

SESSION TITLES

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JESUS | THE REVOLUTION OF LOVE

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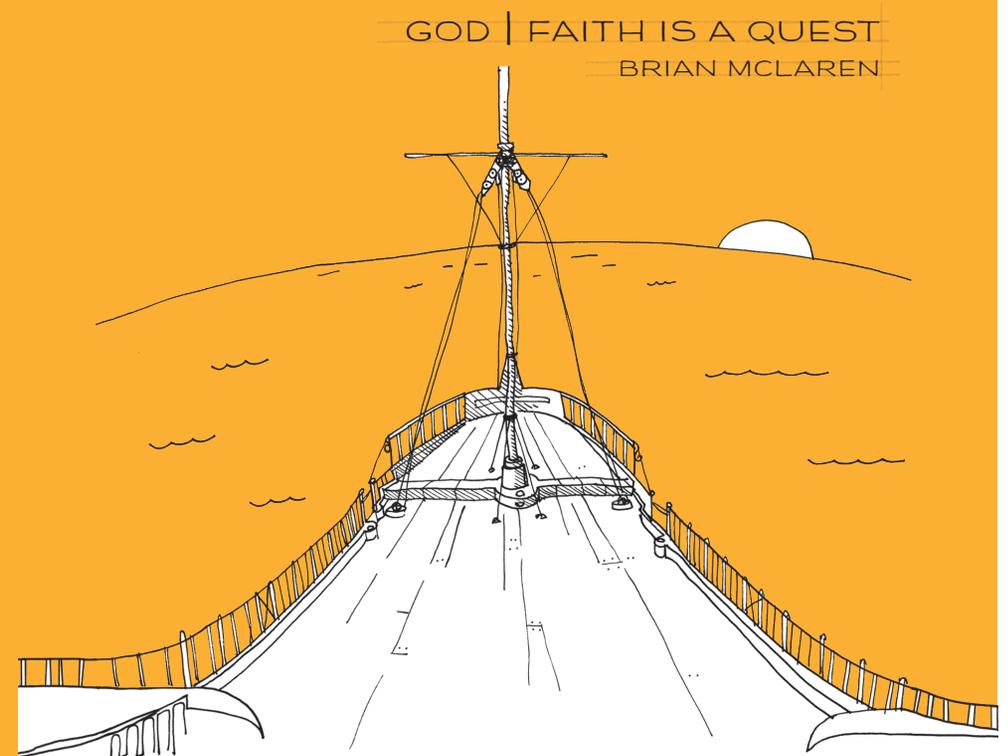
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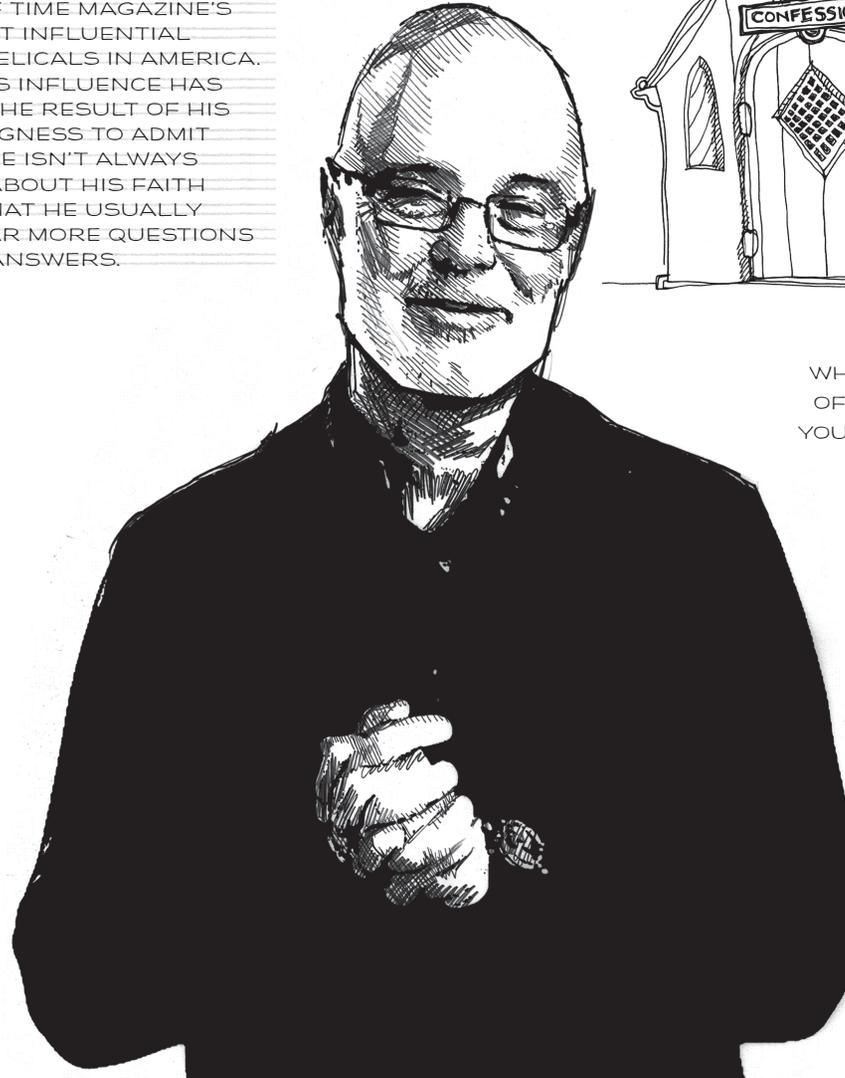
ABOUT THESE JOURNAL PAGES

