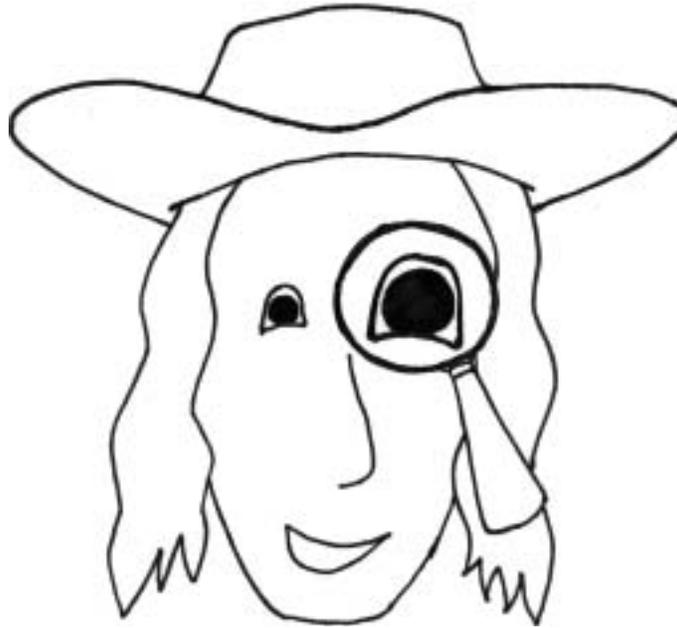


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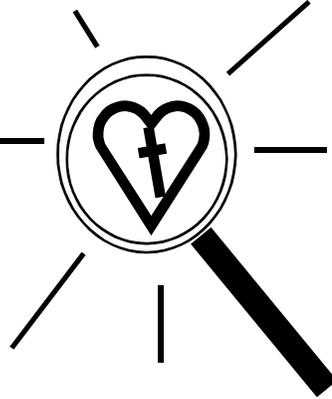
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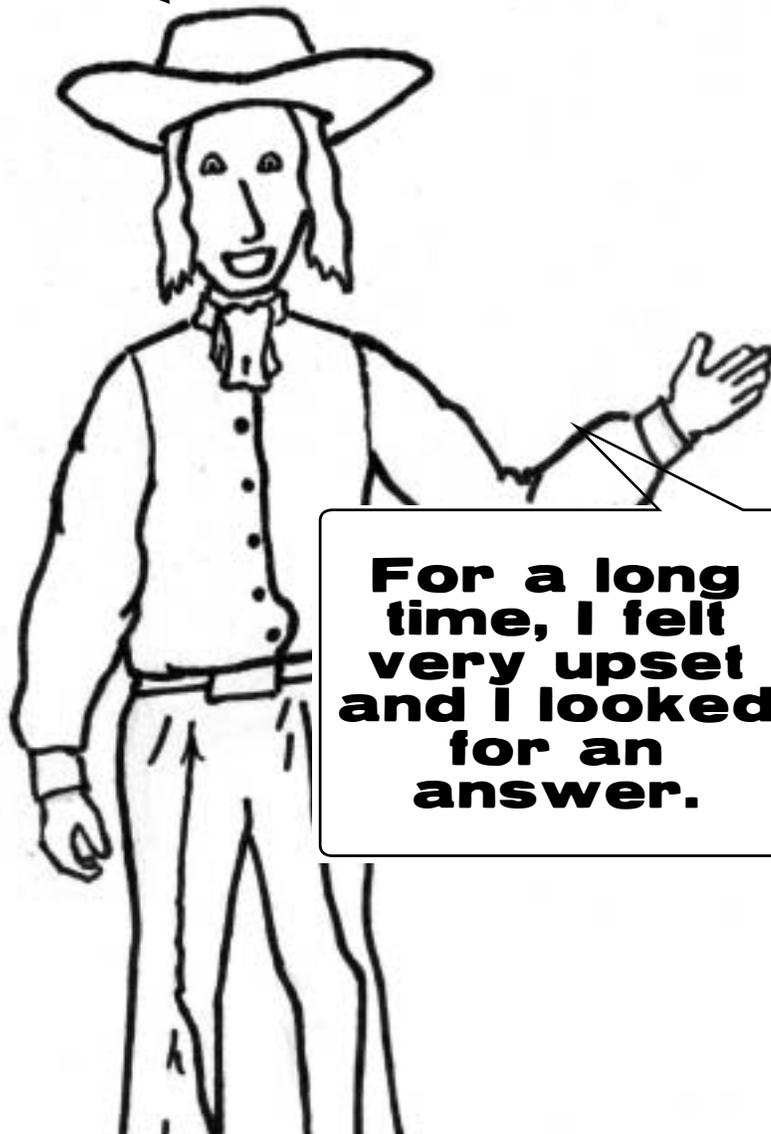
George's Great Search



