

# S.A.F.E. Homes



Strengthening Apostolic Families Everywhere



**"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith." (II Timothy 4:7)**

## You're An Overcomer!

The great Apostle Paul penned the words of this verse from a prison cell. He wasn't put into prison for stealing or lying or even for hurting anyone. As a matter of fact he wasn't there because he did anything wrong. He was put into prison for preaching the truth of God's Word to people who didn't want to hear it.

Can you imagine that! And yet, his faith in God stood strong and unwavering. We never read where he ever questioned God about his circumstances. We never read where he regretted his decision to serve God or to preach the gospel. As a matter of fact, Paul considered himself a servant of Jesus Christ. A servant does whatever the master of the house wants him to do. And that is exactly what Paul did.

Sometimes you may feel lonely as a Christian when everyone around you is doing something you know you shouldn't participate in. But God will give you strength if you will trust Him. You may feel the pressure of temptation when the world tries to offer you things that are contrary to God's Word. But scripture tells us in 1 Corinthians 10:13,

***"There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it".***

The Apostle Paul wrote these words to the church at Corinth and he knew what he was talking about! Stay faithful to God, resist temptation, and you will be able to say, just like Paul, ***"There is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day..."*** (II Timothy 4:8).

**Family Prayer:** "Lord, help me to remember that You endured the suffering of the cross so that I could have salvation. Help me to stand firm for the truth of Your Word. In Jesus' name. Amen."

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Gather supplies to make a wall hanging of the Apostle Paul's testimony in Philippians 4:13 (in modern English), "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me!"

### Let's talk

Christianity is being attacked throughout our world. Have you seen evidence of this at school, at work, or around your city? Sometimes we have to take a stand. Paul said, "I fought a good fight." What do you think he meant by this?

Don't be afraid to be sensitive to the needs of those you meet throughout the day. If someone mentions a problem they are having, offer to pray for them- on the spot! Let God use you to help encourage someone this week.



## Additional Challenges

The Apostle Paul wasn't just a great preacher or a wonderful writer, he suffered a lot of persecution for the name of Jesus. Take a look at II Corinthians, chapter 11 and list some of the things he went through.

2 Cor 11:23-28 (KJV)

23 Are they ministers of Christ? (I speak as a fool) I am more; in \_\_\_\_\_ more abundant, in \_\_\_\_\_ above measure, in \_\_\_\_\_ more frequent, in \_\_\_\_\_ oft.

24 Of the Jews \_\_\_\_\_ times received I \_\_\_\_\_ save one.

25 \_\_\_\_\_ was I \_\_\_\_\_, once was I \_\_\_\_\_, thrice I suffered \_\_\_\_\_, a night and a day I have been \_\_\_\_\_;

