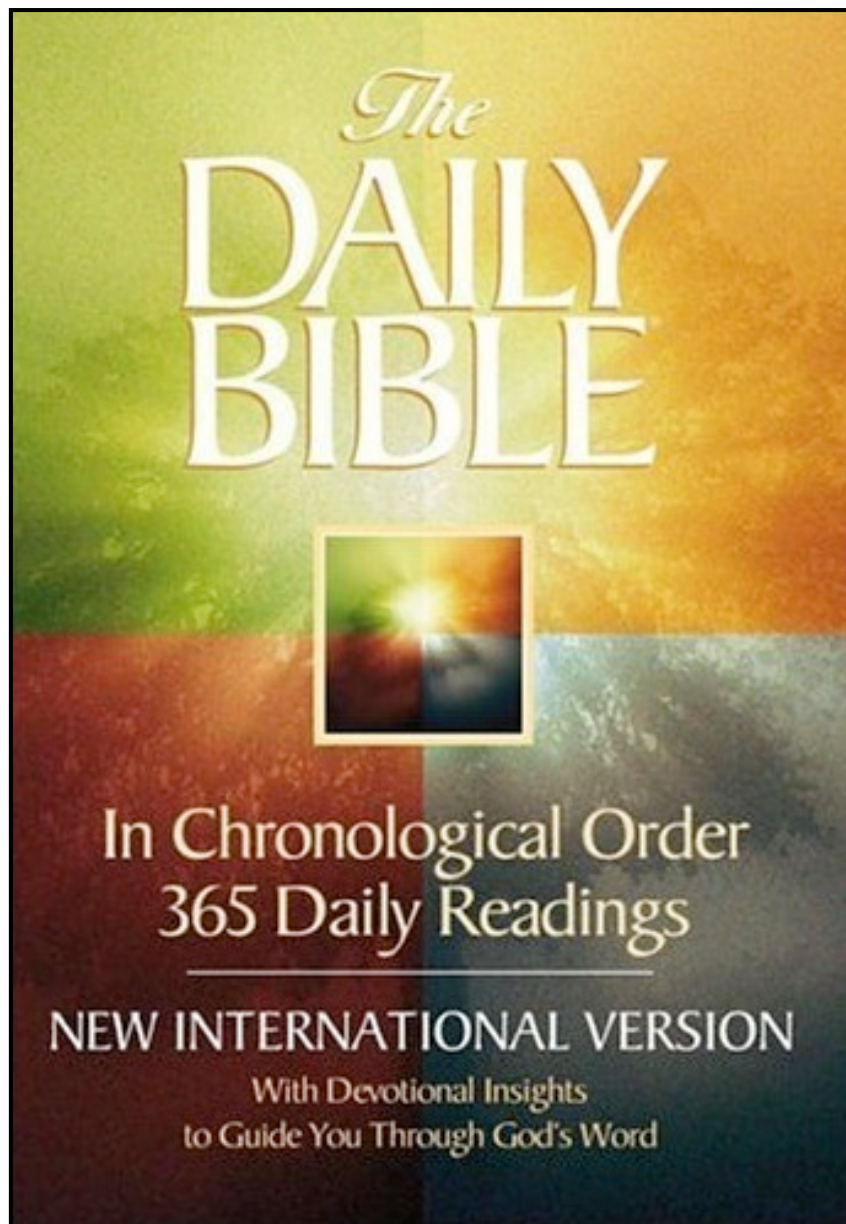


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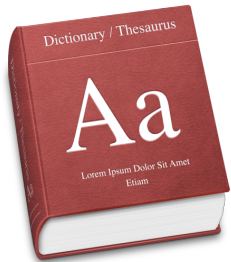


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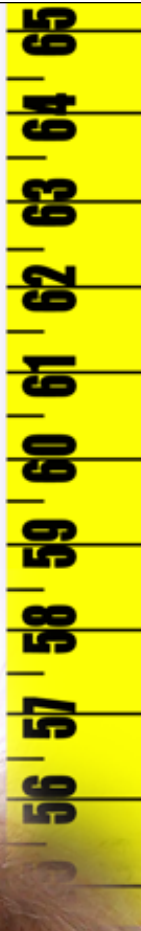
adjective ( -turer, -turest)

1 to be fully developed physically and emotional; to undergo a series of positive changes to attain perfection.

