


GIVE UP

CHAPTER 10

THE NEXT DAY...






PENNY FOR
YOUR
THOUGHTS.

HA!
JUST THINKING
ABOUT ALL THAT
STUFF YOU SAID
YESTERDAY.



IT'S A LOT
TO TAKE IN.






SO WHY ARE
THE WATCHERS
AROUND WHEN
THESE PEOPLE
DIE?

THEY'RE DEMONS.
THEY'VE BEEN TRYING TO
CORRUPT MAN FROM THE
BEGINNING. THEY WERE CAST
OUT OF HEAVEN BY GOD
BECAUSE OF THEIR
REBELLION.

AT THE END OF
THIS AGE THEY'LL
SUFFER THEIR ETERNAL
PUNISHMENT ALSO...AND THEY
WANT TO TAKE AS MANY
PEOPLE WITH THEM AS
POSSIBLE.




THESE PEOPLE
THAT YOU'VE SEEN ARE
UNSAVED. THEY'RE GOING
TO HELL TO AWAIT GOD'S
FINAL JUDGEMENT. THEN
THEY'LL BE THROWN INTO
THE LAKE OF FIRE WITH
THE DEMONS.

THE WATCHERS
ARE WAITING FOR THEM
WHEN THEY DIE. THERE'S A
LOT OF SUFFERING IN HELL
BEFORE THE FINAL
JUDGEMENT.



FREAKY!


BUT WHAT
ABOUT THE GUY
THAT JUMPED
OFF THE
TOWER?



DEMONS ALSO
TEMPT PEOPLE. THEY
TELL PEOPLE THAT THEIR
SINFUL DESIRES ARE
HARMLESS...LIKE GETTING
DRUNK...LIKE LOTS OF
OTHER THINGS.

PEOPLE
ALREADY WANT TO SIN.
THE DEMONS JUST TELL
THEM WHAT THEY WANT TO
HEAR...THAT IT'S NO BIG
DEAL.

I DUNNO, MAN.
IT'D STILL BE NICE
TO HAVE SOME
PROOF.




HUH?!?

WELL,
WHAT KIND OF
PROOF WOULD IT
TAKE?

WHAT KIND OF
PROOF WOULD IT
TAKE FOR YOU TO
BELIEVE IN THE GOD
OF THE BIBLE?

UHHH-----
WELL----UHH----I---
I'M NOT SURE----
BUT **SOMETHING!**






OK, SO LET'S SAY
YOU COME UP WITH
SOMETHING...SOMETHING
GOD COULD DO TO PROVE
TO YOU THAT HE EXISTS.
LET'S SAY HE DOES
THAT...


THEN HE TELLS
YOU THAT
EVERYTHING IN THE
BIBLE IS TRUE!
HEAVEN, HELL, SIN,
PUNISHMENT...THE
WHOLE THING.
WHAT WOULD YOUR
REPPONSE BE?

PFT
I'D SAY HE'S KIND
OF A JERK!
HE'S GOING TO PUNISH
ME JUST BECAUSE I
DON'T LISTEN TO
HIM?!

