

## SESSION TITLES

CANON | MINING FOR THE WORD

HISTORY | PARCHMENT TO PIXEL

TESTAMENTS | ONE STORY, TWO PARTS

GOSPELS | UNEXPECTED GOOD NEWS

GENRE | RHYTHM OF THE TEXT

INTERPRETATION | SCRIPTURE READS US

**GRACE | LOVE IS THE BOTTOM LINE**

## ABOUT THESE JOURNAL PAGES

Welcome to animate! This Journal is designed to accompany you on your journey through this session. Flip through the pages, jot notes, sketch ideas, and make it your own. This is your journal and you get to decide when to stop and linger and when to keep moving.

GRACE | LOVE IS THE BOTTOM LINE  
JAY BAKKER

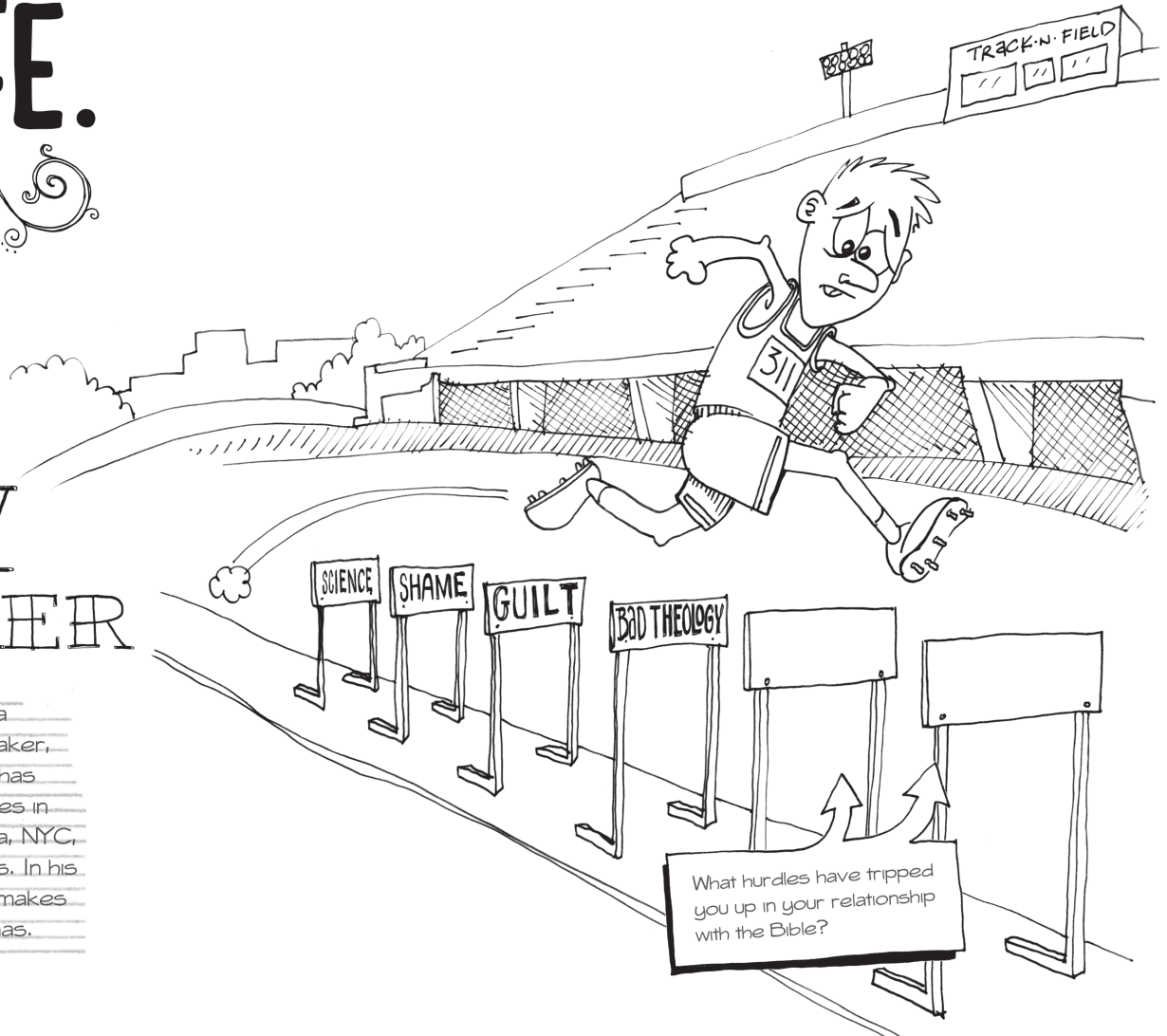


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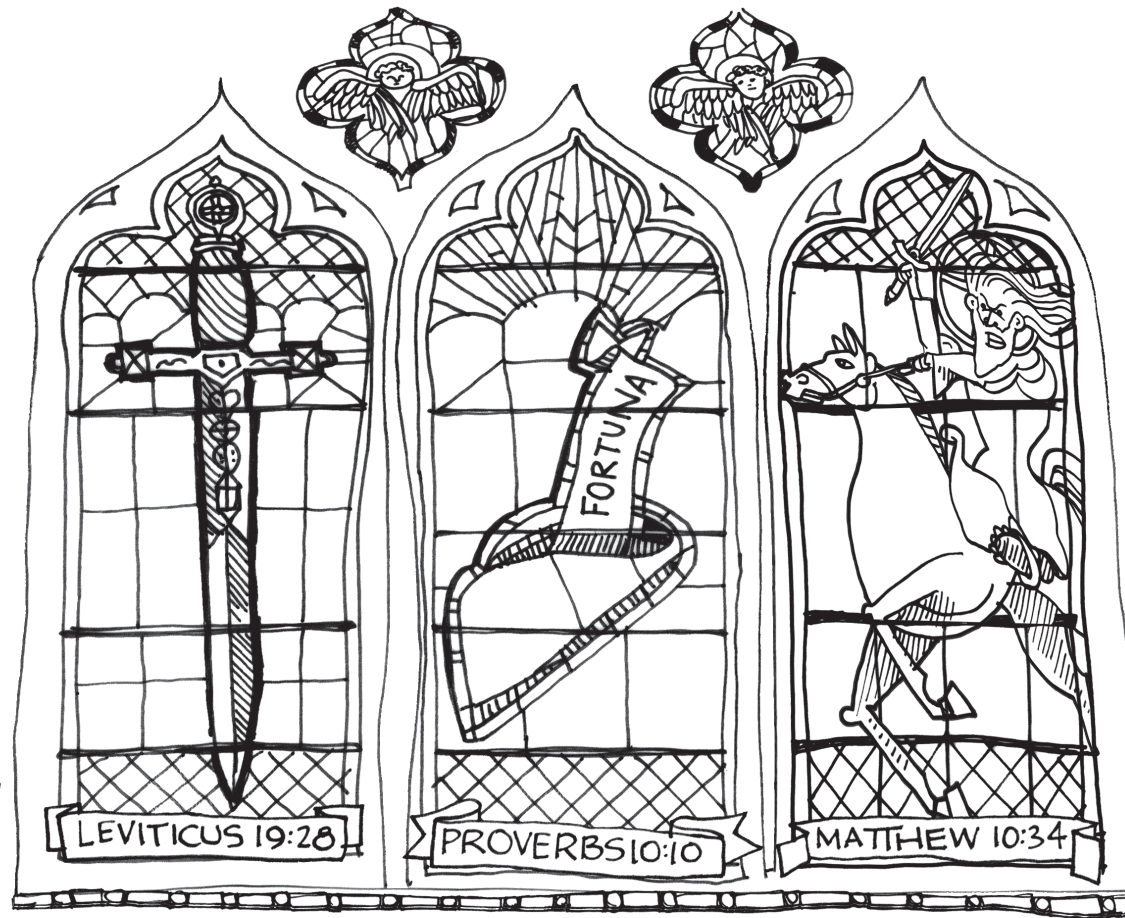


JAY  
BAKKER

• Jay Bakker is a preacher, speaker, and writer. He has planted churches in Phoenix, Atlanta, NYC, and Minneapolis. In his spare time he makes Batman dioramas.



Jay talks about  
the Bible being  
used as a weapon,  
a fortune cookie,  
and a fairy tale.



When has the Bible been used  
as a weapon against you or  
someone you know?