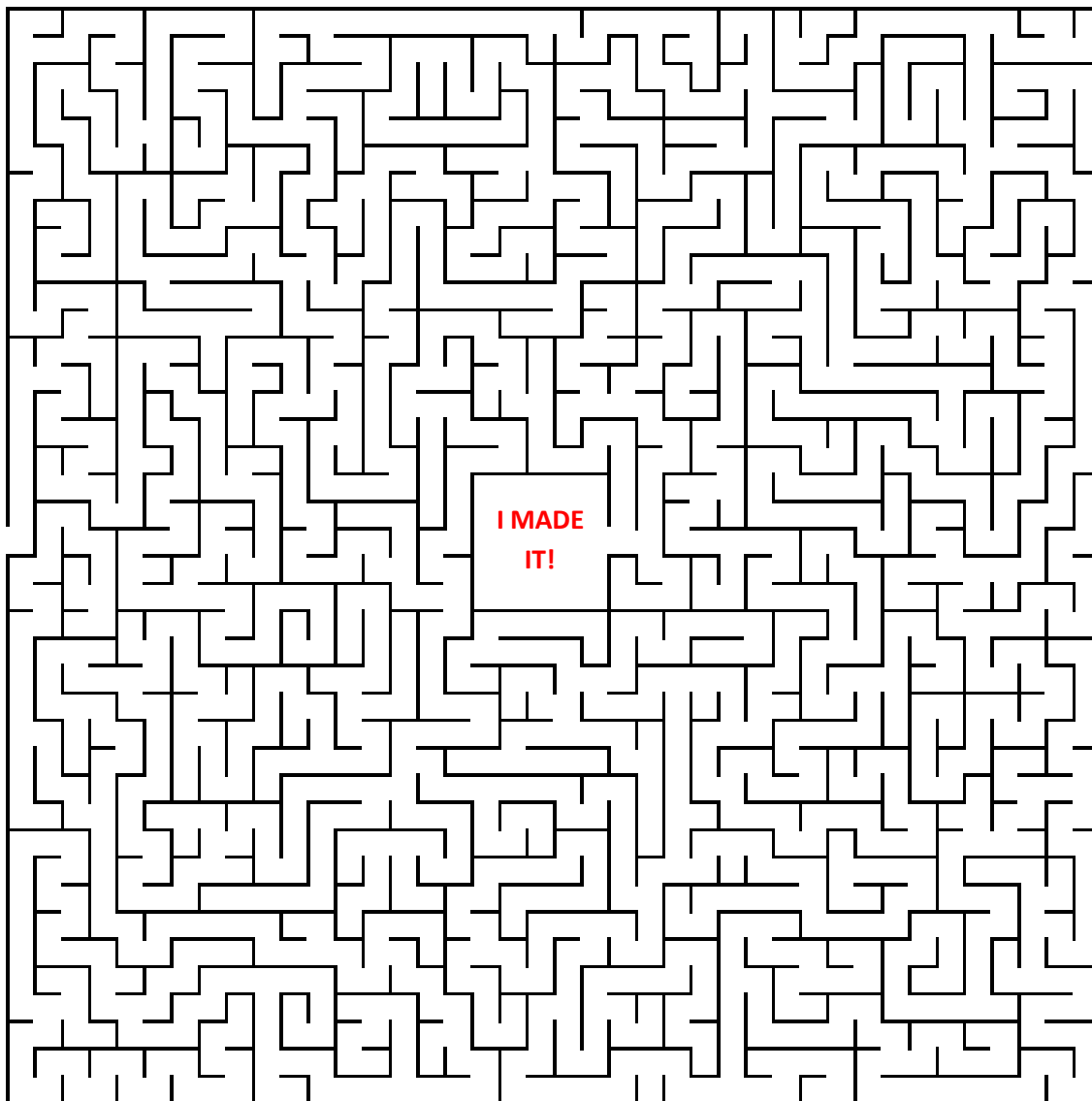
26 In \_\_\_\_\_ often, in \_\_\_\_\_, in perils of \_\_\_\_\_, in perils by \_\_\_\_\_ countrymen, in perils by the \_\_\_\_\_, in perils in the \_\_\_\_\_, in perils in the \_\_\_\_\_, in perils in the \_\_\_\_\_, in perils among \_\_\_\_\_ brethren;

27 In \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, in \_\_\_\_\_ often, in \_\_\_\_\_, in \_\_\_\_\_ often, in \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

28 Beside those things that are without, that which cometh upon me \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_ of all the \_\_\_\_\_.

Whew!! And you thought you had problems! And yet Paul was able to say, "I have fought a good fight,... **I have kept the faith.**" Will you have that same testimony? Yes, you can!

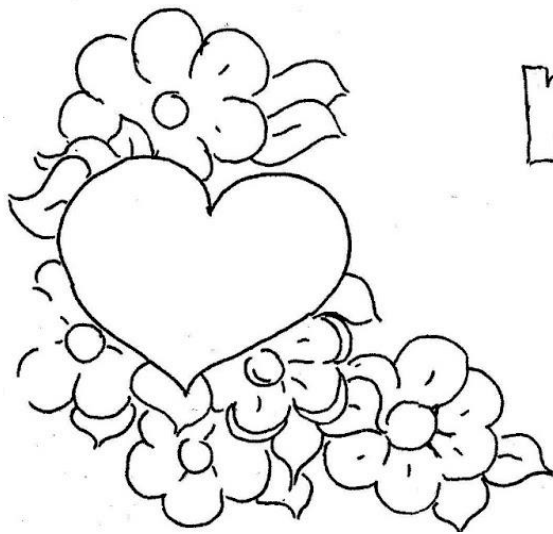
# Puzzle Page



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Philippians 4:13

