

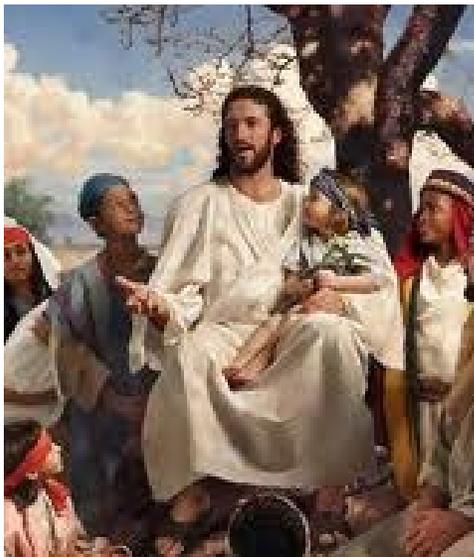
## Chafer Conference Message # 4:

Family History & Grace: Applying Creation Theology to Individuals:  
**Grackle Theology; Dominoes of Destiny; 3 Types of Family History; etc.**

How does the **Holy Bible** present family history (and genealogies)?



## 2 family histories



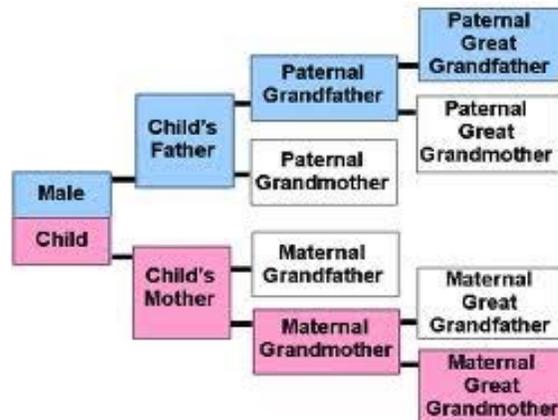
Adam's family we were born into; we had no choice to be born into it, but being adopted into God's forever family requires a personal decision.

<sup>10</sup> He was in the world, and the world was made by Him, and the world knew Him not. <sup>11</sup> He came unto his own, and His own received him not. <sup>12</sup> But as many as received Him, to them gave He **power** ["authority"] to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name. (John 1:10-12)

<sup>13</sup> For Thou hast possessed my reins; Thou hast covered [a form of *śâkak*] me in my mother's womb. <sup>14</sup> I will praise Thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; marvelous are Thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well; <sup>15</sup> my substance was not hid from Thee, when I was made in secret, and curiously wrought [רְקִמְתִּי <sup>1st p. sing. pu'al perfect of *râqam*</sup>] in the lowest parts of the earth. <sup>16</sup> Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being unperfect; and in Thy book [*śepher*] all my members were written, which in continuance were fashioned, when as yet there was none of them. (Psalm 139:13-16)



This shall be written for the generation to come; and the people which shall be created [ *נִבְרָא* *niphal participle form of bara'*] shall praise the LORD. **Psalm 102:18(19)**



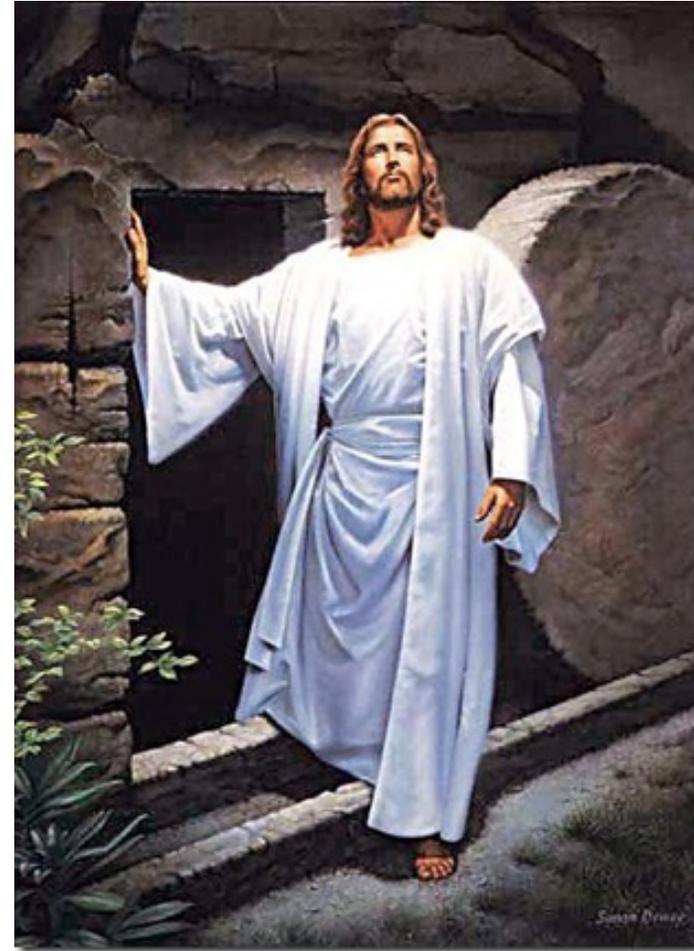
→ Remember the psalm-singing “sons of Korah” of Psalm 42:1a?