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.



WHO IS BRIAN MCLAREN

BRIAN MCLAREN GRABBED THE ATTENTION OF DISENCHANTED CHRISTIANS WITH HIS BOOK *A NEW KIND OF CHRISTIAN* (2001). LATER, IN 2005, HE WAS NAMED ONE OF TIME MAGAZINE'S 25 MOST INFLUENTIAL EVANGELICALS IN AMERICA. BRIAN'S INFLUENCE HAS BEEN THE RESULT OF HIS WILLINGNESS TO ADMIT THAT HE ISN'T ALWAYS SURE ABOUT HIS FAITH AND THAT HE USUALLY HAS FAR MORE QUESTIONS THAN ANSWERS.



WHAT IMAGES OF GOD HAVE YOU LET GO OF?

WHAT IMAGES OF GOD RESONATE WITH YOU?

MORE BRIAN TRIVIA:

- + BRIAN WAS A COLLEGE ENGLISH PROFESSOR WHEN HE AND HIS WIFE STARTED A CHURCH IN THEIR LIVING ROOM.
- + THAT CHURCH BECAME CEDAR RIDGE COMMUNITY CHURCH AND BRIAN WAS THEIR PASTOR FOR NEARLY 20 YEARS.
- + LIVES ON MARCO ISLAND IN FLORIDA WHERE HE RAISES DOZENS OF EXOTIC TORTOISES IN HIS BACKYARD
- + RELEASED AN ALBUM OF ORIGINAL MUSIC CALLED "LEARNING HOW TO LOVE" IN 1978.
- + BA AND MA IN ENGLISH FROM UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND

BRIAN'S BOOKS:

