

THE JOURNEY – Book Two



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Since Chris Soldier left behind his sin and encumbrance he is traveling light and running well. Day by day he comes closer and closer to the goal of rescuing his friend Mr. O'nary.

Chris keeps recalling Heb 12:1 for strength on his journey.
"Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us also lay aside every encumbrance and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set





But the journey becomes very long, very tiresome and very lonely.

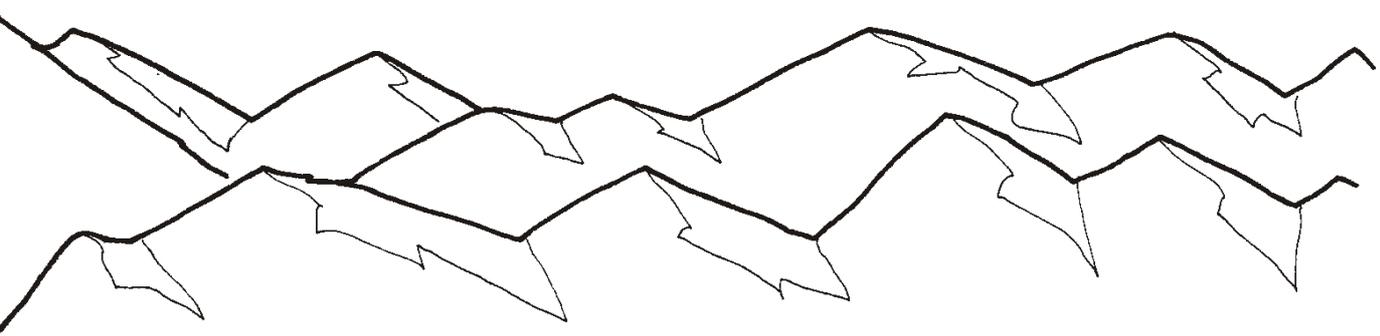
Chris Soldier misses his friends and family.

It seems he is at the end of the world without a companion to encourage him on.

“If only I had someone to travel with me”, thinks Chris, *“my journey would be so much easier!”*



As Chris walks on he remembers the words
*"...therefore since we have so great a cloud of witnesses
surrounding us..."*



Cloud of witnesses???

Chris looks to the clouds and begins to imagine the faint shapes of people and faces. *“Yes!”, says Chris, “the verse is talking about other believers who have already run their race. They are in Heaven now cheering me on! Their life of faith is an example for me to follow. What one man can do another man can do!”*



Chris thinks of the obedience of Noah.

For 120 long years Noah built the ark God told him to build. He preached to others asking them to believe in God. But the others only laughed!

Noah continued to live by faith in the face of scorn and laughter.

Noah ran his race well and God delivered him and his family safely through the flood.

Chris thinks about the suffering of Joseph.

His very own brothers hated him and sold him into slavery. Yet, Joseph faithfully served God and forgave his brothers.

Joseph ran his race well and God prospered his life.





Chris remembers the courage of Moses.

By faith he led the children of Israel out of slavery in Egypt.

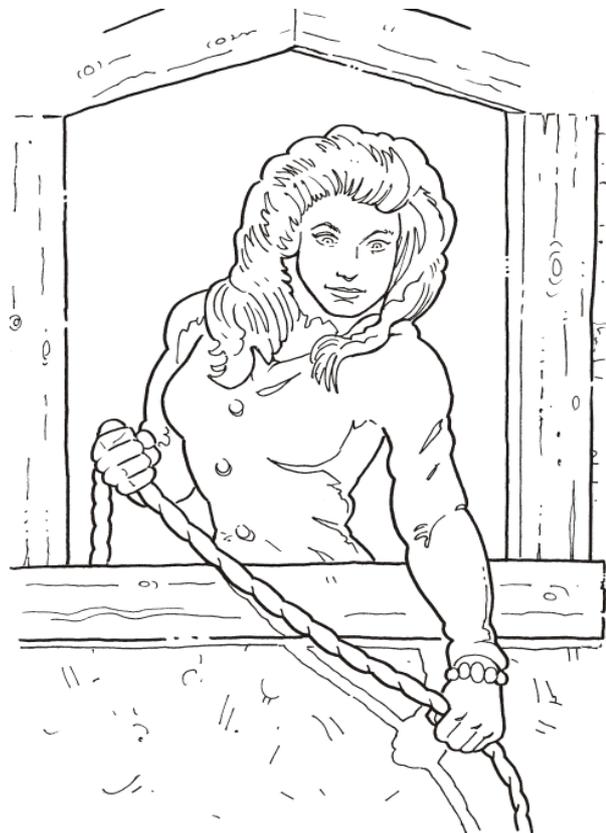
God parted the waters of The Red Sea to deliver Moses and His people from the mighty armies of Egypt.