“And the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed them up together with Korah, when that company died, what time the fire devoured/consumed 250 men; and they became for a banner/flag/sign.

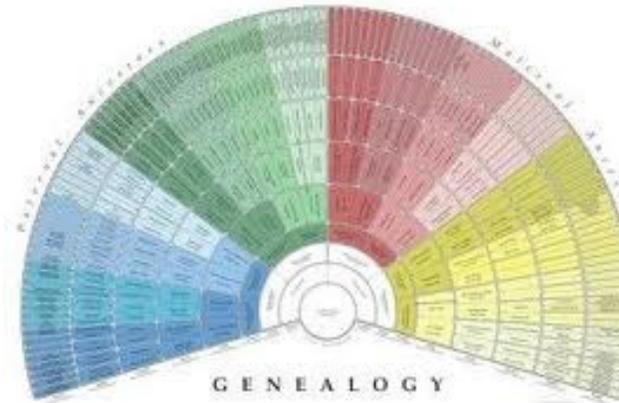
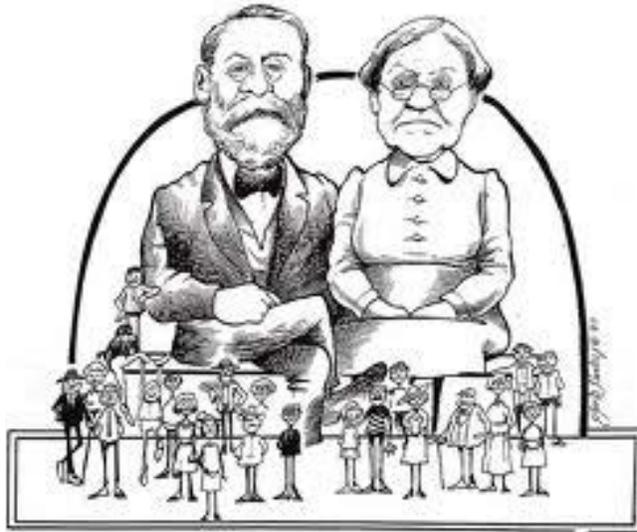
Notwithstanding Korah’s children died not. (**Numbers 26:10-11**)



**Thank God** for *all* He did, to make you  
who **you** are, with **your family** !



Choose to **care** about family history  
*from a Biblical creation perspective!*



# Family history involves geography:

<sup>1</sup> And the whole earth was of one language [*saphah* = “lip”], and of one speech [*dibarim* = “words”]. ... <sup>4</sup> And they said, Go to, let us build us a city and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven; and let us make us a name, lest we be scattered. ... <sup>8</sup> So the **LORD** scattered them abroad from thence upon the face of all the earth: and they left off to build the city. <sup>9</sup> Therefore is the name of it called Babel; because the **LORD** did there confound the language of all the earth: and from thence did the **LORD** scatter them abroad upon the face of all the earth.

