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SOMETHING YOU GO TO,
IT'S A FAMILY
YOU BELONG TO.**

Broxburn Baptist Church Newsletter

- The church on your doorstep for 77 years

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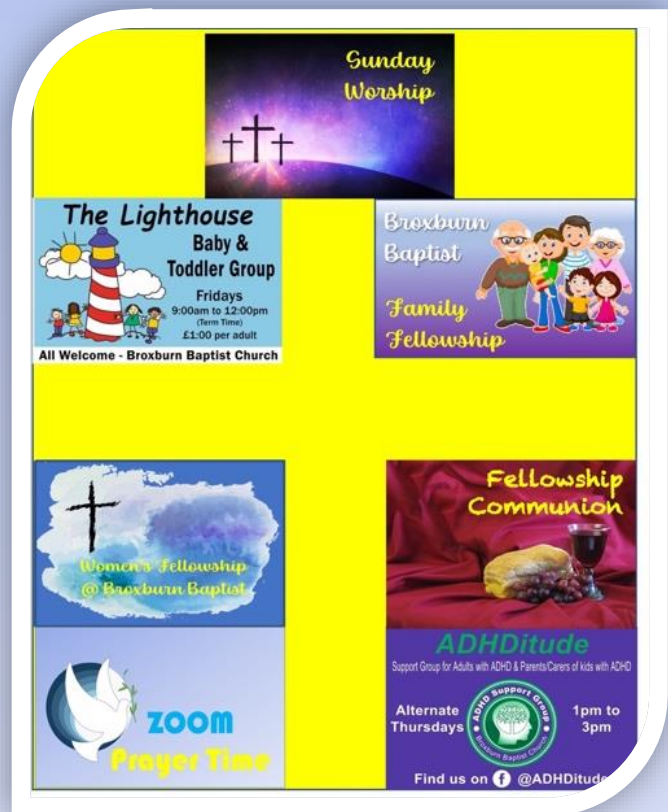
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'We are ambassadors for Christ'

Some thoughts.....

It's been a busy week so far (I'm writing this on Wednesday morning!!) and the rest of the week isn't looking any quieter. Sunday morning was our Praise Service and left us all needing the refreshments afterwards. Sunday evening was part 6 of The Romans Course so we're over halfway through and numbers are keeping up – well done. Monday saw the first visit of the AV engineer and by the time he had ended his day the new monitors and speakers were up, and trunking installed for the wiring. Next Monday he's hoping to get the job finished. Tuesday, Alan the electrician was completing the renewal of the church security lights which had died and on Saturday he will install the sockets for the new monitors. Tuesday again an email 20 pages long arrived from the church lawyer about the next stage in the change in the church's charity status. Today – well I thought this was going to be a bit more restful until Jen reminded me – Shoe Box shopping. I did suggest I set up a base in Waterstone's Café while she did the shopping but that didn't go down well (Wonder why?). There always seems that there's something to be done.

I was beginning to feel sorry for myself when I realised that I should be thankful for all these things. There are Christians in this world who would love to get together freely for a praise service or to study Romans but who live under oppressive regimes which make that impossible; there are Christian communities living in poverty who could never consider AV systems and security lights for their worship venues; there are God's people worshipping and witnessing in places where they need government permission to simply exist; and there are children who will treasure their Shoe Box as the only thing they will receive this Christmas. Added to that the folk who are dealing with ill-health; the folks grieving in Ukraine and Israel and Gaza; the homeless looking for shelter; the subsistence farmer praying that this year rain might fall. My week is not seeming so bad after all!

Robert

4th November

Baptist Union of Scotland Prayer Calendar 2023

Here are the subjects for prayer this week..