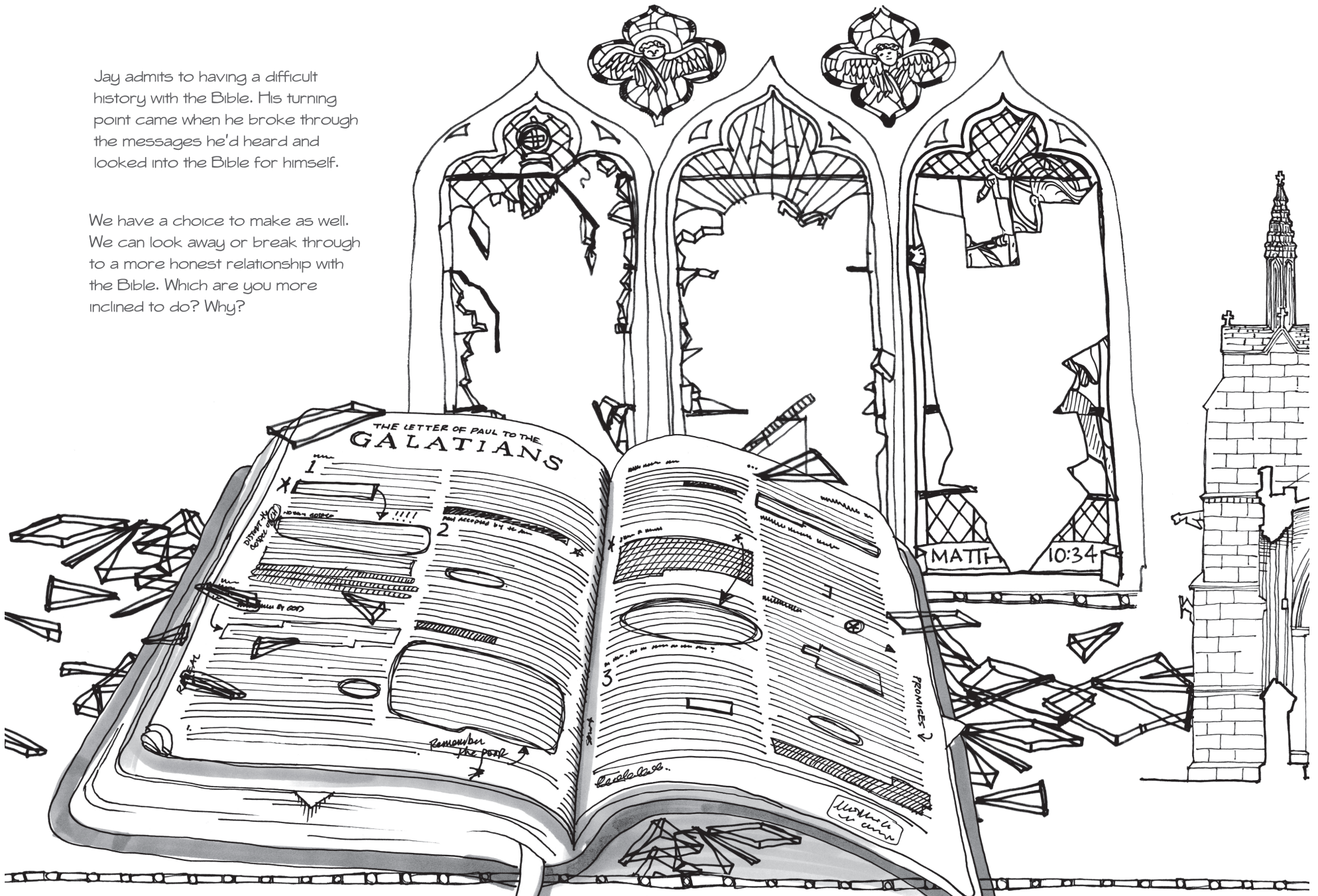
When have you experienced the  
Bible being used like a fortune  
cookie a good message without  
much meaning?

When have you heard the Bible  
dismissed as a fairy tale meant  
to teach you a lesson?



Jay admits to having a difficult history with the Bible. His turning point came when he broke through the messages he'd heard and looked into the Bible for himself.

We have a choice to make as well. We can look away or break through to a more honest relationship with the Bible. Which are you more inclined to do? Why?





# 1

Read Mark 7:25-30

Jesus doesn't always act in a way that we might see as loving or kind. What do you make of that?

Read Galatians 3:26-29

How do Paul's words help us reconsider the social, political, and theological boundaries we deal with today?