The story of a man who could not be content with a mediocre life; a man who demonstrated the power of God to penetrate the darkness of the heart and lead us to Himself.

The Byrne family has lived in Costa Rica, Mexico and Texas but are just passing through. They are citizens of another place that is even more beautiful. They share this story with the hope that others can learn from George's Great Search.

Hi, friends. I'm George and I want to tell you something that happened to me.



For a long time, I felt very upset and I looked for an answer.



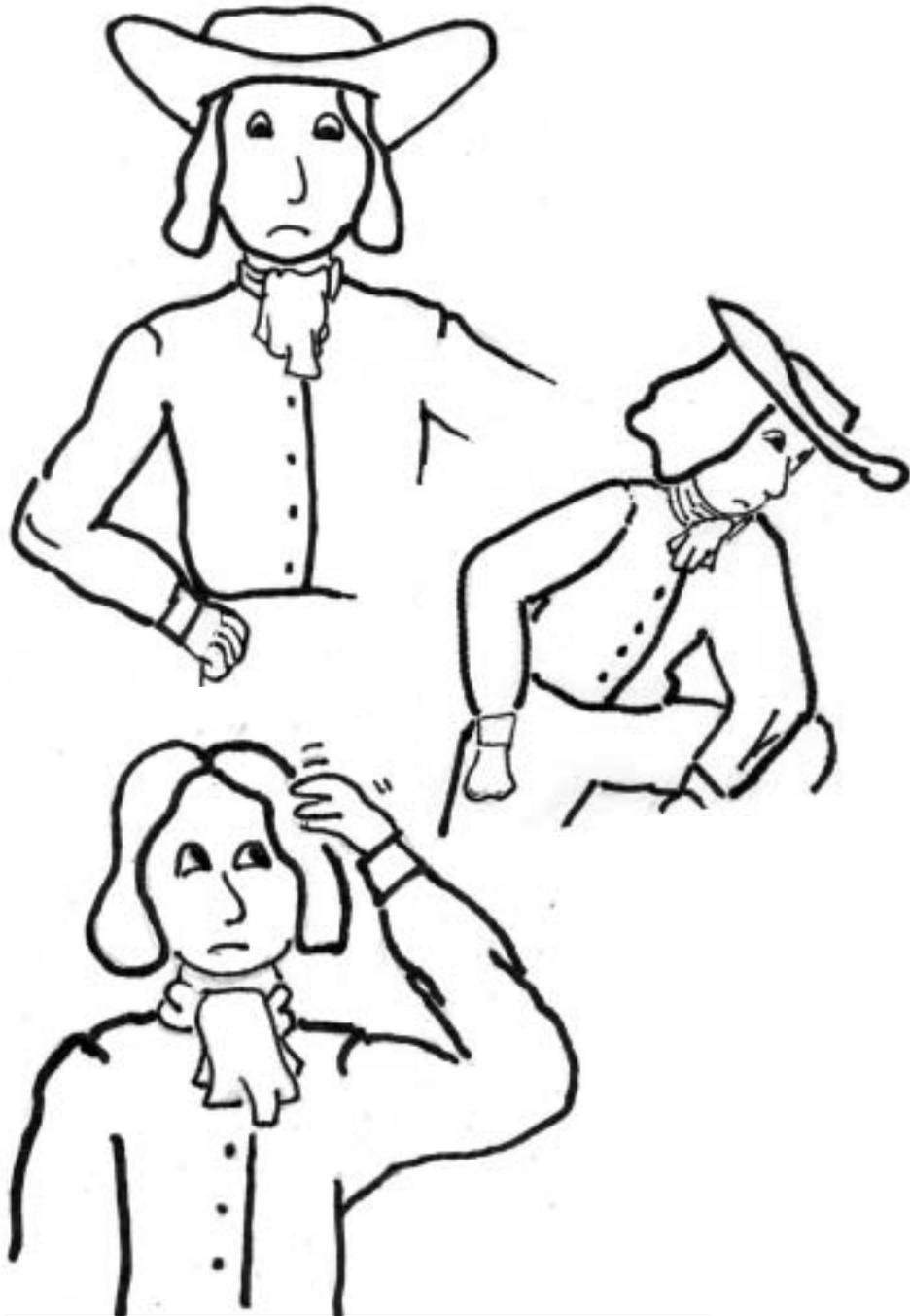
It's strange, but I feel like
something's missing in
my life.

