



The Letters of Paul

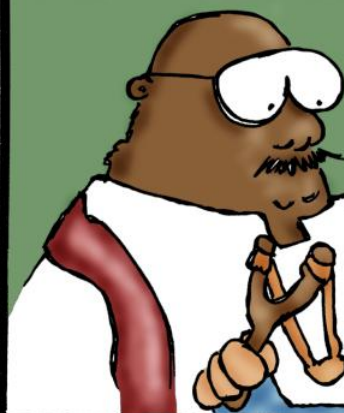
DO YOU THINK GOD WOULD FORGIVE ME IF I DID SOMETHING MEAN, ROTTEN AND REALLY, REALLY TERRIBLE?



WHY YES, BILLY. THE BIBLE SAYS, "RETURN TO THE LORD YOUR GOD, FOR HE IS GRACIOUS AND MERCIFUL, SLOW TO ANGER AND ABUNDING IN STEADFAST LOVE!"



WHAT DID YOU DO THAT WAS SO TERRIBLE, BILLY?



NOTHING YET, BUT I'LL LET YOU KNOW WHEN I FINISH PLANNING IT!



Melhem



SHARE

your highs and lows

Break into pairs.
Listen carefully and record your partner's thoughts in the space provided. Then return to small group and share your friend's highs and lows.

MY HIGH THIS WEEK

MY LOW THIS WEEK

MY FRIEND'S HIGH THIS WEEK

MY FRIEND'S LOW THIS WEEK



READ

and highlight the theme verse in your Bible

"So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!"

2 Corinthians 5:17



TALK

about how the Bible reading might relate to your highs and lows

Choose from the options below to enrich your Talk Time. Invite group members to take turns leading one or more of the following:

IMAGES

1. Choose either the cover photo, cartoon or painting by Dr. He Qi (back page).
2. Where are you in this work of art?
3. How might the art and the theme verse relate to each other?
4. How might the art relate to your highs and lows?

ROLE PLAY

Assign roles and take turns acting out the following:

1. Your youth group decides to write “thank you” and “love you” letters to their parents for all they have done for them. One friend thinks it is a stupid idea. Talk them into it.
2. A friend had a “born again” experience on a youth retreat last weekend, but is talking about getting drunk with other friends next weekend. Respond.

QUESTIONS TO PONDER

1. What is the most memorable letter you ever received? Why do you still remember it? Do you still have it?
2. Who might appreciate a letter from you right now? Will you write one? If they are feeling down, can you bring God into it? Why would you? Why wouldn't you?
3. If you could write a letter to your great grandchildren, what would you say? Would you bring God into that letter? Why would you? Why wouldn't you?

QUOTATIONS

Choose a quotation (right column) and share your thoughts and questions about it.

I am a little pencil in the hand of a writing God who is sending a love letter to the world.

Mother Teresa

Faith is not a refuge from reality. It is a demand that we face reality.

Evelyn Underhill

We talk of the Second Coming; half the world has never heard of the first.

Oswald J. Smith

To know the will of God, we need an open Bible and an open map.

William Carey

The opposite of love is not hate, it's indifference. The opposite of art is not ugliness, it's indifference. The opposite of faith is not heresy, it's indifference. And the opposite of life is not death, it's indifference.

Elie Wiesel



Write a definition...

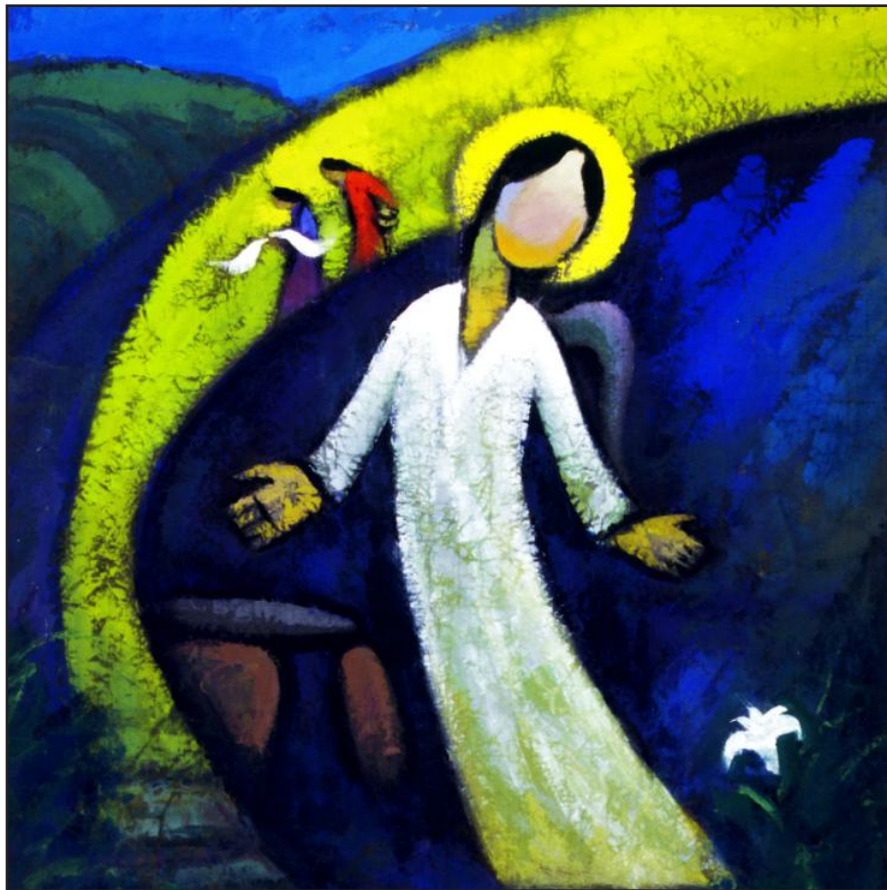
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EPHESUS

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ROME



He Is Not Here by Dr. He Qi (www.heqigallery.com)



PRAY
for one another's
highs and lows

Gather in a circle. Praise and thank God for your highs. Ask the Holy Spirit to be with you in your lows. Pray for your friend's highs and lows and for your world. Close in Jesus' name.

Prayers for Highs

Prayers for Lows



BLESS
one another

Trace the sign of the cross on one another's foreheads or palms.

**REMEMBER
1 THING**

No matter who you are or what you've done, God is waiting to forgive, restore and send you out to witness to God's grace.



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