

# REDEMPTION

## CHAPTER 16

TWO MONTHS LATER, BACK IN TOWN...

PAUL!

I'M GOING  
NUTS. I DON'T  
KNOW HOW MUCH  
MORE I CAN TAKE.  
THIS IS EATING ME UP  
INSIDE!




NOW WHAT IS IT?!


OH NO. I DON'T NEED THIS RIGHT NOW!

PAUL!






LOIS, I TOLD  
YOU THAT YOU  
NEED TO GO  
THROUGH THE SHOP  
FOR YOUR ORDERS!  
IT'S BEEN ALMOST  
TWO MONTHS NOW,  
HAVEN'T YOU GOTTEN  
YOUR TAB PAID UP  
YET?



NO PAUL, I  
DON'T NEED  
ANYTHING FROM YOU. I  
DON'T NEED ANY OF  
THAT STUFF  
ANYMORE.

REALLY?  
DID YOU GO TO  
REHAB OR  
SOMETHING?



HAHA!  
NO, PAUL. REHAB  
WOULD ONLY TAKE CARE  
OF *ONE* OF MY  
PROBLEMS. THERE  
WERE A LOT OF OTHER  
THINGS I WAS  
DOING TOO.

I'VE MET  
SOMEONE!

AHHHH...  
YOU HAVE A NEW  
BOYFRIEND.

HAHA!  
NO...I MET  
SOMEONE WHO TOLD  
ME ABOUT  
JESUS!!



UNBELIEVABLE!

WELL, I'D  
CALL IT MORE OF  
A MIRACLE  
BUT..YEAH.

GOD IS SO  
MERCIFUL. HE SENT THIS  
MAN TO SHOW ME HOW MUCH  
DANGER I WAS IN...HOW MUCH  
DANGER I PUT MY DAUGHTER IN BY  
NEVER TEACHING HER ABOUT  
JESUS!




WAS THIS GUY  
WEARING A VEST  
THING...AND HE HAD  
LIGHT HAIR?

YEAH!  
DO YOU KNOW  
HIM?!

UHH...I'VE  
SEEN HIM  
AROUND.


SO  
YOU'RE A  
CHRISTIAN  
NOW?



YES, PAUL...  
AND SAMANTHA  
TOO! IT'S  
INCREDIBLE!




SO THIS GUY  
GETS YOU OFF  
CHEMICALS AND NOW  
YOU'RE SAVED...?



NO, PAUL. IT'S NOT ABOUT THE CHEMICALS. IT'S NOT ABOUT GETTING RID OF A FEW BAD HABITS. IT'S ABOUT NOT WANTING TO DO ANYTHING SINFUL ANYMORE.

SEE PAUL, YOU CAN GIVE UP THIS BAD THING OR THAT BAD THING...THEY'RE JUST SYMPTOMS...BUT THE DISEASE IS A WILLINGNESS TO SIN AGAINST GOD. AND THAT WAS ME... BOY, WAS I WILLING!

AND NOW?




NOW...  
WELL, NOW THAT'S  
THE FARTHEST THING  
FROM MY MIND.

BELIEVE ME, I  
HAVE A LONG WAY TO GO  
TO BECOME MORE LIKE  
JESUS, BUT I DON'T WANT  
THESE SINFUL THINGS ANYMORE.  
I DON'T TRY TO TELL MYSELF  
THAT THEY'RE OK. I DON'T  
CHASE AFTER THEM  
ANYMORE.

THE CHANGE IS  
IMMEDIATE AND  
DRAMATIC!

