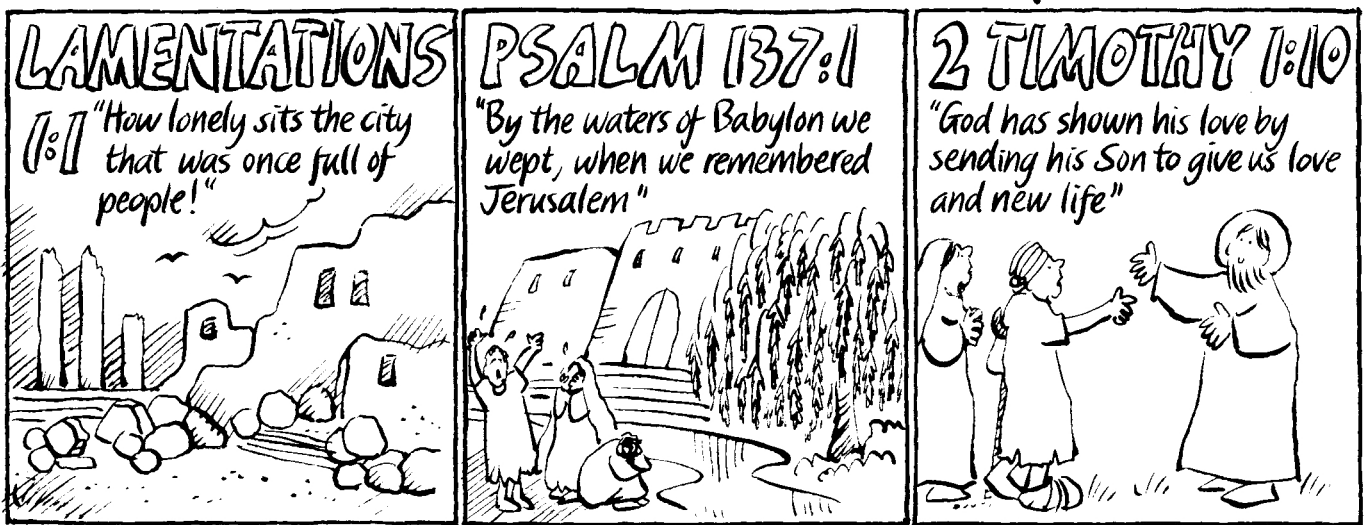


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When the Babylonians invaded Israel, and destroyed Jerusalem, the people of Israel who were not killed were taken to Babylon as prisoners. This time is called the Exile. "Exile" means people are far from home and can't go back.

In exile in Babylon, the people asked themselves, "Did this happen because God is punishing us? Is God still our God, now that Jerusalem is in ruins, and the holy temple is destroyed?" Slowly, the prophets helped the people believe that God was still with them, and loved them no matter what they did. Then, when Jesus came, he showed that love in his whole life.



Jesus said we can never serve God so perfectly that we deserve a prize. He also said we can never be so bad that God can't love us. God loves us just because God is love!

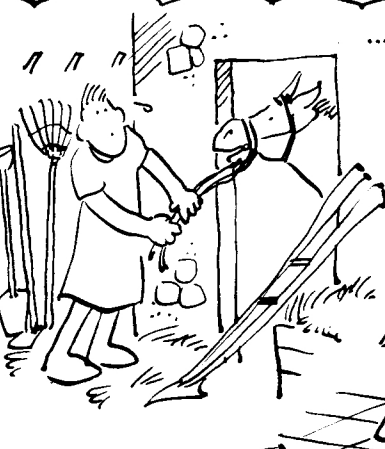
FAITH AND OBEDIENCE

Luke 17: 5-10

JESUS HAD BEEN TELLING HIS DISCIPLES ABOUT OBEYING GOD!



AND IF YOU HAVE FAITH, YOU WILL WANT TO OBEY GOD! YOU WILL HURRY TO DO EVERYTHING HE ASKS! LIKE A SERVANT WHO FINISHES ONE JOB...



... AND STARTS ON THE NEXT!



HE DOESN'T EXPECT HIS MASTER TO SAY, "THANK YOU" OR "HOORAY FOR YOU!" HE JUST DOES HIS WORK!