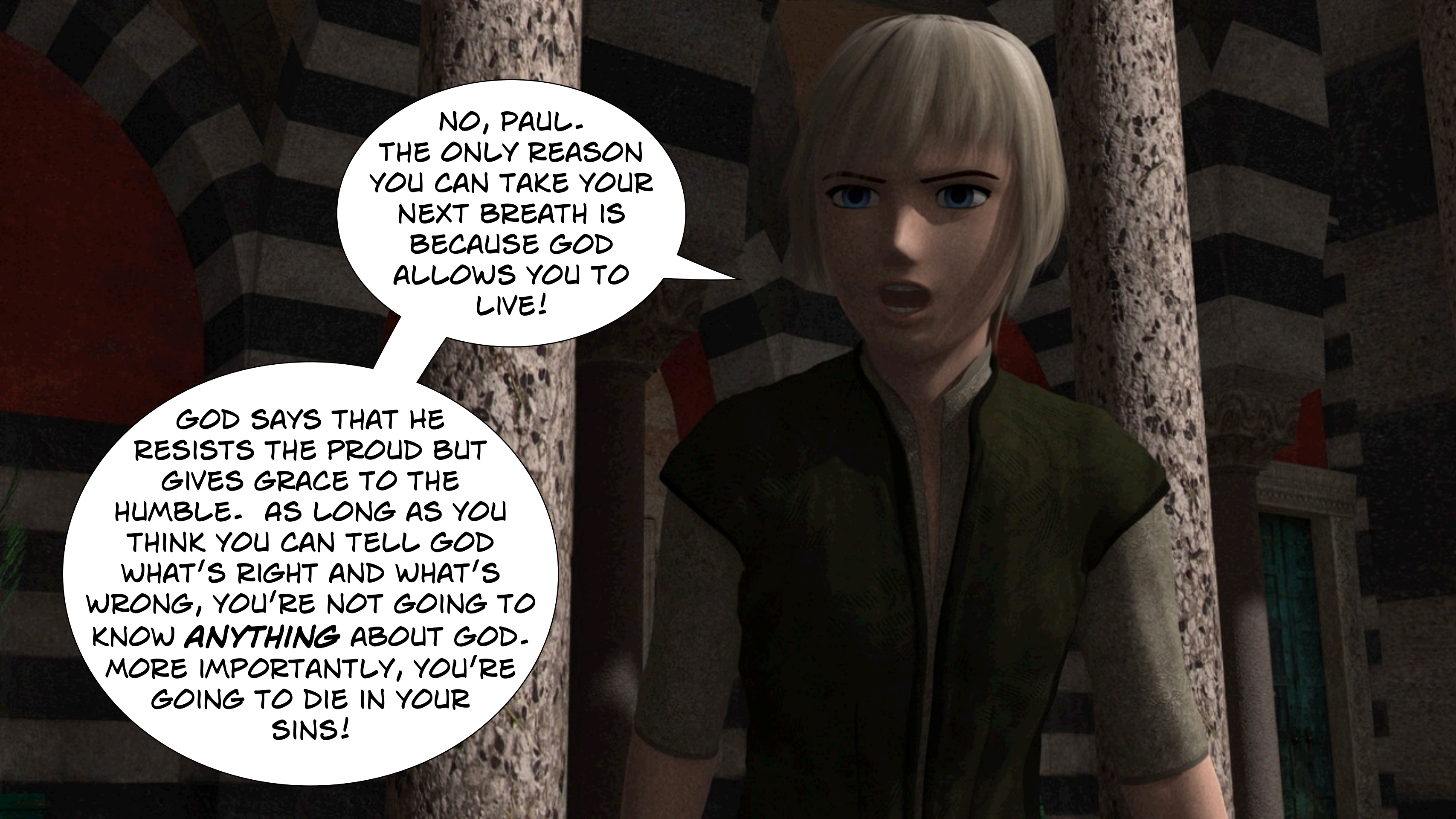




SO THERE'S YOUR ANSWER, PAUL. WHY ON EARTH IS GOD GOING TO REVEAL HIMSELF TO YOU IF YOU'RE JUST GOING TO DISRESPECT HIM ANYWAY?! YOU'RE STILL GOING TO DISOBEY HIM, SO WHAT'S THE POINT?



BECAUSE IT'S
MY LIFE!



NO, PAUL.
THE ONLY REASON
YOU CAN TAKE YOUR
NEXT BREATH IS
BECAUSE GOD
ALLOWS YOU TO
LIVE!

GOD SAYS THAT HE
RESISTS THE PROUD BUT
GIVES GRACE TO THE
HUMBLE. AS LONG AS YOU
THINK YOU CAN TELL GOD
WHAT'S RIGHT AND WHAT'S
WRONG, YOU'RE NOT GOING TO
KNOW **ANYTHING** ABOUT GOD.
MORE IMPORTANTLY, YOU'RE
GOING TO DIE IN YOUR
SINS!

