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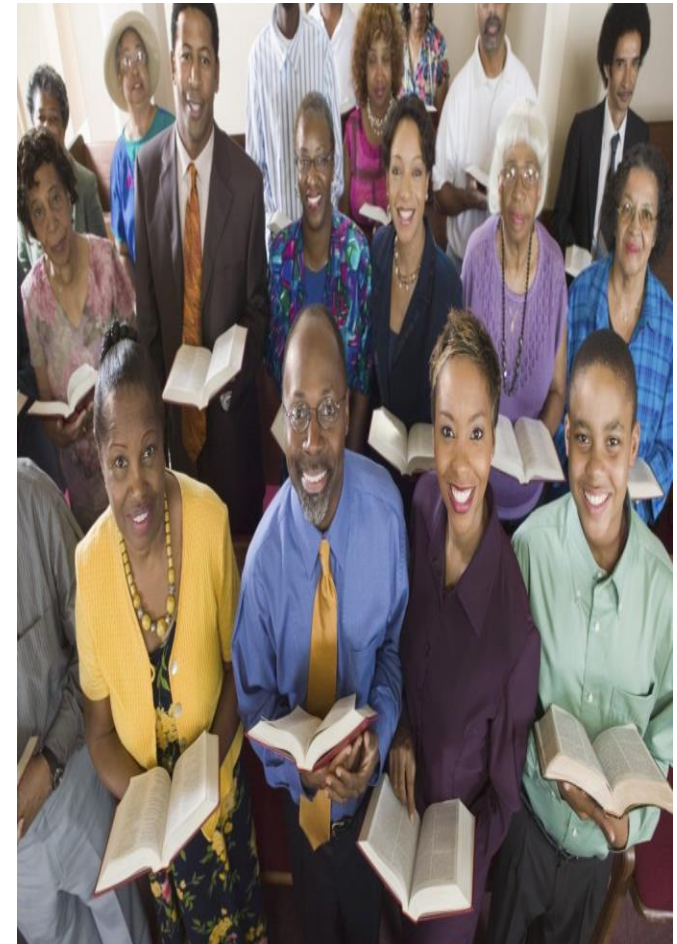
Loving ...

Leaning ...

Living ...

Leading ...

*By the Word
of God*



LESSONS FROM THE WISDOM PSALMS

PSALMS 37:12-22

DIVINE RECOMPENSE

- LESSON: There are consequences to sinful choices: God will certainly repay everyone for the evil choices that they make

There's always
consequences to your
actions.

Before you act,
make sure you're
prepared for them.

- **THE LORD WILL CAUSE THE PLOTS OF THE WICKED TO BECOME FUTILITY PSALM 37:12-13**

- **THE WICKED MAN’S PLOTS**

- He habitually and intentionally meditates on how he can harm the innocent (I.e., people who are not even bartering him).
- He habitually and intentionally threatens and intimidates the innocent (e.g., he “gnashes at him with his teeth)