- + A NEW KIND OF CHRISTIAN
- + A GENEROUS ORTHODOXY
- + EVERYTHING MUST CHANGE
- + NAKED SPIRITUALITY

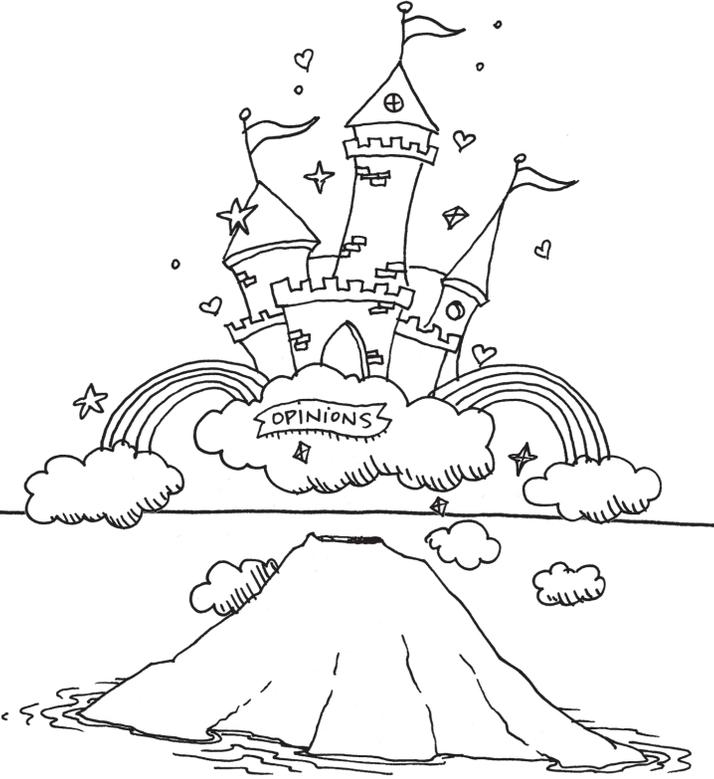
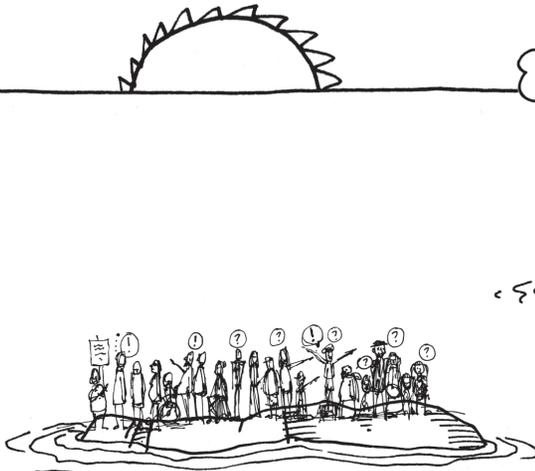
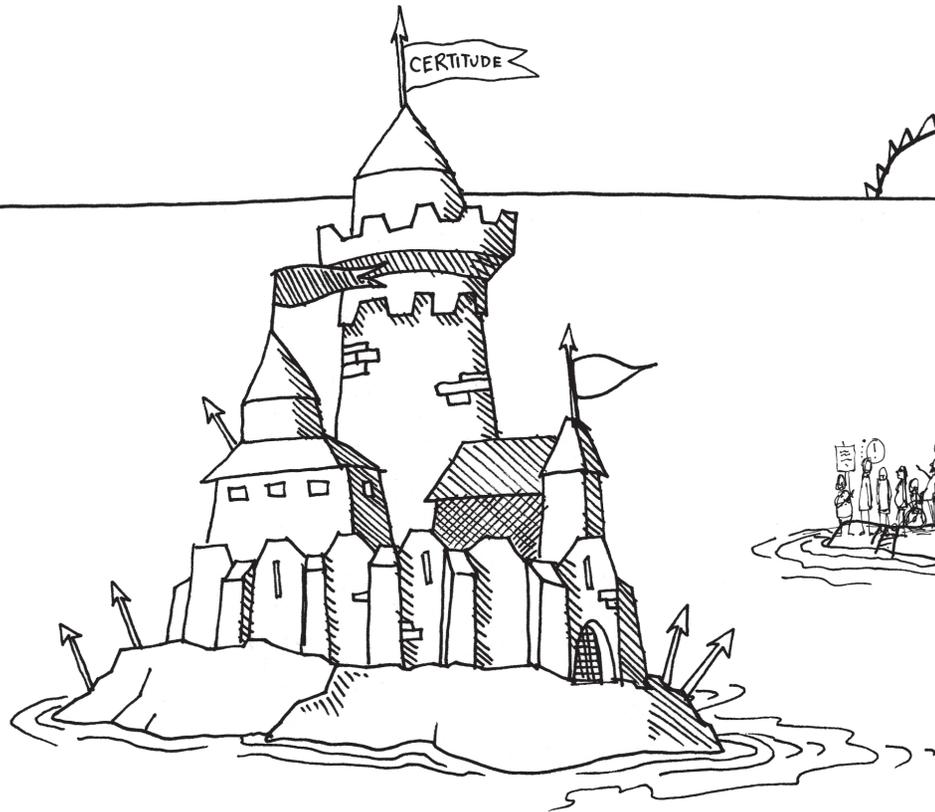




"IN OUR EFFORTS TO MAKE SENSE OF GOD,
BRIAN SUGGEST THAT WE HAVE PUSHED
OURSELVES ONTO TWO ISLANDS:

ON ONE, WE GATHER AROUND AN IMAGE OF GOD
AS A FORTRESS, OUR STRENGTH AND SHIELD.
GOD IS OUR ROCK—SOLID, UNCHANGING, STEADY.

ON THE OTHER, WE FIND OURSELVES HOVERING
AROUND A FLOATING CASTLE ON A CLOUD, WHERE GOD
IS FOGGY AND SPECULATIVE. GOD IS EVERYWHERE
AND NOWHERE. GOD IS UNKNOWABLE, MYSTICAL,
AND FAR OUTSIDE OF HUMAN EXPERIENCE."