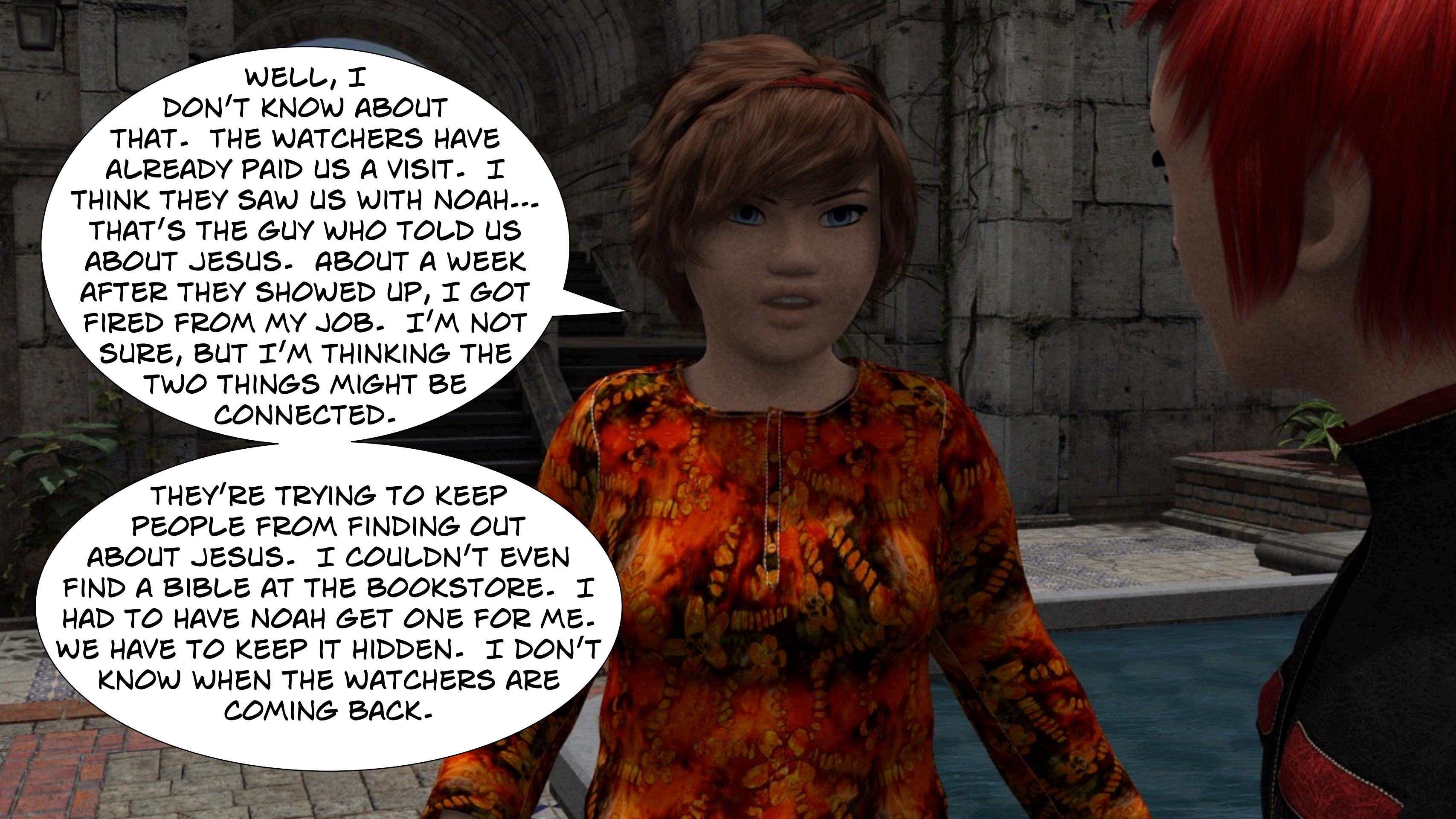
YEAH, I'D  
SAY SO!



NOW ALL I  
CARE ABOUT IS  
OBEYING GOD AND  
SETTING A GOOD EXAMPLE  
FOR SAMANTHA. WE READ OUR  
BIBLE EVERY NIGHT AFTER  
DINNER. WE'RE BOTH  
LEARNING SO MUCH!  
AND WE PRAY TOGETHER  
EVERY NIGHT BEFORE  
BED.


PAUL,  
YOU JUST  
CAN'T IMAGINE  
WHAT IT'S  
LIKE!

SO YOUR  
LIFE IS JUST  
PERFECT  
NOW?




WELL, I  
DON'T KNOW ABOUT  
THAT. THE WATCHERS HAVE  
ALREADY PAID US A VISIT. I  
THINK THEY SAW US WITH NOAH...  
THAT'S THE GUY WHO TOLD US  
ABOUT JESUS. ABOUT A WEEK  
AFTER THEY SHOWED UP, I GOT  
FIRED FROM MY JOB. I'M NOT  
SURE, BUT I'M THINKING THE  
TWO THINGS MIGHT BE  
CONNECTED.

THEY'RE TRYING TO KEEP  
PEOPLE FROM FINDING OUT  
ABOUT JESUS. I COULDN'T EVEN  
FIND A BIBLE AT THE BOOKSTORE. I  
HAD TO HAVE NOAH GET ONE FOR ME.  
WE HAVE TO KEEP IT HIDDEN. I DON'T  
KNOW WHEN THE WATCHERS ARE  
COMING BACK.