W/c 5th November

Rebekah Sharp-Bastekin
(Chaplain - Queen Elizabeth
University Hospital, Glasgow)
Sheddocksley Baptist
Church, Aberdeen



You can sign up for prayer points via Facebook at

<https://scottishbaptist.com/prayer/>

Hebrews 13:15-16 ¹⁵ Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise—the fruit of lips that openly profess his name. ¹⁶ And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased

Church This Week

Sunday 5th November

11.00am Worship Service – Communion Rev Archie Young

To join on zoom just click the link below.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85227893884>

6.00pm The Romans Course 7 ‘Mystery’

Thursday

10.30 Prayer Time – join on zoom at

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81347026860?pwd=Tk1RQm5IdDIRTk5tc0dEOUIZVEtDUT09>

Friday

9.00-12.00 Lighthouse

Preachers

November

5th Archie

6.00pm The Romans Course 7

12th Andy

5.30pm Family Fellowship

19th Donna

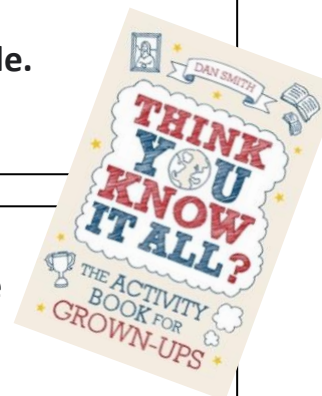
26th Donna



Think you know it all? 38

Know your Bible? What are the ten commandments God gave to his people.

Check out Exodus 20 if you need a reminder!! **SEE EXODUS CHAPTER 20**



Think you know it all? 39

There are 7 world deserts (excluding the polar regions). Can you name the 7 from largest to smallest? And mark them on the map.



SHOEBOX APPEAL 2023

This year Shoe Box Sunday will be on **19th November. I have boxes available.**

All donations can be given to Hester or myself

Lyn

NOT LONG
TO GO!!

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BMS Prayer Guide 2023



Growing churches have the potential to help disciples grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. Join us in praying for church growth as we partner with others around the world to make disciples and plant churches. Pray for BMS to develop as a catalytic agent in polycentric mission – “from everywhere to everywhere”.

SUNDAY 5

Give thanks for BMS-supported worker Pastor J, whose ministry in Cambodia is leading young people to become disciples of Christ. Pray that some of the young people will become disciple makers in turn.

MONDAY 6

Give thanks for BMS workers Andrea and Ian and the team they work with in Spain. Pray that through the broadcasting of the gospel, many people will become followers of Christ in North Africa.

TUESDAY 7

Praise God that BMS workers Helen and Wit are experiencing church growth in Thailand. Pray that more people will respond to the call to go and preach the gospel, make disciples and plant churches in that country.

WEDNESDAY 8

Give thanks for BMS workers Kamal and Nadia, making disciples in North Africa and beyond. Pray for their protection and their effective presentation of the gospel.

THURSDAY 9

Praise God for BMS worker Ben Francis and the Biglife team, and for their fruitful ministry in south-east Asia. Pray that the vision to plant 100,000 small groups will be fulfilled by the end of the year.

FRIDAY 10

Praise God for the recent graduates of Siloam Bible Institute. Pray they will thrive and that God will use them to transform lives.

SATURDAY 11

God has opened new doors for BMS to bring good news to Vietnam in partnership with the Baptist Church of Mizoram. Pray that those who become believers will be firmly established in the faith.

Bible Reading *this week we continue reading the NT through in 92 days*

Day 8	5 th	John 5
Day 9	6 th	Matthew 12:1-21; Mark 3; Luke 6
Day 10	7 th	Matthew 5-7
Day 11	8 th	Matthew 8:1-13; Luke 7
Day 12	9 th	Matthew 11
Day 13	10 th	Matthew 12:22-50; Luke 11
Day 14	11 th	Matthew 13; Luke 8



A Thought from Charlie

*“In the day when I cried [You – God] answered me, and strengthened me”
(Psalm 138:3)*

At some time in life, all of us feel the loneliness of sorrow. Mary and Martha were saddened by the death of their brother Lazarus. And Martha said to Jesus: “if you had been here, my brother would not have died”.

There's a loneliness of sorrow. The shortest verse in the Bible tells us that at the tomb of Lazarus: “Jesus wept.”