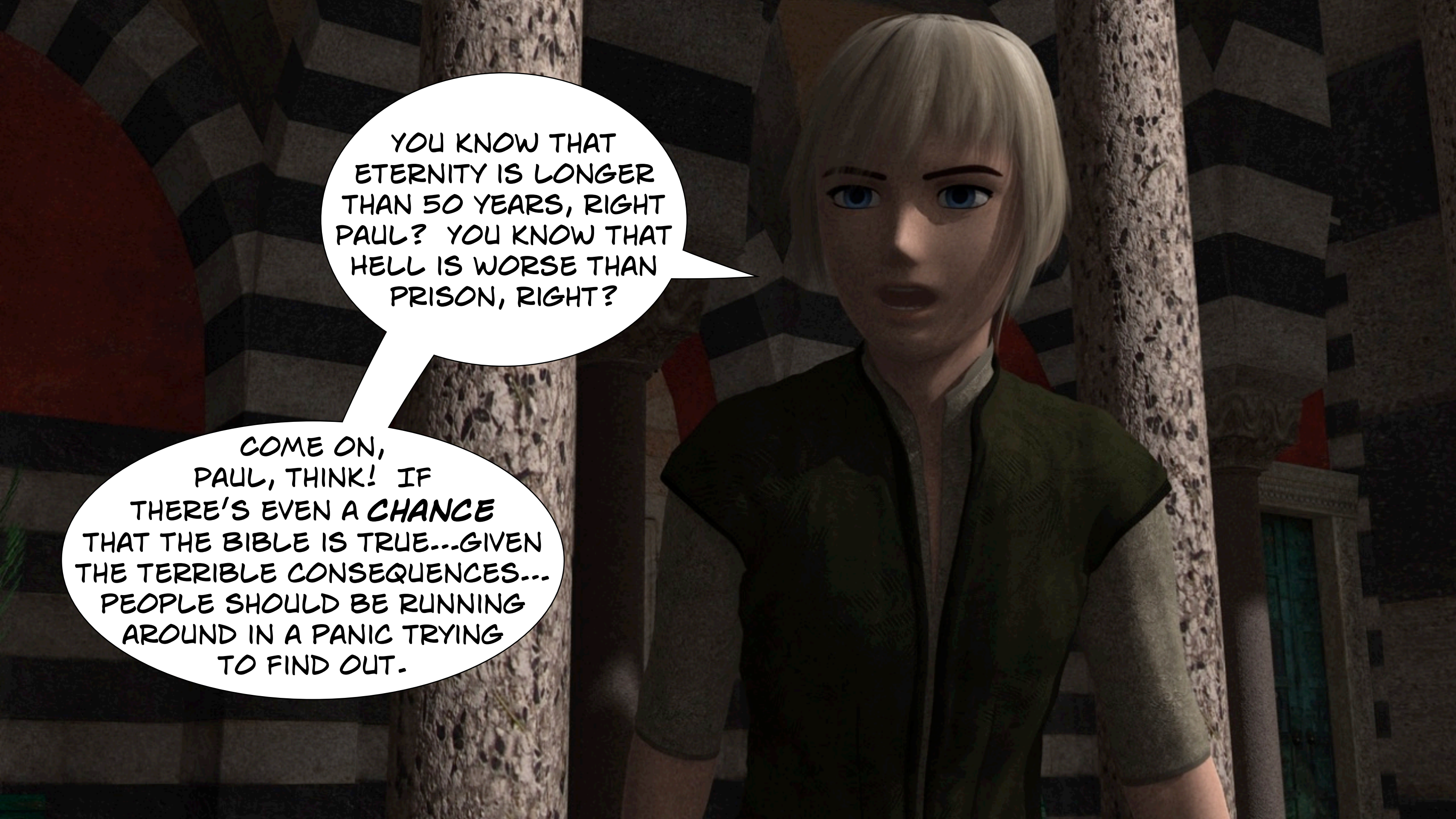


WHO CARES!