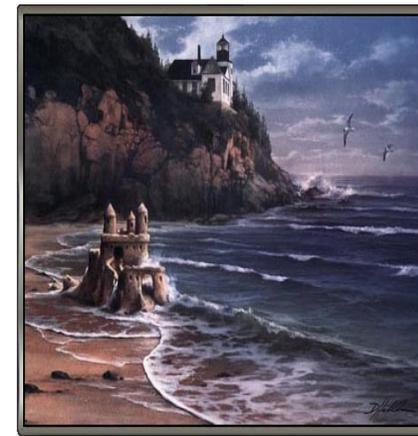
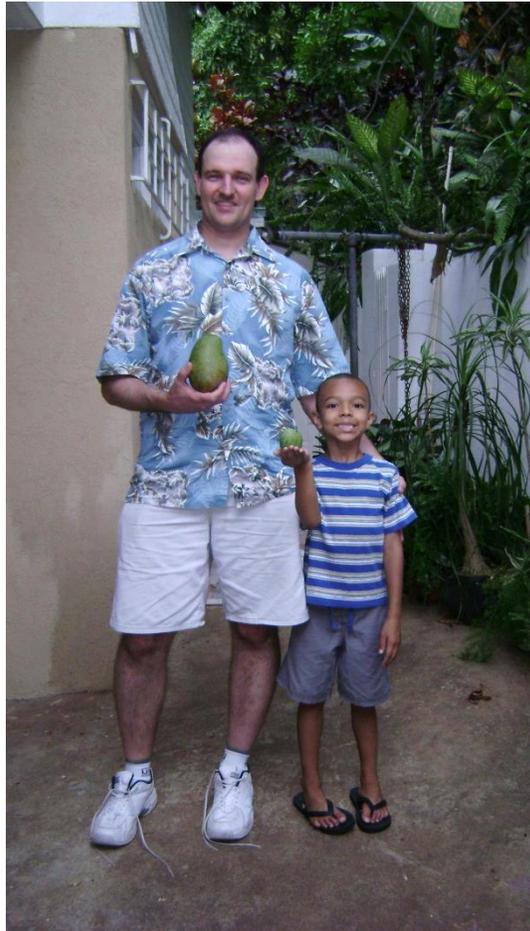
**(Genesis 11:1,4,8-9)**



Go ye therefore, and **teach** [μαθητευσατε] all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, **teaching** [διδασκοντες] them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you. (Matthew 28:19-20a)



# Family history & the Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20 & Mark 16:15)

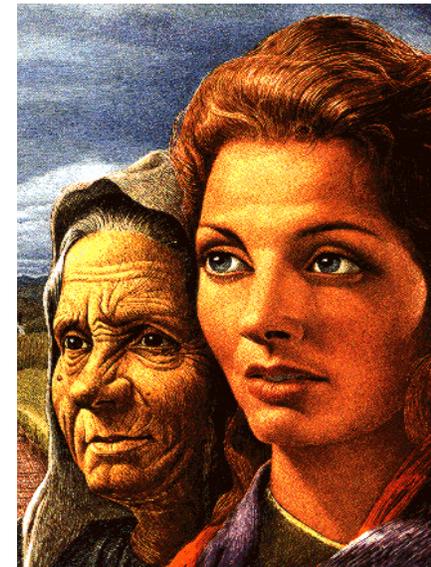


How does studying **family history** help us to better appreciate our **Holy Bible**?