He enters into our sorrows. When we come to Jesus Christ, He does not promise to exempt us from trouble or sorrow. Tears will come, but deep inside there will be a joy that is difficult to explain. It is a joy from God produced by the Holy Spirit.

In the midst of trials and agony and tears which come to us all throughout our lifetime, a Christian has a supernatural power within. ...And it produces joy... Even in the midst of the darkest of times!

Being a Christian – check out the verses

Being a Christian is much like playing a team sport. When we work together we are strong. But if we try to go it alone, we quickly get into trouble.

We train together as we study God’s Word (Acts 17:11, 2 Tim 2:15).

We live together as a team:

- loving each other (1 John 2:9-11),
- praying for each other (James 5:16), and
- encouraging each other (Heb.10:24-25).

But if we try to live life alone, our chances of defeating Satan are greatly diminished. That is the purpose of the Church – so that we can live our lives as a team, supporting each other, and not having to go it alone (Rom. 12:1-8)!

Bill Whiteman US

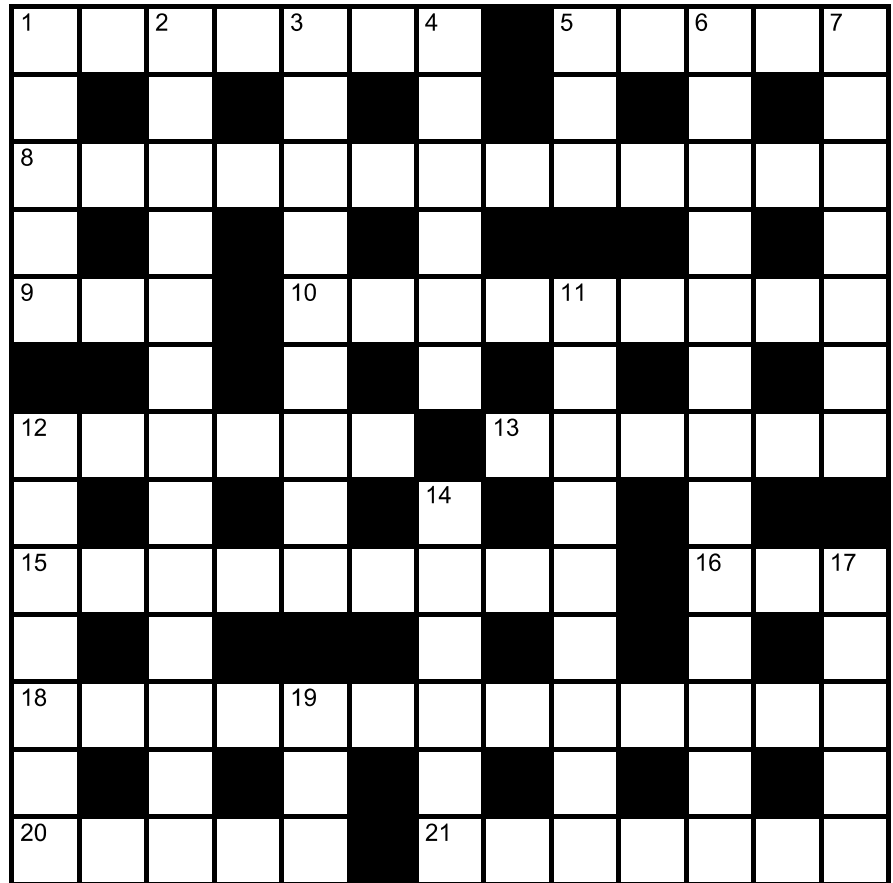
Missing Letters – what are these Bible books?