I thought, and I looked every-
where, but I couldn't find peace
or happiness.



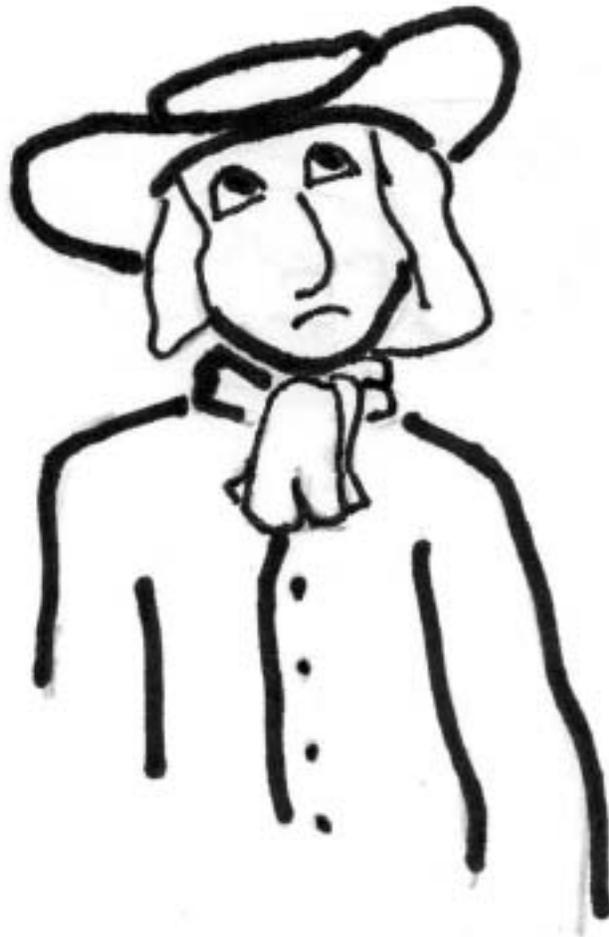
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