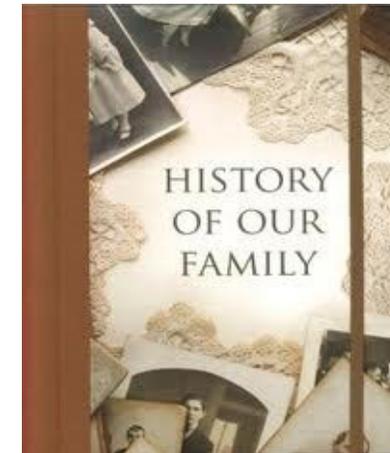
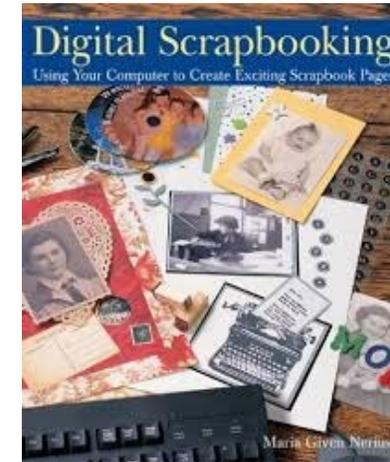
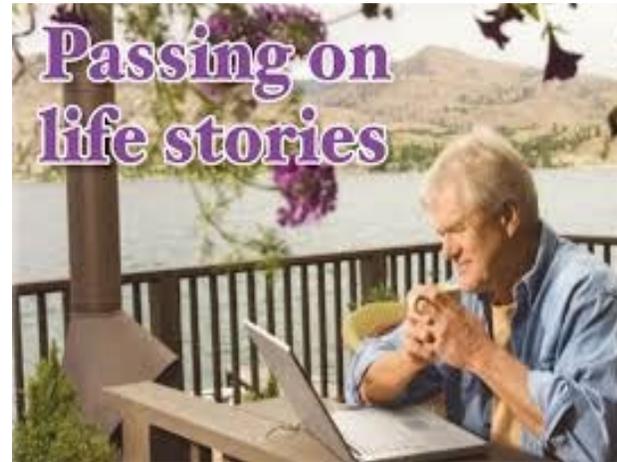
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<sup>1</sup> Now it came to pass in the days when the judges ruled, that there was a famine in the land. And a certain man of Bethlehem-Judah went to sojourn in the country of Moab, he, and his wife [*Naomi*], and his two sons. ...*[all 3 men died in Moab, leaving 3 widows]* ... <sup>6</sup> Then she [*i.e., Naomi*] arose with her daughters-in-law, that she might return from the country of Moab: for she had heard in the country of Moab how that the **LORD** had visited His people in giving them bread. (**Ruth 1:1,6**)



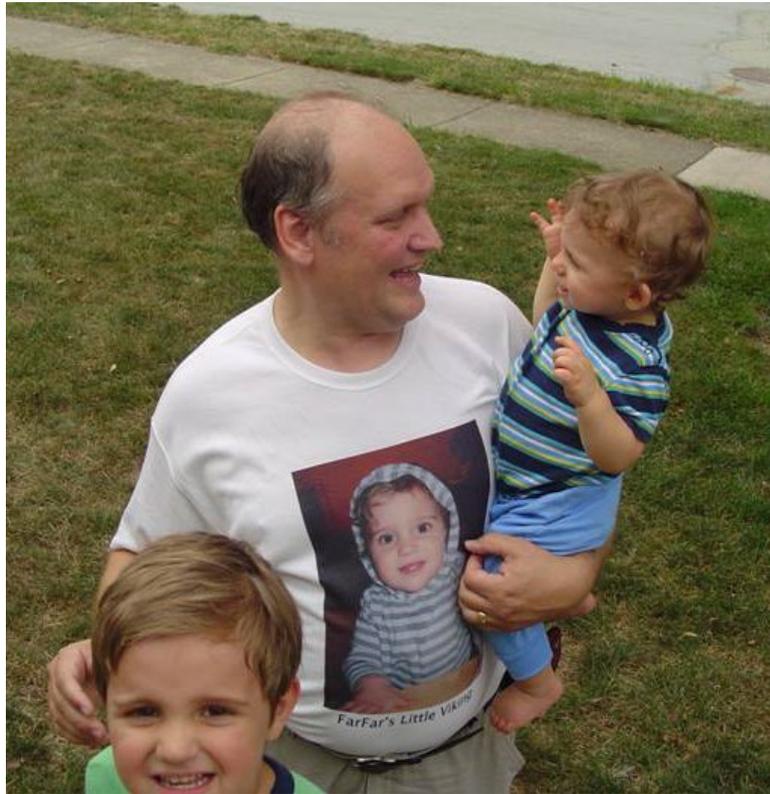


# Using family history to glorify God



**1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 10:31; Psalm 102:18**

# Teach God's caring providence, when you teach family history



That this may be a sign among you, that when your children ask their fathers in time to come, saying, What mean ye by these stones?

**Joshua 4:6**

A good man leaveth an inheritance to his children's children. **Proverbs 13:22a**

## “teachable moments”: kids & grandkids

<sup>6</sup> And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart. <sup>7</sup> And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and [thou] shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up. (Deuteronomy 6:6-7)