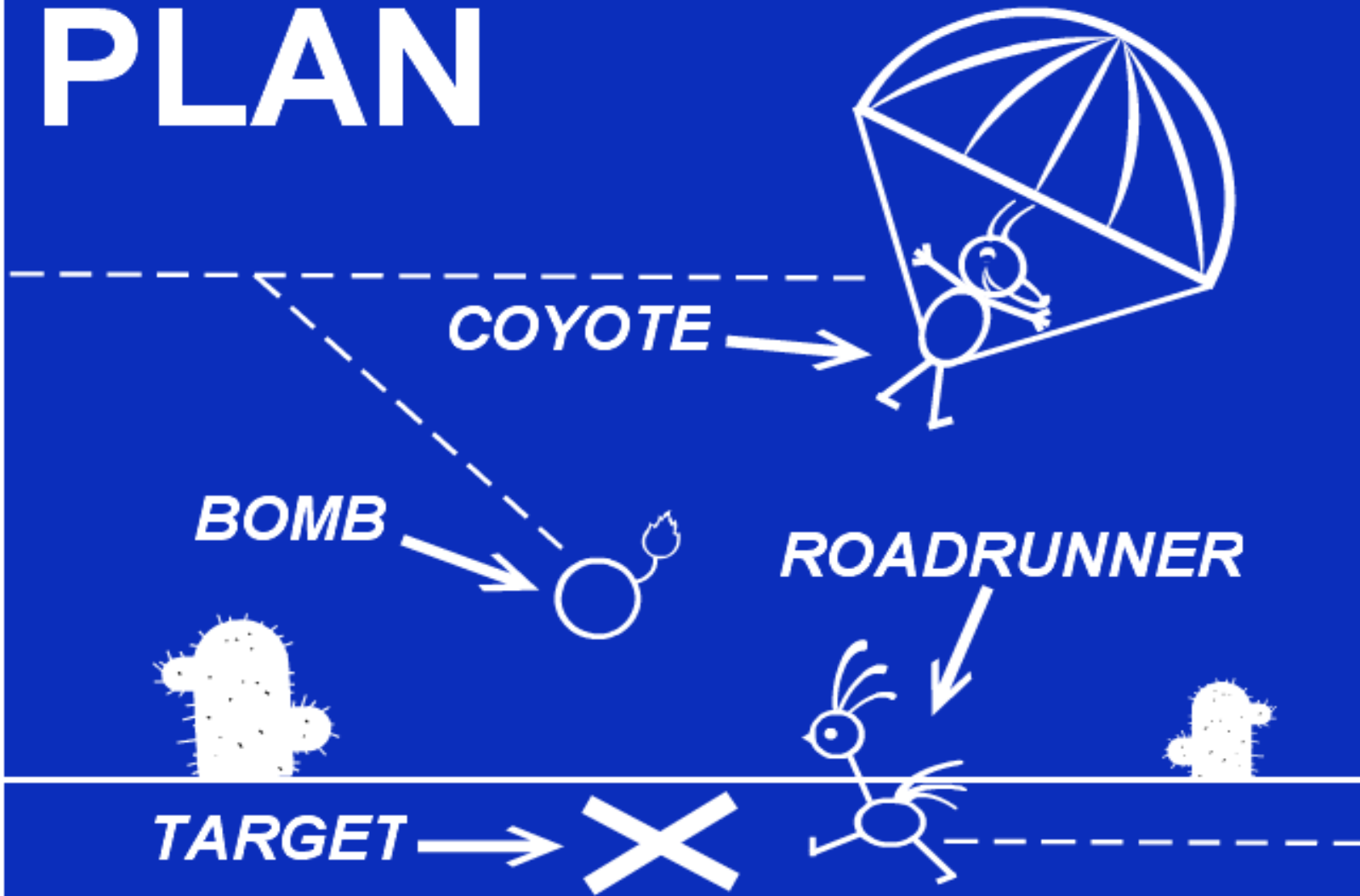
- **THE LORD’S ACTION**

- The Lord laughs at him (e.g., He mocks his pity plots to harm people with the thought that he will get away with it).
- The Lord sees that his day is coming

- **WARNING: BEWARE OF PLANNING WRONG DOING**

- The Lord sees your plots
- The Lord laughs at your plots
- The Lord will punish you because of your plots.

PLAN



- **THE LORD WILL DESTROY THE VERY POWER OF THE WICKED PSALM 37:14-15**

- **THE WICKED MAN'S POWER**

- He has his weapons of destruction drawn and ready
- His purpose is to injustice, oppression, violence, and murder

- **THE LORD'S ACTION**

- He will cause the wicked man's weapons of destruction to be used against him.
- He will destroy the wicked man's weapons of destruction

- **WARNING: BEWARE OF INSTIGATING VIOLENCE**



- **THE LORD WILL DESTROY THE ABILITY OF THE WICKED TO PROSPER PSALM 37:16-17**

- **THE WICKED MAN'S PROSPERITY**

- **The Text:** A little that a righteous man has is better than the riches of many wicked.
- **The Teaching:** Just because evil people make a lot a money, engage in much pleasure and have a lot of thrills does not mean that life is good for them (e.g., the pay back for evil gains is very great-- even to the point of losing everything)
- **The Truth:** God allows us to enjoy the things that we have

– THE LORD’S ACTION

- **Prediction:** The arms of the wicked shall be broken (I.e., their ability to make riches the wrong way will be taken from them).
- **Prospect:** The Lord upholds (continually) the righteous (I.e., God takes care of the righteous, even with the little that they have)

– WARNING: BEWARE OF GETTING POSSESSIONS THE WRONG WAY



- **THE LORD WILL BLOW AWAY THE DEFENSES OF THE WICKED PSALM 37:18-20**

- **THE WICKED MAN'S PROTECTION**

- He thinks that he has true protection (e.g., long life, rich inheritance, surplus of goods to carry him through bad times).
- This false sense of protection leads him to think that he can get along just fine without the Lord.