# 2

# 4

Read 1 Cor. 13

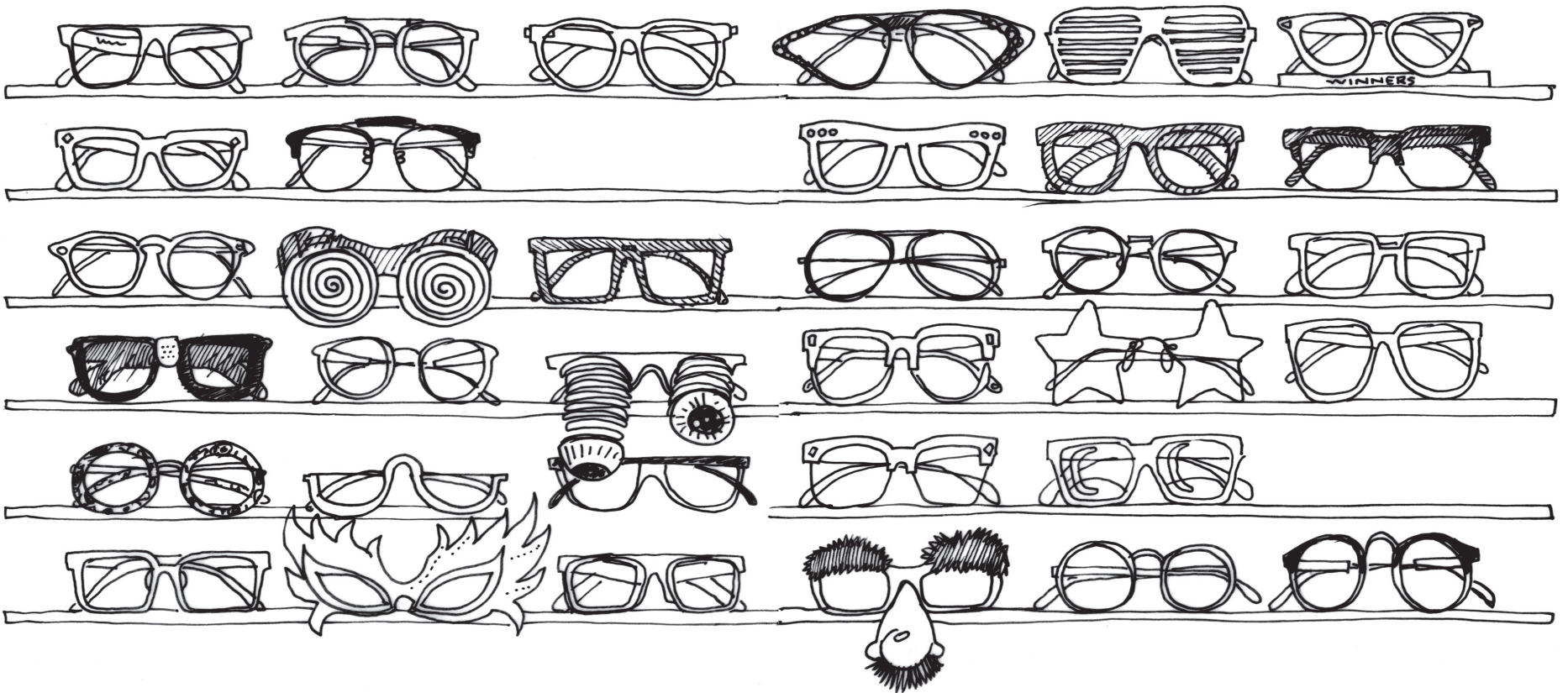
This chapter is often called the "Love Chapter," but what if there's more here than a simple call to be loving? What does Christian love really look like?

Read Deut. 20:1-20

This is one of those passages that can make us want to turn away from the Bible. How could Jay's suggestion of using a Jesus lens and a Paul lens help us make more sense of stories like this?

# 3

# VISION



"SOMETIMES I WANT TO WALK AWAY FROM MY FAITH BECAUSE OF THE BIBLE. ————— BUT THE IDEA OF LOVING MY ENEMIES AS MYSELF, THE IDEA OF GRACE, DRAWS ME BACK" —J. B.

## NOTES

WANT MORE? HERE ARE A FEW SUGGESTIONS  
FOR FURTHER READING ON THIS TOPIC.

*Doubts and Loves, Richard Holloway. Canongate UK, 2005.*

*The Shaking of the Foundations, Paul Tillich  
(especially the chapter "Accept That You  
Are Accepted"). Wipf Stock, 2012.*

*The New Christians: Dispatches from the Emergent  
Frontier, Tony Jones. Jossey-Bass, 2009.*



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