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|-----------------|--------------|-----------|---------------|--------------|
| 1. _A_K | 2. J_M_S | 3. _UT_ | 4. C_L_SS_A_S | 5. _A_G__ |
| 6. E_R_ | 7. _E_R_W_ | 8. _U_E | 9. P_O_E_B_ | 10. O_AD_A_ |
| 11. _O_ | 12. J_R_M_A_ | 13. _I_U_ | 14. M_L_C_I | 15. _H_L_M_N |
| 16. D_U_E_O_O_Y | 17. A_T_ | 18. J_N_H | 19. _A_A_I_N_ | 20. N_H_M_A_ |

QUICK BIBLE CROSSWORD

Across

- 1 Fruit farm (7)
- 5 Extinguish, as a candle (5)
- 8 Sacrifice that required a ram and money payment (5,8)
- 9 Land to which Cain fled (3)
- 10 Someone who provides consolation (9)
- 12 Disciples present at the Ascension (6)
- 13 Produce of 1 across? (6)
- 15 Something to beat your sword into (9)
- 16 Biblical prefix meaning "man of" (3)
- 18 Morality (13)
- 20 Reddish (5)
- 21 Extend over (7)



by Philologus

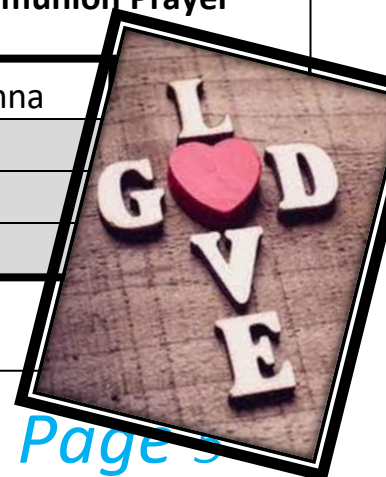
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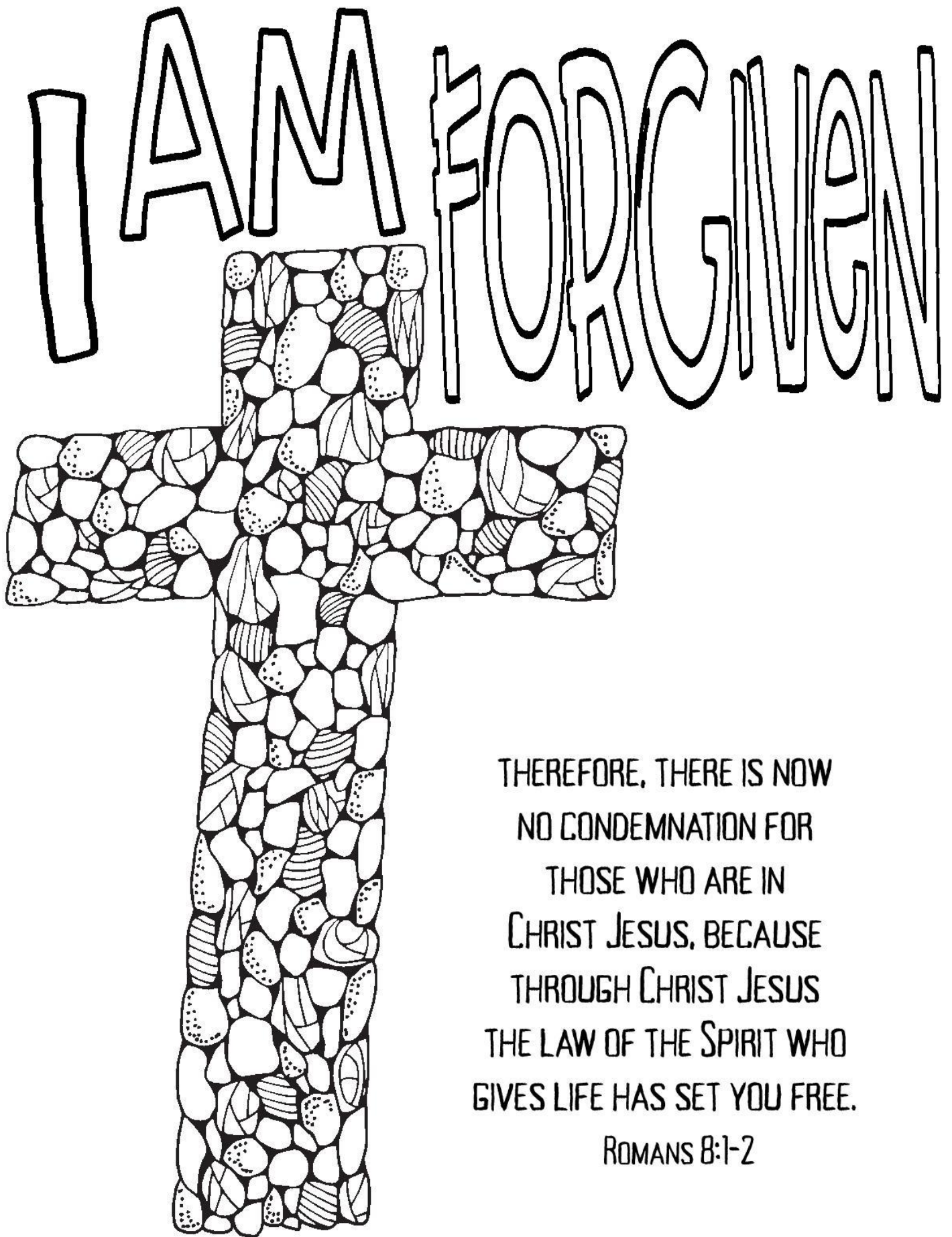
- 1 Accompaniment for a hymn? (5)
- 2 Through Jesus we can become this (8,2,3)
- 3 Assailants (9)
- 4 Discredit (6)
- 5 Have a vision (3)
- 6 Not clever (13)
- 7 Sculptures (7)
- 11 Unfair or cruel leader (9)
- 12 Tiberius or Claudius for example (7)
- 14 Stoneworkers (6)
- 17 Levitical doorkeeper (5)
- 19 Your, in the Bible (3)

