

## SESSION TITLES

GOD | FAITH IS A QUEST

RELIGION | SPIRITUALITY IS NOT ENOUGH

JESUS | THE REVOLUTION OF LOVE

**SALVATION | ABUNDANT LIFE NOW**

CROSS | WHERE GOD IS

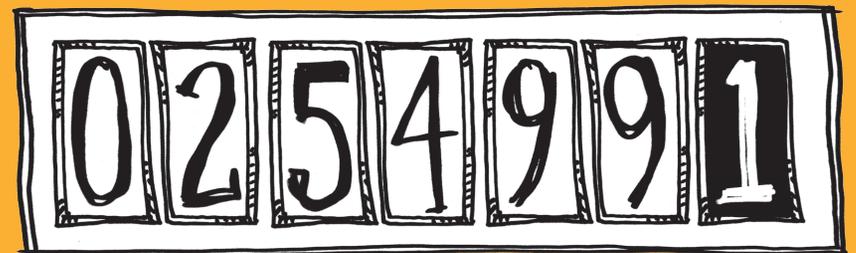
BIBLE | A BOOK LIKE NO OTHER

CHURCH | AN IMPERFECT FAMILY

## 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.

SALVATION | ABUNDANT LIFE NOW  
SHANE HIPPS



# What is Salvation?



SIRS,  
WHAT  
MUST  
I DO  
TO BE  
SAVED?

BELIEVE ON  
THE LORD  
JESUS AND

YOU WILL  
BE SAVED; YOU  
AND YOUR  
HOUSEHOLD.

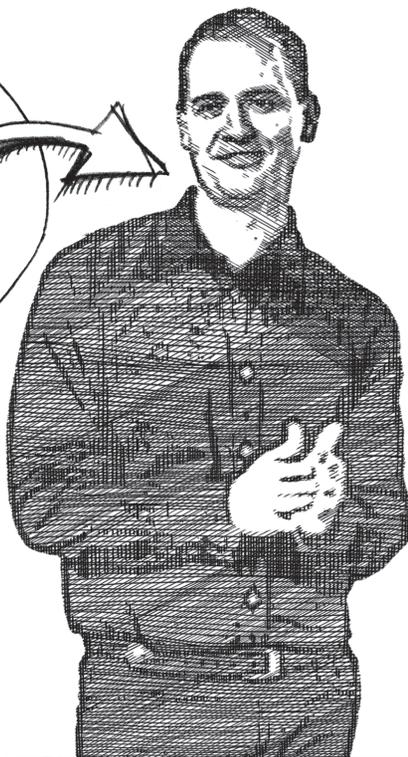


SHANE USES SOME VIVID IMAGES TO SUGGEST SALVATION—THE UNCOILING ROPE, THE EYE OF THE HURRICANE, THE MAIN COURSE OF THE FEAST. HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE THE MOMENTS OF SALVATION IN YOUR LIFE?

WHAT DO THOSE MOMENTS SUGGEST ABOUT WHAT MIGHT BE WAITING FOR US AFTER DEATH?



SHANE HIPPS CAME TO MINISTRY FROM THE WORLD OF HIGH-END ADVERTISING. SO IT'S NOT SURPRISING THAT HE HAS A KNACK FOR UNPACKING THE DEEPER LAYERS OF THE GOSPEL MESSAGE. FOR SHANE, THERE IS MORE TO OUR IDEAS ABOUT SALVATION THAN JUST WHAT HAPPENS AFTER WE DIE. HE SAYS, "SALVATION IS NOT JUST A ONE-TIME PROMISE FOR WHEN WE DIE. IT'S A MOMENT-BY-MOMENT POSSIBILITY WHILE WE LIVE."



MORE SHANE TRIVIA

- + TEACHING PASTOR AT MARS HILL BIBLE CHURCH IN GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN, WHICH MEETS IN A FORMER SUPERMARKET.
- + WORKED AS AN ADVERTISING EXECUTIVE ON ACCOUNTS LIKE GUINNESS AND PORSCHE.
- + WENT TO SEMINARY AS A CALVINIST AND IS NOW A MENNONITE.
- + WEARS VIBRAM FIVE FINGERS WHEN HE RUNS.
- + BA FROM TEXAS CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY.
- + MDIV FROM FULLER THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