I DON'T REALLY KNOW  
HOW TO EXPLAIN IT. I  
LISTENED TO THE THINGS THAT  
NOAH READ FROM THE BIBLE. I  
HADN'T HEARD THESE THINGS  
BEFORE, BUT...

THIS IS  
AMAZING,  
LOIS BUT...  
HOW?



IT WAS  
STRANGE...THEY  
WERE FAMILIAR.  
ALMOST...WELL...I  
KNEW THEY WERE  
RIGHT...MY CONSCIENCE  
WAS **SCREAMING**  
AT ME!

YOUR  
CONSCIENCE?!



YES. GOD'S  
WORD CONVICTS US.  
WE KNOW WE  
SHOULDN'T DO THESE  
THINGS. I GUESS THIS  
IS HOW GOD WARNS  
US.

UH OH.  
PAUL, I THINK I  
NEED TO GET  
OUT OF HERE.





COME BY MY  
HOUSE AND WE  
CAN TALK SOME  
MORE.

PAUL, THERE  
ARE A LOT OF  
THINGS GOING  
ON!

YOU'RE  
TELLING ME!!


I THINK  
WE'RE  
RUNNING OUT  
OF TIME.

YEAH, I  
KEEP  
HEARING  
THAT.



PAUL!






PAUL!  
I THOUGHT YOU  
TOLD ME YOU HAD  
NOTHING TO DO  
WITH TIM'S  
ESCAPE!

WHAT ARE  
YOU TALKING  
ABOUT?!


IT'S ON THE  
NEWS. ONE OF THE  
GUARDS FINALLY  
CONFESSED. HE TOLD THE  
WATCHERS THAT TIM HAD A  
FRIEND HELP HIM.  
THEY'RE SEARCHING  
FOR YOU RIGHT  
NOW!




OH WOW!  
I GOTTA GET  
OUTTA HERE!

DID YOU  
HELP HIM  
ESCAPE?!

OF  
COURSE I  
DID, HE'S MY  
FRIEND!




I...I CAN'T BELIEVE THIS!  
PAUL, DO YOU KNOW WHAT YOU'VE DONE?!  
THEY'RE GOING TO BE SUSPECTING ALL OF US NOW. NOT JUST YOU BUT EVERYONE ASSOCIATED WITH YOU. THAT MEANS ME, PAUL!!!




I TOLD  
YOU NOT TO  
GET INVOLVED  
WITH THESE NUT-  
CASE CHRISTIANS!  
BUT YOU DIDN'T  
LISTEN TO ME, AND  
NOW LOOK AT THE  
MESS YOU'RE  
IN!

I JUST  
NEED TO LAY  
LOW FOR A  
WHILE AND LET  
THIS BLOW  
OVER.




MAN, THERE'S SO MUCH STUFF IN MY HEAD RIGHT NOW! I DON'T KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON!

YOU SHOULD JUST TELL THEM WHERE TIM IS. THEY MIGHT GO EASY ON YOU IF YOU JUST TURN HIM IN.




I CAN'T DO  
THAT!  
WHO KNOWS WHAT  
THEY'RE GOING TO  
DO TO HIM.

YOU BETTER  
START WORRYING  
ABOUT WHAT THEY'LL  
DO TO YOU--AND  
ME!



I'M GOING  
TO THE  
CELEBRATION...  
IT'S GOING TO  
START IN A LITTLE  
BIT. IT'S SAFER  
FOR ME TO BEEN  
SEEN THERE  
THAN WITH  
YOU.

CELEBRATION?  
WHAT  
CELEBRATION?



THE WAR'S  
OVER. THEREON  
GOT THE ISRAELIS  
AND THE MUSLIMS TO  
SIGN A CEASE-FIRE  
AND START A  
FORMAL PEACE  
PROCESS.

PEACE  
PROCESS?!



YEAH.  
SEVEN YEARS  
FROM NOW THERE  
WILL FINALLY BE A  
COMPLETE PEACE IN THE  
MIDDLE EAST. THEY'VE  
ALREADY AGREED TO LET  
THE ISRAELIS REBUILD  
THEIR TEMPLE AS  
PART OF THE  
DEAL.



SEVEN  
YEARS?!

IT'S TRUE!  
HE WAS RIGHT...  
THE BIBLE...IT'S  
TRUE!



**\*SIGH\***  
I'M LEAVING,  
PAUL. DO THE  
RIGHT THING. GO  
TELL THEM WHERE  
TIM IS BEFORE YOU  
RUIN THINGS FOR  
ALL OF US!