



GENESIS

IN THE BEGINNING, GOD

- ¹⁵ ...for all the land that you see I will give to you
and to your offspring forever.
- ¹⁶ I will make your offspring as the dust of the earth,
so that if one can count the dust of the earth,
your offspring also can be counted.

- Genesis 13:15-16

*How will I know if he really loves me?
I say a prayer with every heartbeat
I fall in love whenever we meet
I'm asking you 'cause you know about these things
How will I know if he's thinking of me?
I try to phone but I'm too shy (can't speak)
Falling in love is so bittersweet
This love is strong, why do I feel weak?*



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² But Abram said,

“O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless,
and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?”

³ And Abram said,

“Behold, you have given me no offspring,
and a member of my household will be my heir.”

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⁵ If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God...

⁶ But let him ask in faith, with no doubting,
for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea
that is driven and tossed by the wind...

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- James 1:5-8

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²³ And Jesus said to him,

“...All things are possible for one who believes.”

²⁴ Immediately the father of the child cried out and said,

“I believe; help my unbelief!”

- Mark 9:23-24



I. Faith and Uncertainty

- 1 How long, O LORD? Will you forget me forever?
How long will you hide your face from me?
- 2 How long must I take counsel in my soul
and have sorrow in my heart all the day?
How long shall my enemy be exalted over me
- 3 Consider and answer me, O LORD my God;
light up my eyes, lest I sleep the sleep of death,

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⁴ lest my enemy say, “I have prevailed over him,”
lest my foes rejoice because I am shaken.

⁵ But I have trusted in your steadfast love;
my heart shall rejoice in your salvation.

⁶ I will sing to the LORD,
because he has dealt bountifully with me.

- Psalm 13

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⁴ And behold, the word of the LORD came to him:
“This man shall not be your heir;
your very own son shall be your heir.”

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⁵ And he brought him outside and said,
“Look toward heaven, and number the stars,
if you are able to number them.”
Then he said to him, “So shall your offspring be.”



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⁶ And he believed the LORD,
and he counted it to him as righteousness.

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⁷ And he said to him,

“I am the LORD who brought you out
from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land to possess.”

⁸ But he said,

“O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?”

2. How Faith Waits

⁹ He said to him,

“Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon.”

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¹⁰ And he brought him all these, cut them in half,
and laid each half over against the other.

But he did not cut the birds in half.

¹¹ And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses,
Abram drove them away.

2. How Faith Waits

¹² As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell on Abram.
And behold, dreadful and great darkness fell upon him.

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¹³ Then the LORD said to Abram,
“Know for certain that your offspring will be sojourners
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and they will be afflicted for four hundred years.
¹⁴ But I will bring judgment on the nation that they serve,
and afterward they shall come out with great possessions.

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you shall be buried in a good old age.

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2. How Faith Waits

¹⁷ When the sun had gone down and it was dark, behold,
a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch
passed between these pieces.

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¹⁸ On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying,
“To your offspring I give this land, from the river of Egypt
to the great river, the river Euphrates, ¹⁹ the land of the Kenites,
the Kenizzites, the Kadmonites, ²⁰ the Hittites, the Perizzites,
the Rephaim, ²¹ the Amorites, the Canaanites,
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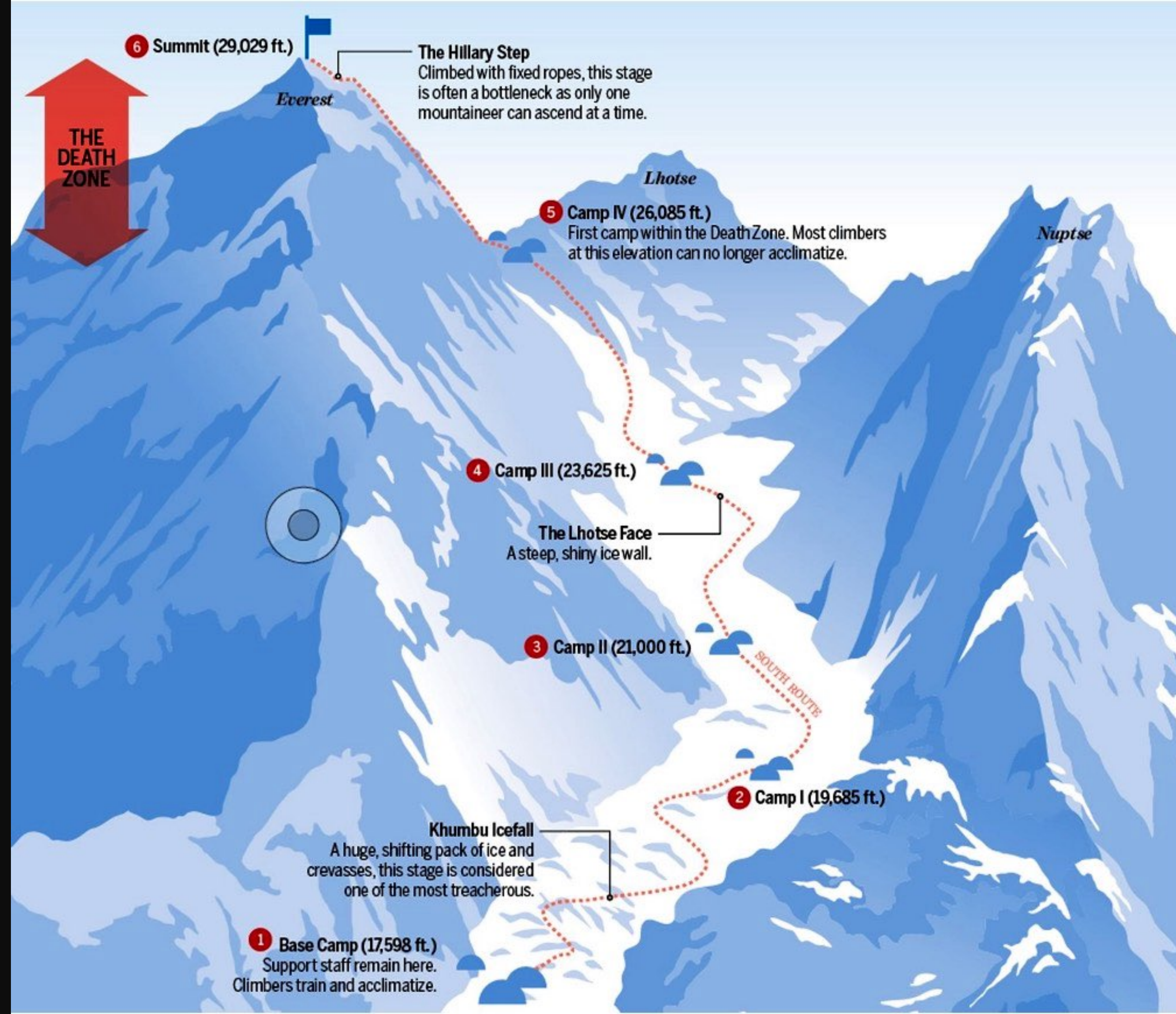
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“Our Lord redeems the lost and the lonely,
the rebel and the fearful, the confused and the doubtful,
the sinner and the sufferer, the poor and the forsaken,
the rejecter and the one rejected.
There is no thought so distorted, no emotion so powerful,
no circumstance so horrible, no action so twisted,
and no desire so desperate as to be outside of
the reach of the Redeemer and his grace.”

- Paul Tripp





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