SO IF YOU
COMMITTED A
CRIME AND WERE
SENTENCED TO 50
YEARS IN PRISON;
YOU WOULDN'T
CARE, RIGHT?




NO, OF
COURSE I'D
CARE!



YOU KNOW THAT
ETERNITY IS LONGER
THAN 50 YEARS, RIGHT
PAUL? YOU KNOW THAT
HELL IS WORSE THAN
PRISON, RIGHT?


COME ON,
PAUL, THINK! IF
THERE'S EVEN A **CHANCE**
THAT THE BIBLE IS TRUE...GIVEN
THE TERRIBLE CONSEQUENCES...
PEOPLE SHOULD BE RUNNING
AROUND IN A PANIC TRYING
TO FIND OUT.



I...I'LL WORRY
ABOUT IT WHEN I'M
DEAD.


WHY DO
YOU THINK YOU CAN
WAIT THAT LONG?
GOD'S OFFER OF AMNESTY
IS FOR THIS LIFE ONLY.
WHEN YOU EXPIRE, THE
OFFER EXPIRES TOO!

WHEN YOU DIE...IF YOU
DIE IN YOUR SINS...THE
ONLY THING LEFT FOR YOU IS
GOD'S ETERNAL,
UNQUENCHABLE WRATH!



SO, WHAT, I'M
SUPPOSED TO JUST
LIVE LIKE A MONK
AND NOT HAVE ANY
FUN AT ALL?!

THE DEVIL'S
BLINDED YOU, PAUL! ALL
YOU'RE THINKING ABOUT IS **THIS**
LIFE AND WHAT YOU CAN GET OUT
OF IT. THEN YOU'RE GOING TO
STEP INTO ETERNITY AND YOU'LL
BE COMPLETELY
UNPREPARED!




MAN!
UNDERSTAND THAT
THIS LIFE IS THE PREVIEW
BEFORE THE MOVIE. THIS IS
BATTING PRACTICE. THE **REAL**
LIFE STARTS AFTER THIS ONE'S
OVER AND IT LASTS **FOREVER!**
IF YOU WIND UP IN HELL THERE
ARE NO SECOND CHANCES. NO
TIME-OUTS. NO ONE'S
GOING TO COME BY AND
RESCUE YOU.

YOUR LIFE...YOUR
ETERNAL LIFE...WILL BE ALL
ABOUT **PUNISHMENT** FOR YOUR
REBELLION! TELL ME, MAN, WHICH
ONE OF YOUR SINS IS WORTH
THAT?!



SO WHY ARE YOU
STILL HERE?





BECAUSE I WAS
YOU. I USED TO THINK
THE SAME WAY YOU DO. I
WAS GOING TO LIVE MY
OWN LIFE. DO WHAT I
WANT. HAVE FUN.

I HAD HEARD ABOUT
GOD BEFORE...EVEN
WENT TO CHURCH FOR A
WHILE. BUT I FIGURED THAT
WAS ENOUGH. I WENT
THROUGH ALL THE MOTIONS.
BUT GOD'S NOT AN IDIOT.
WE CAN'T **FAKE** FAITH!
WE CAN'T FAKE
OBEDIENCE.

