will suffer great loss. The builder will be saved, but like someone barely escaping through a wall of flames. (NLT)
- Instant obedience is the only kind of obedience there is; delayed obedience is disobedience. Whoever strives to withdraw from obedience, withdraws from Grace. -Thomas Kampis.



Obey and live in the truth

Two Angels