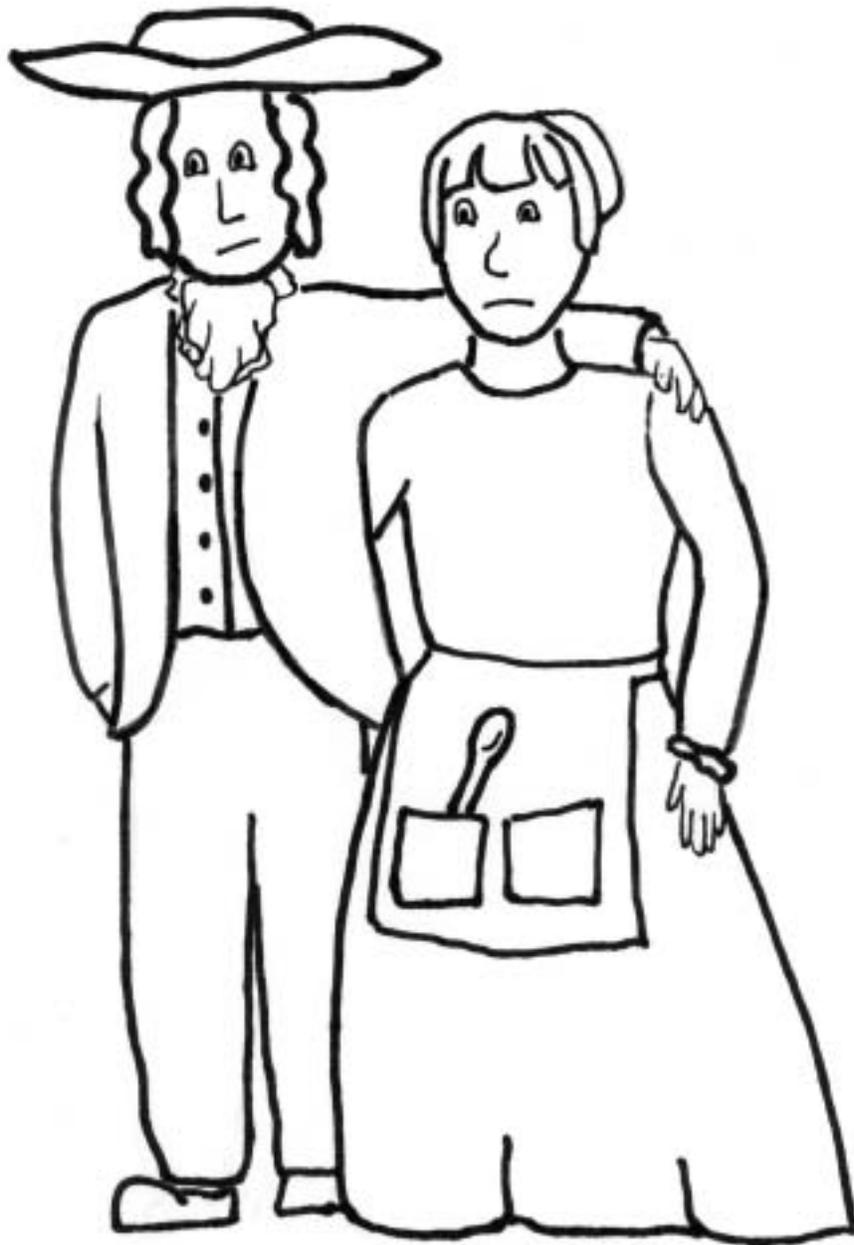
Psalms 1:6 For the LORD watches over the way of the right-
eous, but the way of the wicked will perish.