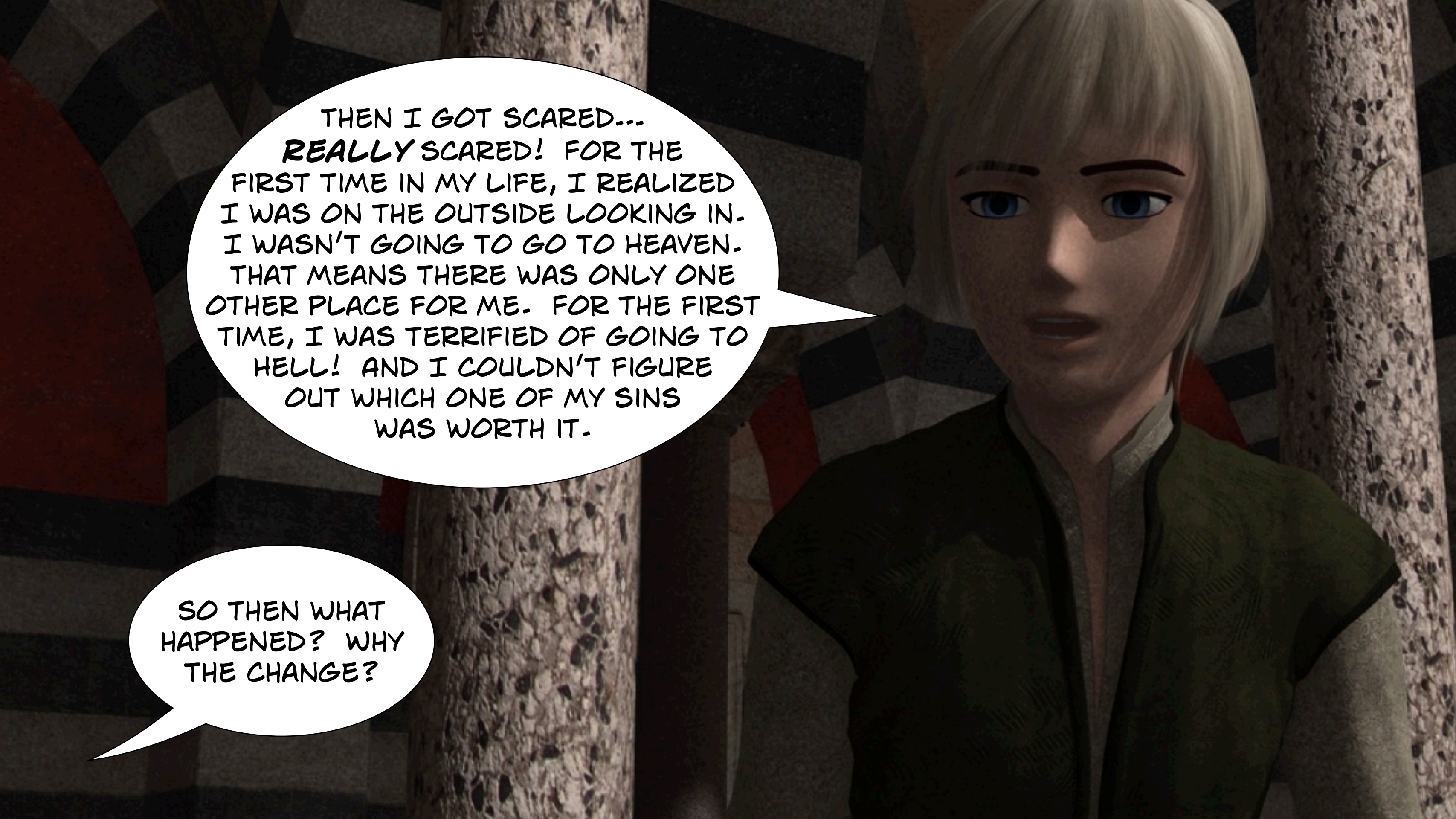
WE CAN FOOL
OTHERS...WE CAN
FOOL OURSELVES
EVEN. BUT WE CAN'T
FOOL GOD.



SO, WHAT
HAPPENED?


AFTER ALL THE
PEOPLE WERE TAKEN
AWAY, I REALIZED WHAT
THIS WAS. I REALIZED THIS
IS *EXACTLY* WHAT THE
BIBLE SAID WOULD
HAPPEN.

BUT I WAS
LEFT HERE. I
MISSED IT! I DIDN'T
BELONG TO GOD...AND
THAT'S WHY HE DIDN'T
TAKE ME OUT OF
HERE.