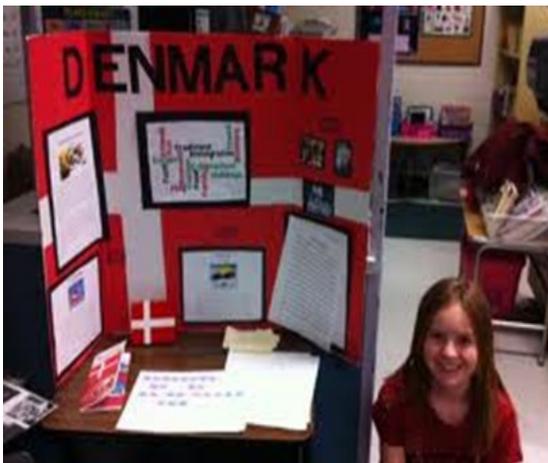


# Treasure *positive* family heritage

<sup>5</sup> When I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in thee [*Timothy*], which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice; and I am persuaded that in thee also. ... <sup>15</sup> And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. (**2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 1:5 & 3:15**)



# who are *your* **kinfolk**, near and far?

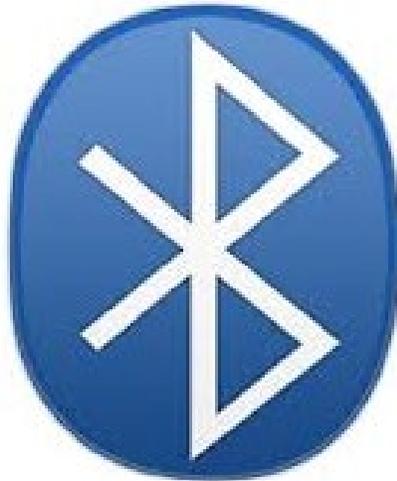


# Adoptions, in-laws, & step-kin: extending family heritages!



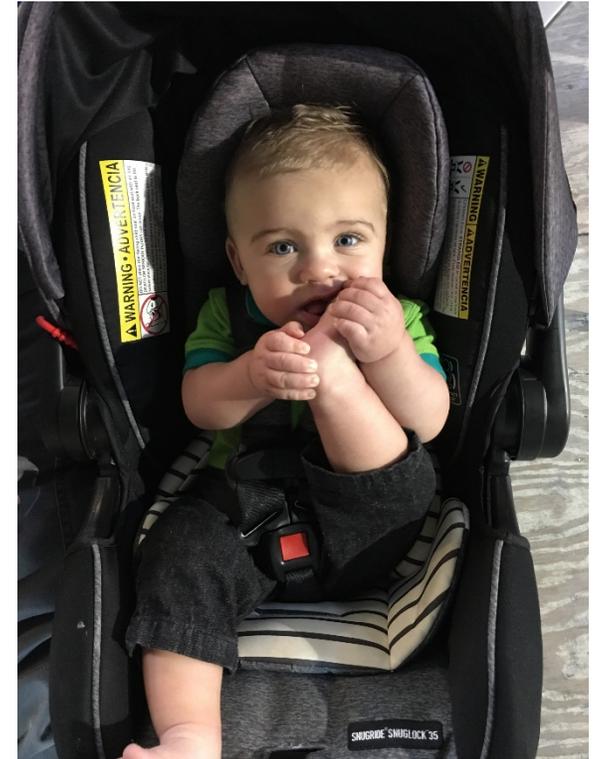
[God] having  
predestinated us  
unto the adoption  
of children by Jesus  
Christ to Himself,  
according to the  
good pleasure of  
His will **Eph. 1:5**

# family history info: *put it in writing!*



The inscription on the larger of the two Jelling stones reads: *"King Haraldr ordered this monument made in memory of Gormr, his father, and in memory of Thyrvé, his mother; that Haraldr who won for himself all of Denmark and Norway and made the Danes Christian."* The inscription on the older and smaller of the Jelling stones reads: *"King Gormr made this monument in memory of Thyrvé, his wife, Denmark's adornment."*

Document family history: poems, photos, etc.  
(example: Anne Bradstreet's family poetry)