Moses ran his race well and God delivered him through many dangers.

Chris ponders on the great faith of Rahab.

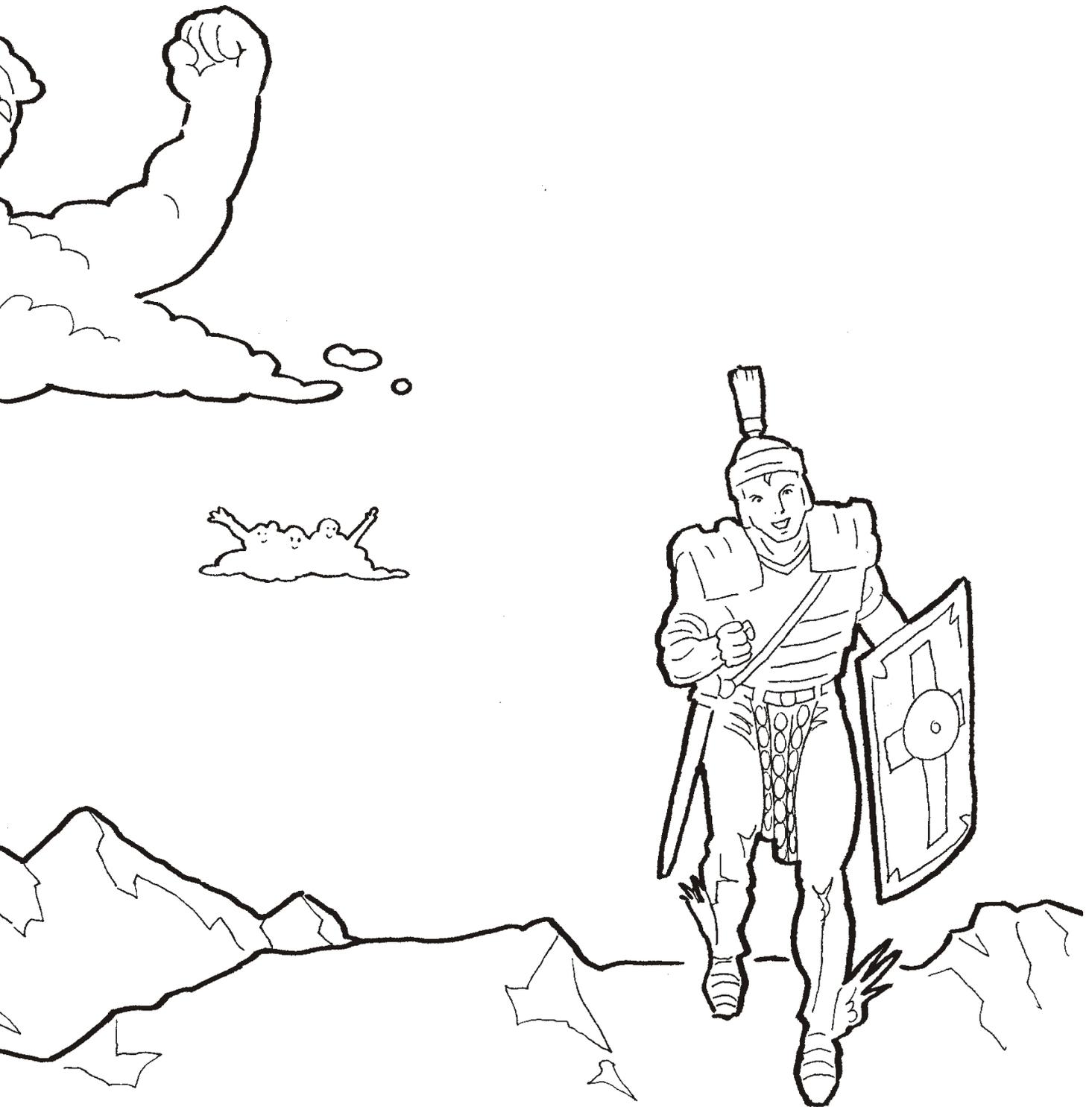
She was a sinful woman living in a city of idolatry. But when she heard of the great works of God she turned from idolatry to believe in the One true and Living God of The Bible.

Rahab ran her race well and God protected her life when he judged the city of Jericho.





*"The cloud of witnesses are my companions,
they are my fellow soldiers on the journey!"*



*"Now I can hear their cheers!
I can run with endurance the race set before me!"*

Hebrews 12:1-3

“ Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us also lay aside every encumbrance, and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God For consider him who has endured such hostility of sinners against himself, that