Psalms 25:4 Show me your ways, O LORD, teach me your paths.

I asked my parents, “Why do I feel so sad? Why can’t I find peace?”





And what do you think they told
me?

That I should get married!
I didn't think that was the solution.





Others thought I should be a
soldier, but how can I find peace
with God by making war in the
world?

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Ecclesiastes 9:18 Wisdom is better than weapons of war.

II Cor.10:3 For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does.

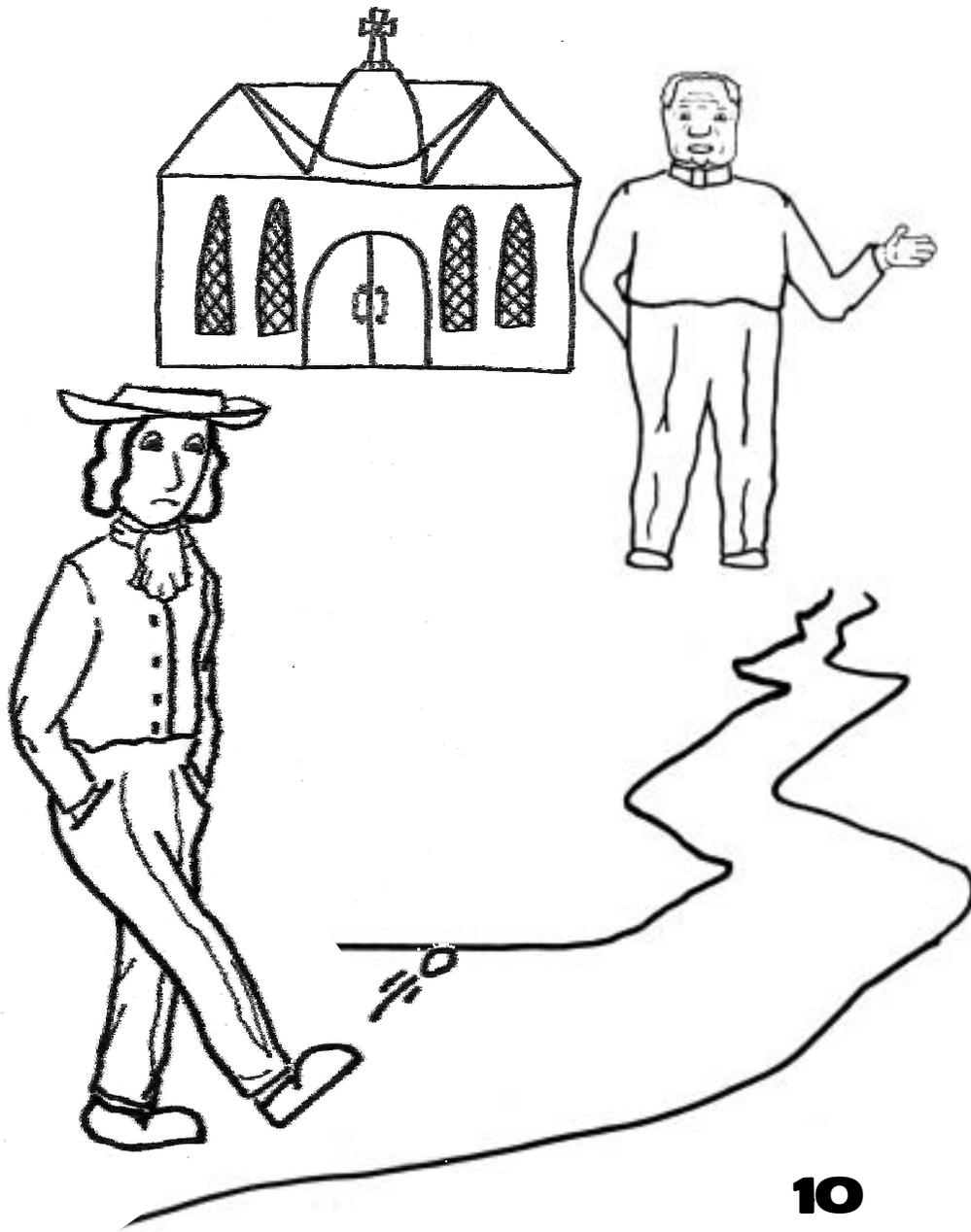
I went to talk with my friends.
Do you think they helped me?
Not at all! They just wanted to
drink and for me to pay. I went
away sadder than ever seeing the
emptiness in them.