For solution see next week's issue!!

<u>Duty Rota</u>		Preaching	Door	Vestry Prayer	Communion Prayer
November	5	Archie	Bill	Bill	Donna
	12	Andy	Lindsay	Robert	
	19	Donna	Mark	Jim B.	
	26	Donna	Doreen	Donna	



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THEREFORE, THERE IS NOW
NO CONDEMNATION FOR
THOSE WHO ARE IN
CHRIST JESUS, BECAUSE
THROUGH CHRIST JESUS
THE LAW OF THE SPIRIT WHO
GIVES LIFE HAS SET YOU FREE.
ROMANS 8:1-2

The Prayer Wall

Dear Lord,

As I look back over the past week I can see times when I have been true to what I believe and other times when I haven't been the person I should be. As I think over these times please forgive me and give me the strength not to make the same mistakes again.

In Jesus' name

Father – I pray for a miraculous change of heart in the members and supporters of Hamas and Hezbollah, a change that only you can bring, that would remove their desire to annihilate the people and state of Israel and also in the Jewish extremists who seek expansion at the expense of the Palestinian people. Let love replace hate. Amen

Watch and listen to

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IFp_mFEtTXLo

then pray for the situation in Ukraine, the Middle East, the upcoming remembrance Sunday.

Amen

Father, I ask for guidance for those in power in all countries who are trying to find a way forward in the situation in the Middle East. Give them wisdom and humility and a genuine desire for justice and a lasting peace.

Amen

But who can discern their own errors?

Forgive my hidden faults.

Keep your servant also from willful sins; may they not rule over me.

(Ps. 19:12-13)

Amen

Lord God, I think about the adults and children who have found the Lighthouse to be a place of welcome and encouragement. In some way may they see Jesus and come to know his love.

Amen

Father – I pray for the members of my family who don't know you. Please convict them and turn them to you.

Amen

*In days of peace and days of rest
In times of loss and loneliness
Though rich or poor, Your word is true
That all my ways are known to You
And oh what peace that I have found
Wherever I may be*

*For all my ways are known to You
Hallelujah, they are known to You!*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=44>

Father, as I look forward to another week help me to live for you, to tell those I meet about your love for them, and honour you in everything I do.

In Jesus' name, Amen

Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 NIV