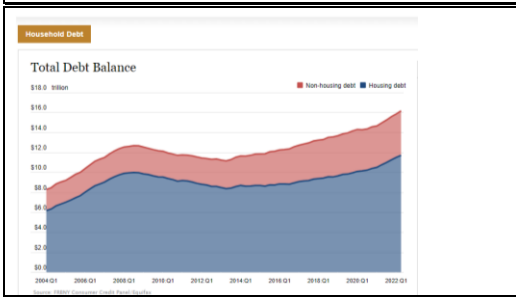




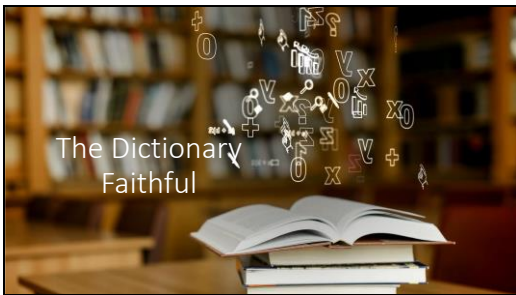
Shocked!



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Total household debt rose \$312 billion, or 2 percent, in the second quarter of 2022 to reach \$16.15 billion, according to the latest Quarterly Report on Household Debt and Credit. Mortgage balances—the largest component of household debt—climbed \$207 billion and stood at \$11.39 trillion as of June 30. Credit card balances saw their largest year-over-year percentage increase in more than twenty years, while aggregate limits on cards marked their largest increase in over ten years.



The Dictionary Faithful





Faith required

And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists

• Hebrews 11:6

And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.

impossible to please God – can't get there from here, an active pleasing believe that he exists – he's here, today, right now, alive, and active.

Now faith is confidence in what we hope for

• Hebrews 11:1

Now faith is confidence in what we hope for confidence – what's underneath that holds everything up and together, a foundation, the ground on which we build hope. A legal term, all the documents that show ownership of a person's property, saved in official storage and archives, forms the evidence of ownership, the title-deed of things hoped for.

Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.

• Hebrews 11:1

and assurance about what we do not see. assurance – a proof, something that shows proof or tested, how invisible things are proved and we are convinced of their reality, conviction.

- Present – going on right now
- Dynamic – not sitting around
- Reality – truth

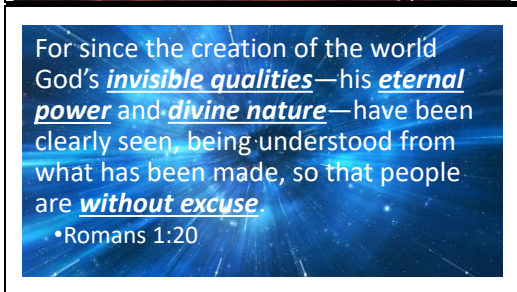
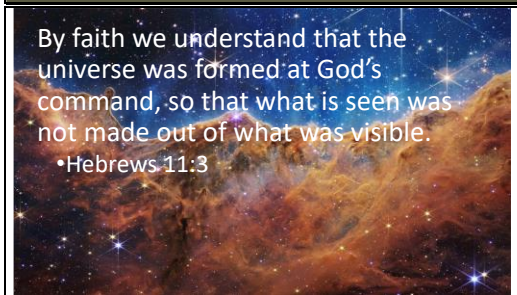
ACTIVE FAITH



God is not interested in faith that was



But a faith that is



For since the creation of the world God's ***invisible qualities***—his ***eternal power*** and ***divine nature***—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are ***without excuse***.

We're always looking for proof that will eliminate any and all doubt.



In Ephesus, there is an important Christian symbol; sometimes referred to as the "Christian wheel" which is believed to precede the symbol of the fish. Variations of it can be found in several locations throughout Ephesus. It consists of the ancient Greek letters, IXOYE, which spell the word "Ichthys", which was the word for "fish" and it spells out Jesus Christ God's Son Savior.

I – first letter of the name Jesus in the Greek alphabet.