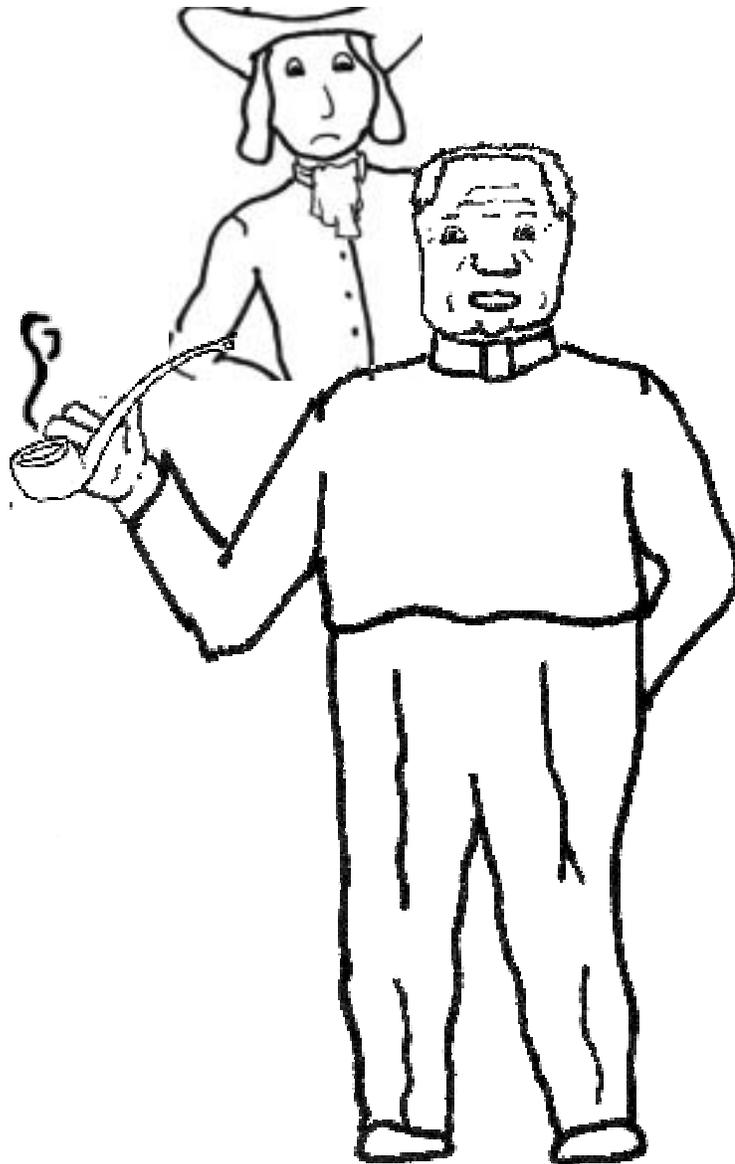
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Romans 13:14 Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ,
and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the sinful nature.

Later, I went to a pastor so he could tell me what I should do.



Smoke and sing psalms? I don't want to smoke and I'm too sad to sing. That's not what I'm looking for.



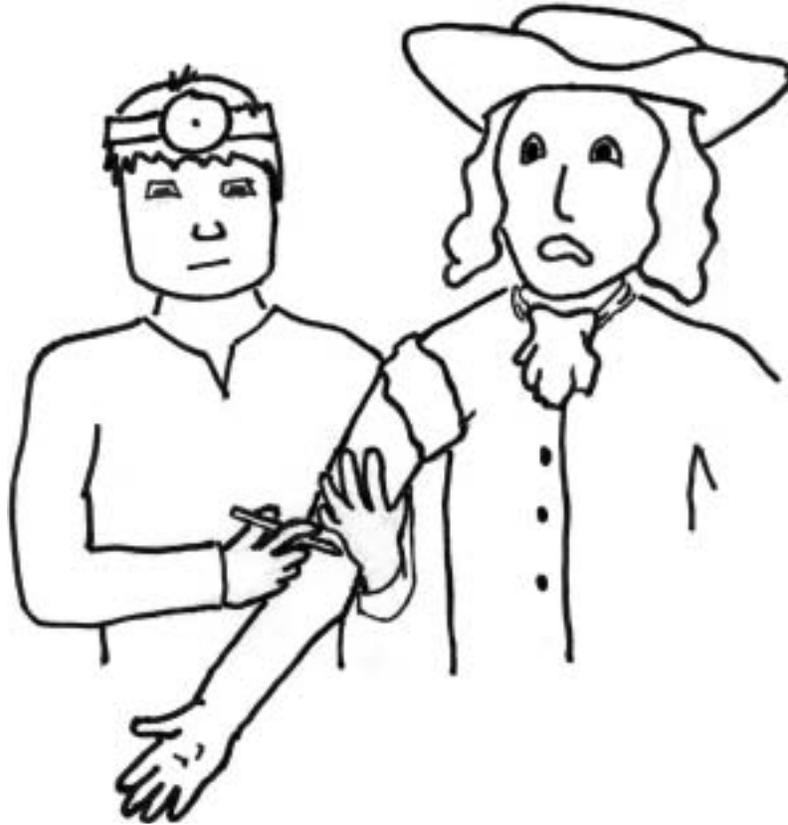
I was telling a college teacher
about how sad I was, when
suddenly....