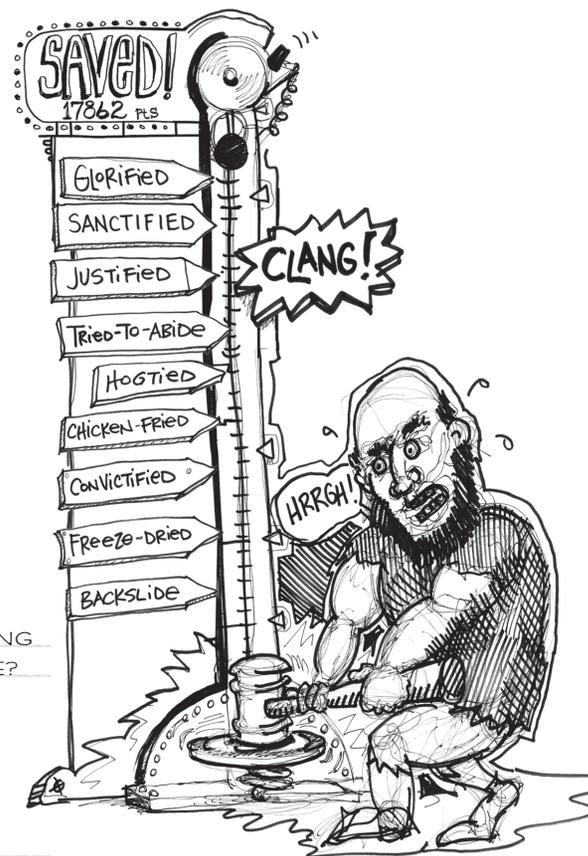
SHANE'S BOOKS:

- + FLICKERING PIXELS: HOW TECHNOLOGY SHAPES YOUR FAITH.
- + SELLING WATER BY THE RIVER: A BOOK ABOUT THE LIFE JESUS AND THE RELIGION THAT GETS IN THE WAY.

QUESTIONS OF SALVATION HAVE BEEN AT THE FOREFRONT OF CHRISTIAN CONVERSATION FOR GENERATIONS. WE CONTINUE TO ASK OURSELVES BIG QUESTIONS ABOUT HOW WE ARE SAVED AND WHAT PART, IF ANY, WE PLAY IN OUR OWN SALVATION. WHAT DO YOU THINK?

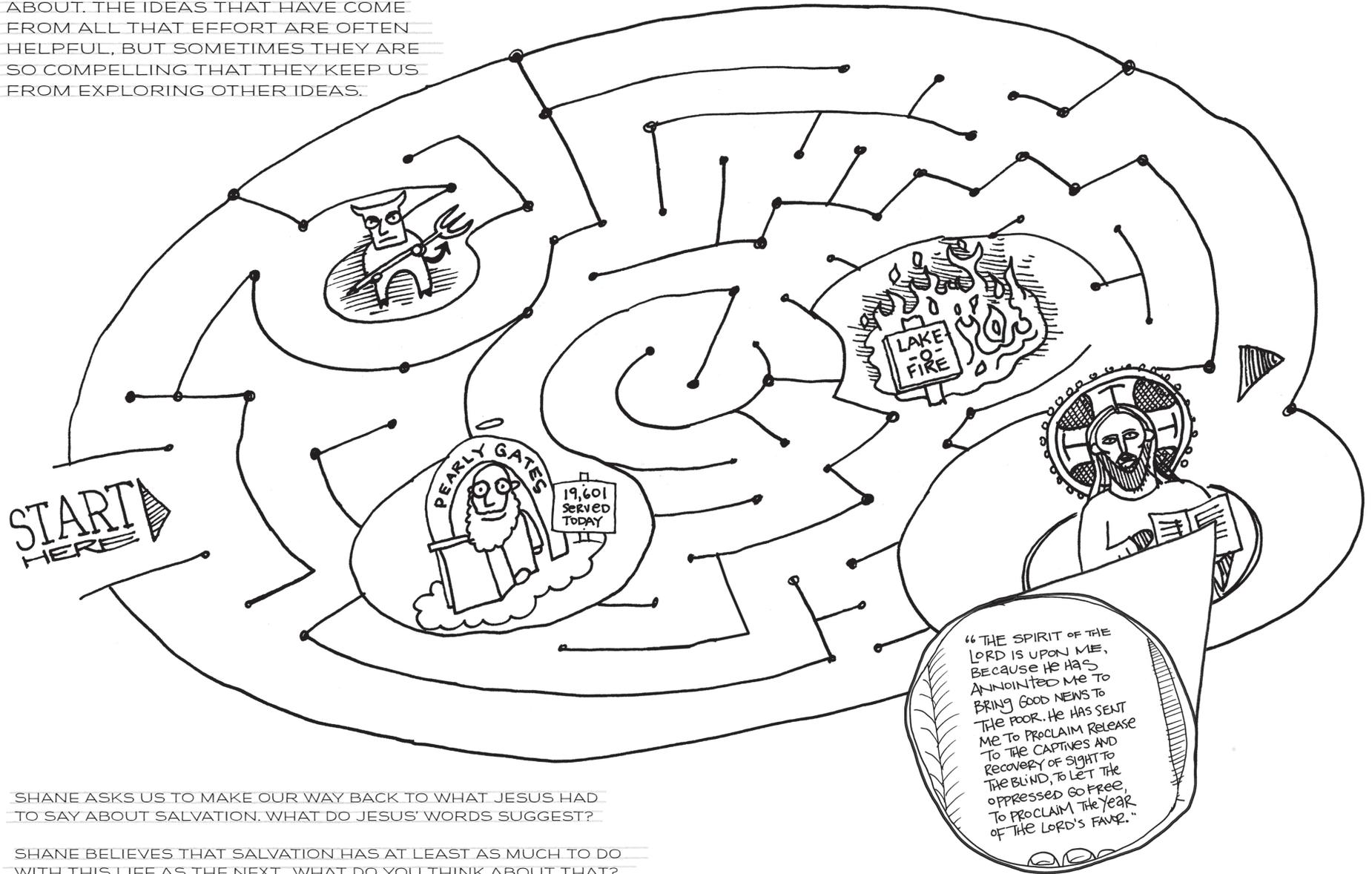
IS SALVATION SOMETHING WE CAN GAIN AND LOSE?