- **THE LORD'S ACTION**

- The Lord will show that it is the upright who has true protection
- The Lord will see to it that the wicked, and the enemies of the Lord, perish (e.g., no matter how successful and great they are)

- **WARNING: BEWARE OF BRAGGING ABOUT YOUR SECURITY DUE TO WRONG DOING**



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- **THE LORD WILL REMOVE FOREVER THE DEFIANCE OF THE WICKED**

PSALM 37:21-22

– THE WICKED MAN’S PLEDGE

- He borrows but does not repay (e.g., because he is a liar, a cheat, and a thief--people showed him kindness and he returned unkindness)
- He does not show mercy to those in need (e.g., because he is selfish, self-centered, and stingy)

– THE LORD’S ACTION

- The Lord will see to it that those **blessed** by Him inherit the earth (I.e., those blessed by the Lord have receive His salvation)
- The Lord will see to it that those **cursed** by Him shall be cut off (I.e., those cursed by the Lord have rejected His salvation)

– WARNING: BEWARE OF BEING DEFIANT TO THE MERCY OF THE LORD.



CHALLENGE:
Choices have
consequences!

RULES OF LIFE

- 1. Actions have consequences, and may have a lasting impact on the rest of your life.**
- 2. There is no reset, undo or edit button in life.**
- 3. YOU are the only person responsible for your actions**
- 4. You are free to choose whatever action you want to take, but you are NOT free from the consequences.**
- 5. Doing nothing is an action.**

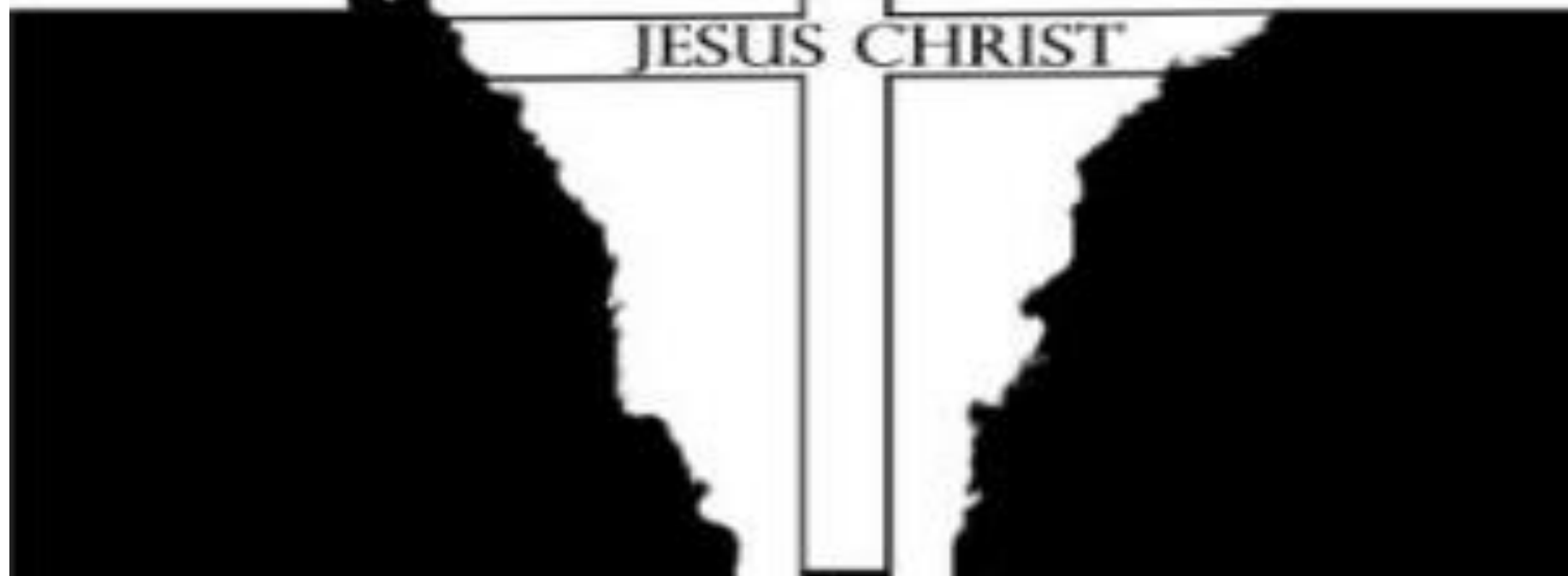
RECEIVE THE LORD JESUS CHRIST AS YOUR
SAVIOUR TODAY!!



GOD HAS PROVIDED THE
ONLY WAY...WE MUST MAKE
THE CHOICE



JESUS CHRIST



- 1. Acknowledge** that the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, died on the cross for your sin, and that He arose again from the dead on the third day.
- 2. Admit** that you are a sinner, **guilty** of sin and **responsible** and **accountable** to a holy God for your sin, and that you are under His just condemnation and eternal punishment for your sin.
- 3. Affirm** that the Lord Jesus Christ is your Lord and Saviour by **receiving** His provision of salvation through your faith in Him alone.