THEN I GOT SCARED...
REALLY SCARED! FOR THE
FIRST TIME IN MY LIFE, I REALIZED
I WAS ON THE OUTSIDE LOOKING IN.
I WASN'T GOING TO GO TO HEAVEN.
THAT MEANS THERE WAS ONLY ONE
OTHER PLACE FOR ME. FOR THE FIRST
TIME, I WAS TERRIFIED OF GOING TO
HELL! AND I COULDN'T FIGURE
OUT WHICH ONE OF MY SINS
WAS WORTH IT.

SO THEN WHAT
HAPPENED? WHY
THE CHANGE?



I BEGGED GOD TO
FORGIVE ME! I BEGGED
HIM TO GIVE ME FAITH IN
JESUS...FAITH IN THE PAYMENT
HE MADE FOR ME! I BEGGED
GOD TO GRANT ME
REPENTANCE...TURN ME
FROM MY SINS.

AND YOU KNOW
WHAT, PAUL?




HE DID!!!
HE **SAVED** ME,
PAUL!

THOSE SINFUL THINGS
I USED TO DO...THOSE
THINGS I THOUGHT I
COULDN'T LIVE WITHOUT...I
DIDN'T WANT THEM
ANYMORE!!!


HE GAVE ME FAITH! I
WANTED TO OBEY HIM! NOT
BECAUSE I WAS SCARED BUT
BECAUSE I **WANTED** TO
OBEY HIM!!!

CAN YOU IMAGINE
WHAT THAT'S LIKE?!




UHHH...NO...
I CAN'T...

NO, YOU CAN'T.
IT'S OUTSIDE OF
PEOPLES' EXPERIENCE.
THEY HAVE NO FRAME OF
REFERENCE FOR IT. WE'RE
BORN SINFUL, PAUL. WE
CAN'T EVEN IMAGINE NOT
WANTING SIN.

A 3D animated scene set in a stone building with large columns and arches. A woman with short blonde hair and blue eyes, wearing a dark green tunic, stands on the right. A man with a large orange beard and a red hooded cloak is partially visible on the left. Two speech bubbles are overlaid on the scene. The background features stone walls and a red archway.


THAT'S
WHY, WHEN GOD
SAVES YOU, YOU KNOW
IT. IT'S NOT SUBTLE.
IT'S NOT NATURAL. IT'S
SUPERNATURAL!

IT'S CALLED
"REGENERATION", PAUL.
THAT'S WHAT JESUS MEANT
WHEN HE SAID WE HAD TO BE
BORN AGAIN. IT REALLY IS
A NEW BIRTH...A NEW
LIFE!



AND THAT,
PAUL, IS HOW YOU
KNOW YOU'RE
SAVED.


GOD DOES
WHAT HE SAYS. HE
DOES THE MOST
AMAZING THING
IMAGINABLE: HE MAKES
WILLFUL SINNERS NO
LONGER WANT TO
SIN!




AND HE SAVES
THEM FROM HELL!

**THERE YOU
ARE!!!**






I'VE BEEN
LOOKING ALL OVER
FOR YOU!




WHO'S THIS?


OH, THIS IS
NOAH.



**NOAH?!
NOW YOU'RE
HANGING AROUND THIS
GUY?!
ARE YOU NUTS?!?**




I OUGHT TO
TURN YOU IN TO
THE POLICE!



BUT WE HAVE
OTHER PROBLEMS
AT THE MOMENT.
THEY'VE ARRESTED
TIM!

WHAT?!
WHY?!?



PROBABLY
FOR HANGING
AROUND *THIS* GUY!
AND FOR THIS STORY
HE'S BEEN TELLING
ABOUT THE
WATCHER.




WHERE IS
HE?!

HE'S DOWN AT
THE POLICE
STATION. THEY'RE
NOT LETTING ANYONE
TALK TO HIM. HE'S
IN REAL
TROUBLE!



I GOTTA GO.



I CAN'T WAIT
'TILL THEY ROUND UP
ALL YOU PEOPLE! YOU
CAUSED NOTHING BUT
TROUBLE BEFORE AND
YOU'RE **STILL** CAUSING
TROUBLE!

WHY ARE
YOU EVEN
HERE?!?