I stepped on some flowers in his garden and he got so mad it was like his house was on fire.



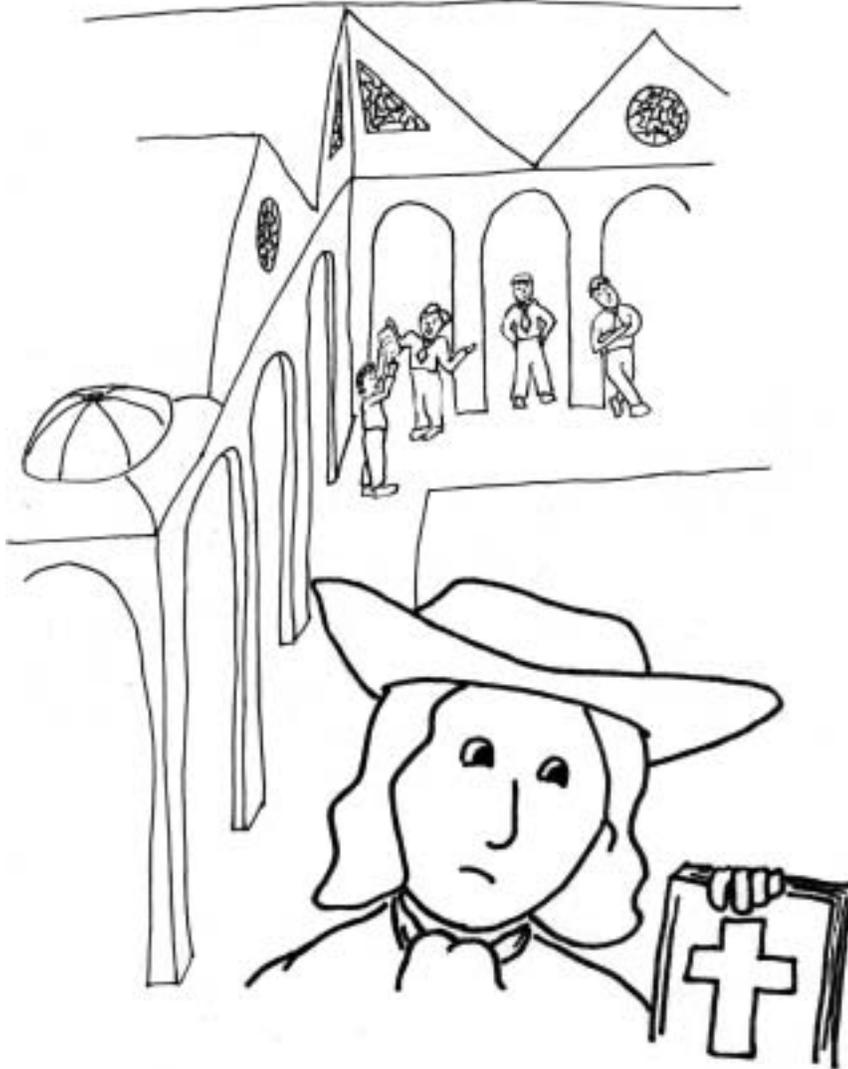
James 1:19-20 My dear brothers, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, ²⁰for man's anger does not bring about the righteous life that God desires.



A doctor tried to take blood out of my arm to help me, but I was so upset that he couldn't get even one drop of blood.

Proverbs 14:12 There is a way that seems right to a man, but in the end it leads to death.

I realized that even the most educated people didn't have the counsel that I needed.



Job 28:20; 23-24 “Where then does wisdom come from? Where does understanding dwell? ²³God understands the way to it and he alone knows where it dwells, ²⁴for he views the ends of the earth and sees everything under the heavens.”

I went away in desperation to
lonely places.
Who can help me? Who can
speak to my condition?



When I lost all hope in people and I had no external help to rescue me so that I didn't even know what to do, it was then that I heard a voice that said, "There is one, even Christ Jesus, that can speak to your condition," and when I heard it, my heart jumped for joy.