X – first letter in the Greek word for Anointed One, Messiah, or "Christ"

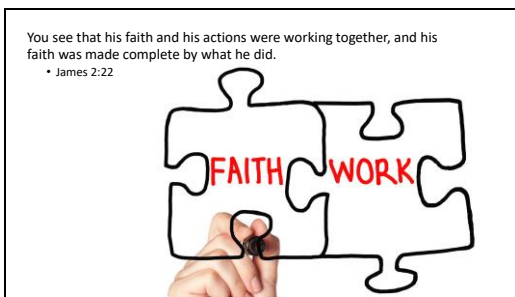
O – first letter for the Greek term for God.

Y – first letter in the Greek word for "Son," and

E – first letter in the Greek word for “Savior”
We’re always looking for just the right word,
just the right action, just the right thing to
show faith.

Judges 12:6 Jephthah and his men needed to
know who was on the Lords side. They asked
strangers to say ‘Shibboleth’ but if they
mispronounced it as ‘Sibboleth’ they knew that
they were not part of Israel.

In The West Wing, President Bartlett asks
someone about their faith. How does he prove
what he believes?



The answer about faith comes from Jesus in
the parable of the talents.

His master replied, 'Well done, **good** and
faithful servant! You **have been faithful**
with a few things; I will put you in charge of
many things. Come and share your master's
happiness!'

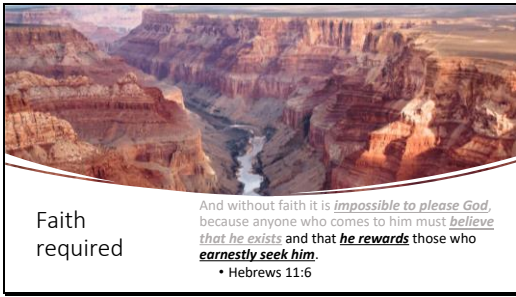
good – what comes from God.

faithful – trustworthy, reliable, loyal.

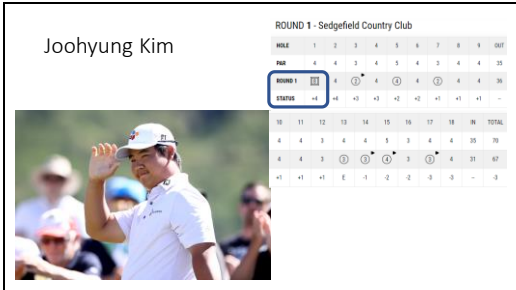
servant – gives himself to God, not his will but
Gods.

have been faithful – completed faithful action
in the past which produced results which are
still in effect today,

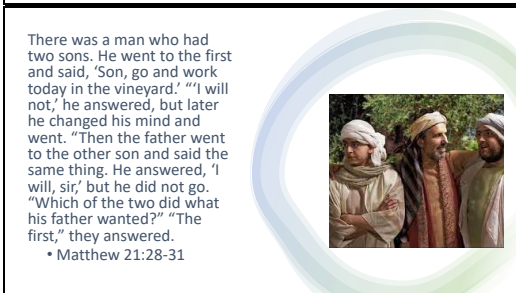
And what's the first thing that the servant
does? They show up.



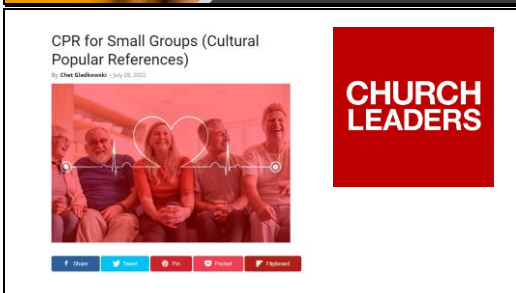
and that **he rewards** those who **earnestly seek him**.
he rewards – pays what he promised, what’s due, paymaster
earnestly seek him – are diligently and actively seeking him out right now
 How diligent are you?



Joohyung Kim certainly has been diligent. He started off this weeks PGA Wyndham Classic with a quadruple bogey. That’s an 8, sometimes called a snowman. After 1 hole he was four shots down. He didn’t stop, after 9 holes, he was only 1 shot over par. After 18, he was 3 under par. He’s leading the tournament.



There was a man who had two sons. He went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work today in the vineyard.' "I will not," he answered, but later he changed his mind and went. "Then the father went to the other son and said the same thing. He answered, 'I will, sir,' but he did not go. "Which of the two did what his father wanted?" "The first," they answered.



6 STEPS TO
CREATIVE
PROBLEM SOLVING
FOR _____.



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