THE TRINITY IS A GREAT EXAMPLE OF HOW
COMPLICATED IT CAN BE TO ANSWER THE QUESTION
"WHO IS GOD?"

THE DOCTRINE OF THE TRINITY ISN'T REALLY IN THE
BIBLE—THERE WE FIND THE SEEDS OF THIS IDEA. BUT
EARLY CHRISTIANS NEEDED WAYS TO TALK ABOUT
GOD BEING THE BABY IN THE MANGER, THE BREATH
OF LIFE, AND THE CREATOR OF THE UNIVERSE.

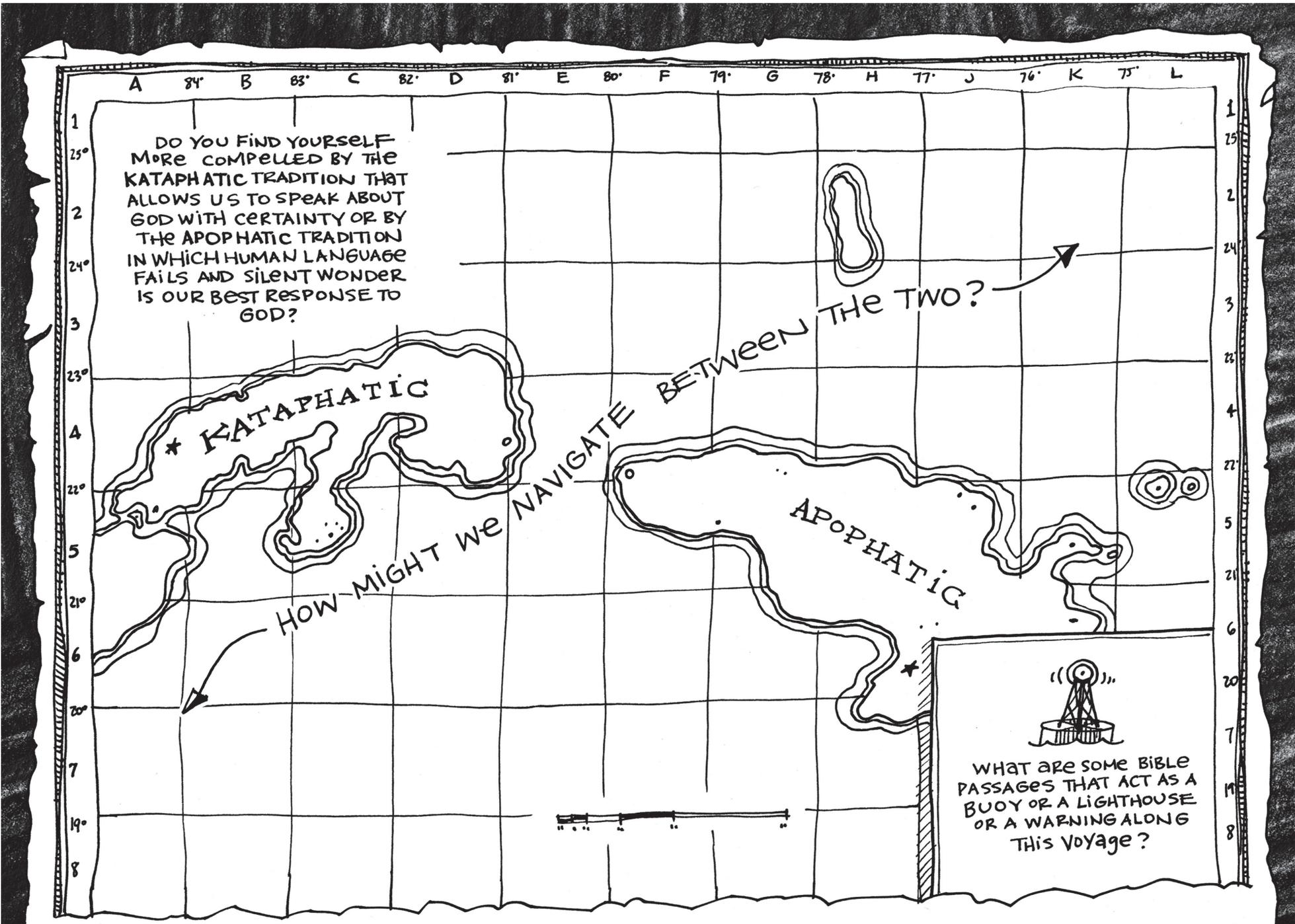


BY THE 5TH CENTURY, WE HAD A DOCTRINE OF THE
TRINITY, BUT IT'S A CONCEPT MANY OF US STILL HAVE
A HARD TIME UNDERSTANDING.