The Lord helped me see why no one on earth could speak to my condition: it was so I would give all the glory to Jesus. Because everyone is under sin and surrounded by darkness like I was, so that Jesus, whose light shines and who gives grace, faith and power, would be lifted up.

This was God's work and no one can stop it. I learned this all through my experience.

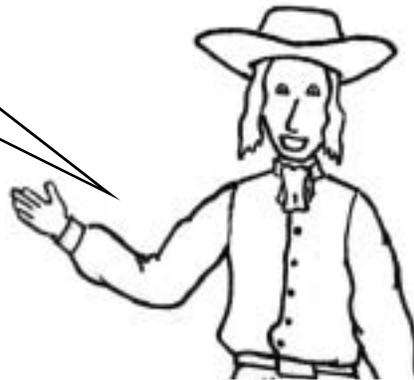


This was not the end of my story, just its beginning. God gave me many other adventures that you can read about later in other booklets.

For now, you know where you can look for something to make your life full. Jesus is the light that shines in darkness and he is the best friend to help you. He is close to you now.

Friend, talk with Him so that He can forgive your sins and lift you out of your sadness. He wants to give you new life.

That way you will see an incredible change in your life and you will know joy with your best friend: **Jesus Christ.**



II Cor. 4:6 For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.

Do you want to know more about George's Great Search and about your own search in life? The following pages tell details about the life of:

George Fox

– a real man
with a common search.

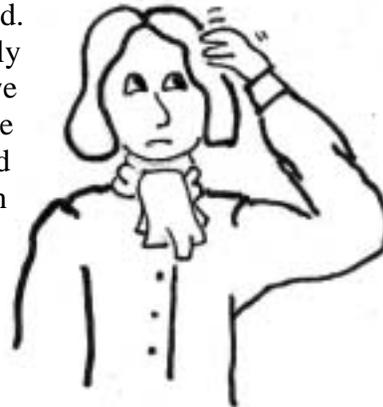
The Great Search



The history of “George’s Great Search” is, in part, the history of everyone, but it is the story of one man, George Fox, who was transformed by his encounter with God and who, as a result, changed his world and ours.

The history of George is a history that reveals something common in the human condition. Each one of us has to confront difficulties and deficiencies within that frustrate us and make us feel a personal emptiness. In this sense, “George’s Great Search” tells of something very personal in each person’s story.

We can easily identify with George Fox when, frustrated by our problems, we search everywhere for answers that we cannot find. But what a joy when we finally find those answers when we look for them in the only one who knows our condition and can resolve our problems – in Jesus Christ.



The Apostle Paul, in his book to the Romans, tells of this amazing truth: “But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for

us.” (Rom. 5:8) This verse reveals the incredible love of God that does not take into account all of our weaknesses. In fact, God, already knowing our condition in advance, sacrificed himself so that he could rescue us and offer his life for ours.

Although George Fox lived more than three centuries ago (born in 1624), his experiences still reflect the emptiness each human being experiences and the futility of filling that emptiness with the things of this world. The “solutions” that were recommended to George are similar to the “solutions” that the people of our own age seek. There are people who think that they are going to find happiness in a romantic relationship but who are left disillusioned when they continue with the same emptiness. Others turn to drugs or alcohol trying to calm the pain they feel in their heart, but they end up with more problems and more pain. Some fill their days with studies, others with activities, others with luxurious things, and they can distract themselves for a time, but they do not find the peace they desire.



The reason we do not find peace in all of these things is simple: God has created us to be His friend. Ecclesiastes 3:11(b) says that God has put eternity in the hearts of human beings. If God has made us with eternal longings, how can we be satisfied with temporal things?

Jesus Christ died on the cross and was raised so that we would no longer wander lost in this life. John 3:16 says:

“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.”



Do you want to experience eternal life? Believe in Jesus Christ and give your life to Him.

Romans 5:1-2: “Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God.



Seek the Lord while he may be found, call on him while he is near.

Isaiah 55:6

“There is one, even Christ Jesus,
who can speak to your condition.”

And when I heard it, my heart jumped
for joy!



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