IS SALVATION A GIFT? HOW IS IT GIVEN, RECEIVED?



SHANE HIPPS SAYS THAT WHEN JESUS WAS TALKING ABOUT ETERNAL LIFE, THE KINGDOM OF GOD, OR THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN, HE MOST OFTEN USED THE PRESENT TENSE.

THEOLOGIANS, ARTISTS, WRITERS, AND CHRISTIANS OF ALL STRIPES HAVE SPENT CENTURIES TRYING TO FIGURE OUT WHAT SALVATION IS REALLY ABOUT. THE IDEAS THAT HAVE COME FROM ALL THAT EFFORT ARE OFTEN HELPFUL, BUT SOMETIMES THEY ARE SO COMPELLING THAT THEY KEEP US FROM EXPLORING OTHER IDEAS.



SHANE ASKS US TO MAKE OUR WAY BACK TO WHAT JESUS HAD TO SAY ABOUT SALVATION. WHAT DO JESUS' WORDS SUGGEST?

SHANE BELIEVES THAT SALVATION HAS AT LEAST AS MUCH TO DO WITH THIS LIFE AS THE NEXT. WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT THAT?

# The Kingdom of Heaven

THE OLD TESTAMENT TALKS ABOUT SALVATION,  
BUT THERE WAS NO SENSE OF AN AFTERLIFE  
AND NO JESUS. SO WHAT DID THEY MEAN?



EXODUS 15:2:  
THE LORD IS MY  
STRENGTH AND  
MY MIGHT, AND  
HE HAS BECOME  
MY SALVATION;  
THIS IS MY GOD,  
AND I WILL  
PRAISE HIM,  
MY FATHER'S  
GOD, AND I WILL  
EXALT HIM.

2 CHRONICLES 6:4:  
LET YOUR  
PRIESTS, O LORD  
GOD, BE CLOTHED  
WITH SALVATION,  
AND LET YOUR  
FAITHFUL  
REJOICE IN YOUR  
GOODNESS.

PSALM 27:1:  
THE LORD  
IS MY LIGHT  
AND MY  
SALVATION;  
WHOM SHALL  
I FEAR? THE  
LORD IS THE  
STRONGHOLD  
OF MY LIFE;  
OF WHOM  
SHALL I BE  
AFRAID?

PSALM 62:5-6:  
FOR GOD ALONE  
MY SOUL WAITS  
IN SILENCE, FOR  
MY HOPE IS  
FROM HIM. HE  
ALONE IS  
MY ROCK AND  
MY SALVATION,  
MY FORTRESS;  
I SHALL NOT  
BE SHAKEN.

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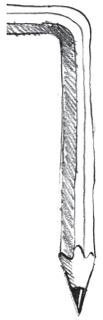
WHEN YOU THINK OF SALVATION, DO YOU THINK OF IT  
AS BEING SAVED FROM SOMETHING OR TO SOMETHING?

HOW DOES OUR SENSE OF SALVATION INFLUENCE  
THE DECISIONS WE MAKE, THE LIFE WE LIVE NOW?

IF YOU THOUGHT THIS WAS IT, WOULD YOU LIVE DIFFERENTLY?



**THE CLOCK  
IS TICKING.  
WHAT ARE  
YOU DOING  
WITH YOUR  
SALVATION  
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