# Documenting family history memories



**milestones & other important events:**  
solemnify, celebrate, discuss, & document

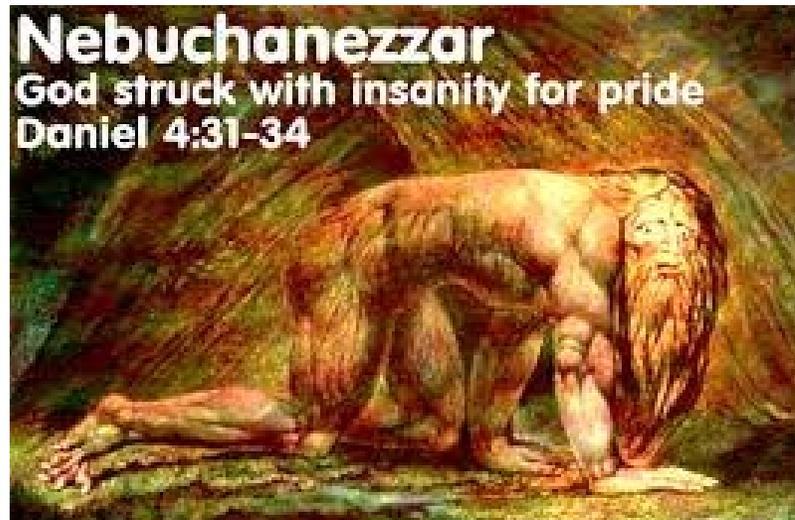


Don't forget your forever family!



# “living epistles” in family history:

<sup>20</sup> But when his [i.e., Nebuchadnezzar’s] heart was lifted up, and his mind hardened in pride, he was deposed from his kingly throne, and they took his glory from him. ...till he knew that the most high God ruled in the kingdom of men, and that He appointeth over it whomsoever He will. <sup>22</sup> And thou his son [*literally, “direct male descendant”*], O Belshazzar, hast not humbled thine heart, though thou knewest all this; <sup>23</sup> but [thou] hast lifted up thyself against the Lord of heaven... and the God in whose hand thy breath [*nishma’*] is, and whose are all thy ways, hast thou not glorified. **(Daniel 5:20,21b-23)**



# “living epistles” in family history:

<sup>2</sup> Ye are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read of all men:

<sup>3</sup> Forasmuch as ye are manifestly declared to be the epistle of Christ ministered by us, written not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God; not in tables of stone, but in fleshy tables of the heart.

**(2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 3:2-3)**



Ask questions, to lead thinking:  
how was God protecting you, then?

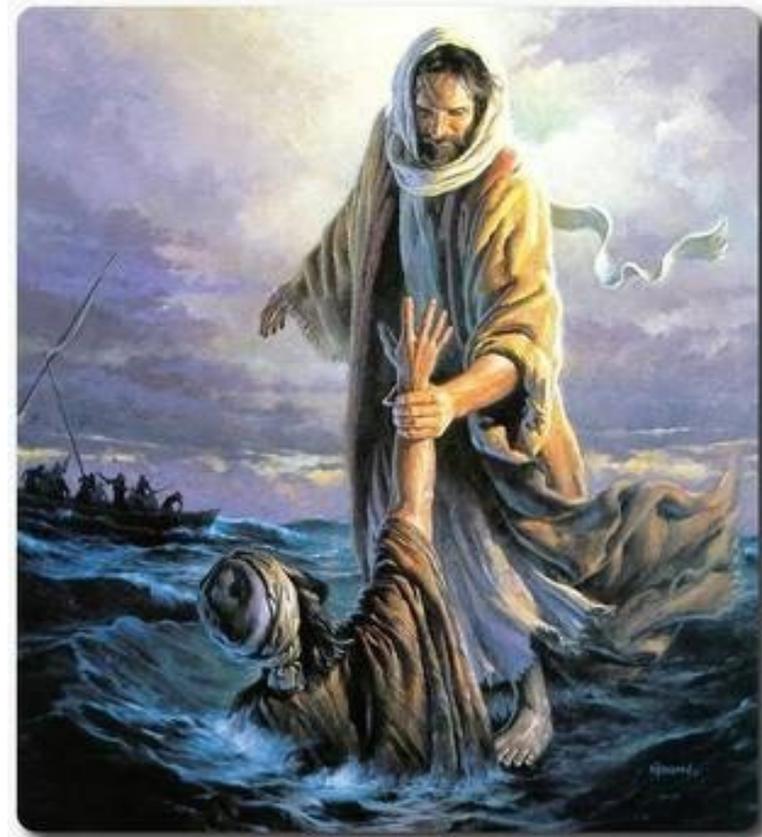


Had any near misses lately? (No such thing as “luck”!)

you could have been a *grackle!*



First, we need **God** to be created!  
Also, we need **God** to save us from sin.  
Always, we need **God** to give us truth.



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