

A dense forest of evergreen trees, likely spruce or fir, with a wooden boardwalk leading through the center. The trees are lush green, and the lighting is soft, suggesting a forest interior. The boardwalk is made of wooden planks and leads from the bottom center towards the middle of the frame.

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restore to me the joy of your salvation and renew a right spirit

What would life be like for you if your sibling was actually perfect?

Mark 3:21 Jesus' siblings response to him:

Then he went home, and the crowd gathered again, so that they could not even eat. And when his family heard it, they went out to seize him, for they were saying, "He is out of his mind."

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John 7:2-5 Jesus' siblings response to him:

Now the Jews' Feast of Booths was at hand. So his brothers said to him, "Leave here and go to Judea, that your disciples also may see the works you are doing. For no one works in secret if he seeks to be known openly. If you do these things, show yourself to the world." For not even his brothers believed in him.

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First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth

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God is just in His sovereignty and man's free will to choose unbelief. 2 Peter 3:9

Matthew 10:34-37 Jesus promises division

“Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth. **I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.** For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law. And a person's enemies will be those of his own household. Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me.

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Am I willing to trust in the power of prayer?

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I tell you, he will give justice to them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

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Let us pray to...

..love as Jesus wants me to love my family.

..be filled with the Holy Spirit to know how to respond to rejection.

..be faithful in praying for the Holy Spirit to do His work in their hearts no matter what it takes.