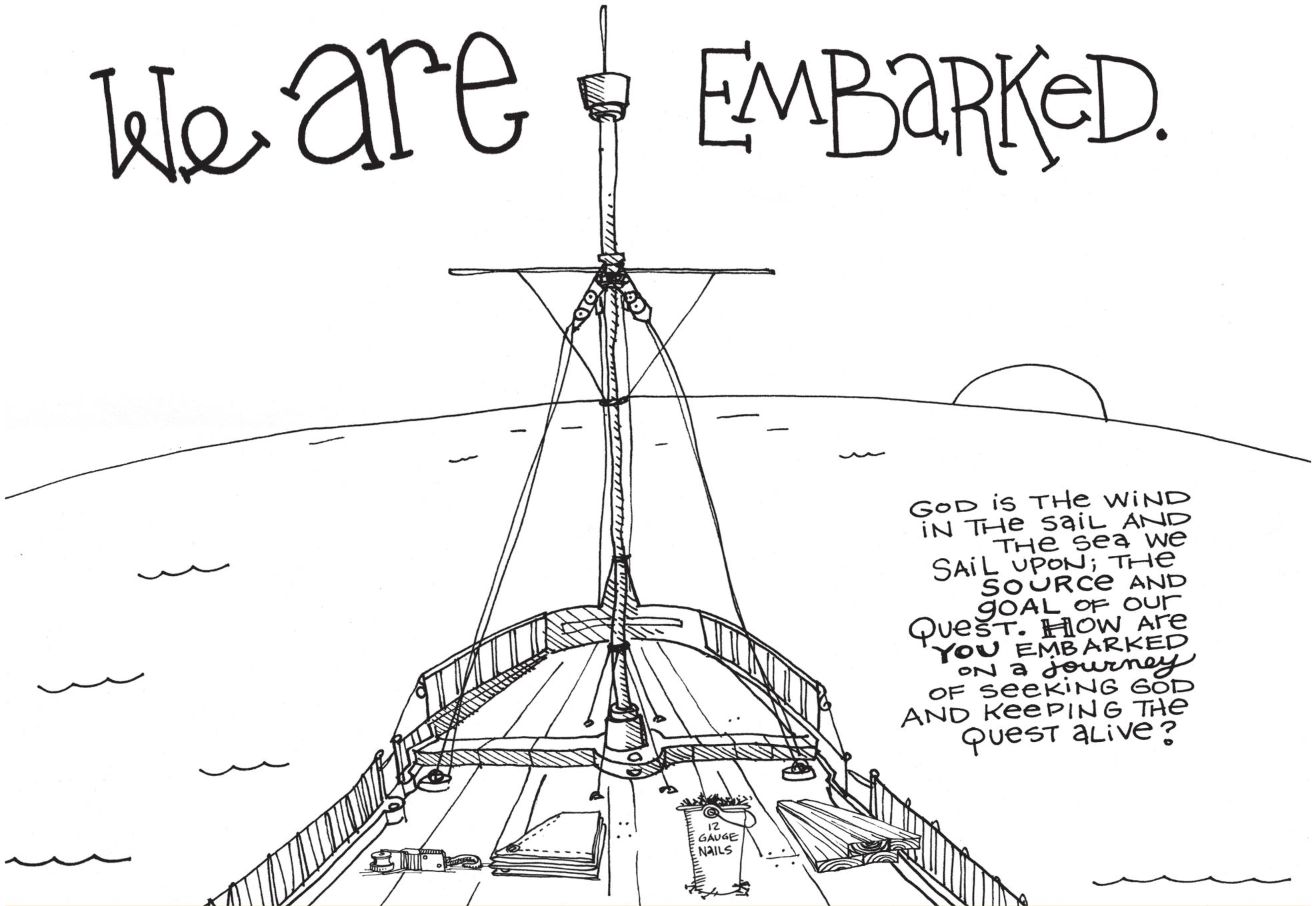
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We are EMBARKED.



GOD IS THE WIND
IN THE SAIL AND
THE SEA WE
SAIL UPON; THE
SOURCE AND
GOAL OF OUR
QUEST. HOW ARE
YOU EMBARKED
ON A JOURNEY
OF SEEKING GOD
AND KEEPING THE
QUEST ALIVE?



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