**Mature - Greek = τέλος**

**Brought to its end. Finished.**

**Wanting nothing necessary to completeness. (from - *tello*: to set out for a definite point or goal)**





# The Good News About Growing...

1. It doesn't matter where I find myself in the journey - God will work with me right where I am!
2. We all grow at a different pace!
3. God is gracious with me - I need to be gracious too!

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# How well do I know God's Story?

Creation - *<sup>1</sup> In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth... <sup>31</sup> God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. - Genesis 1:1 & 31*

Fall - *<sup>7</sup> they realized they were naked; and they hid from the LORD... - Genesis 3:7 & 8*

Redemption - *Christ redeemed us - Gal. 3:13; 2Cor. 5:18 (Gen. 3:15)*

Restoration - *Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth - Rev. 21 -21*

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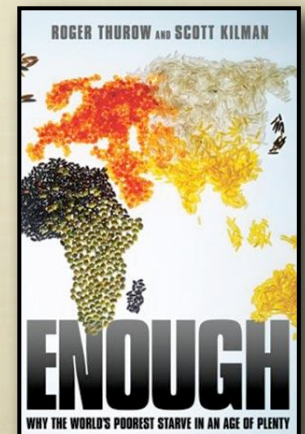
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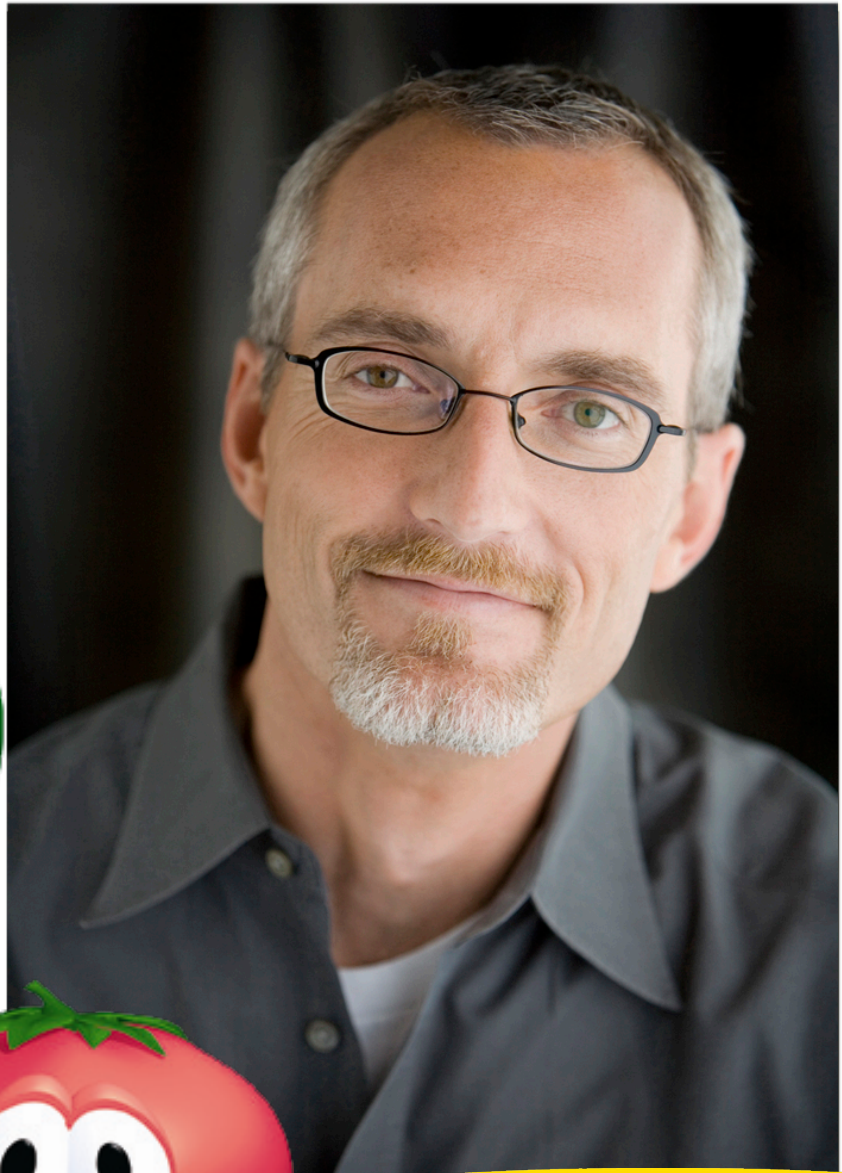
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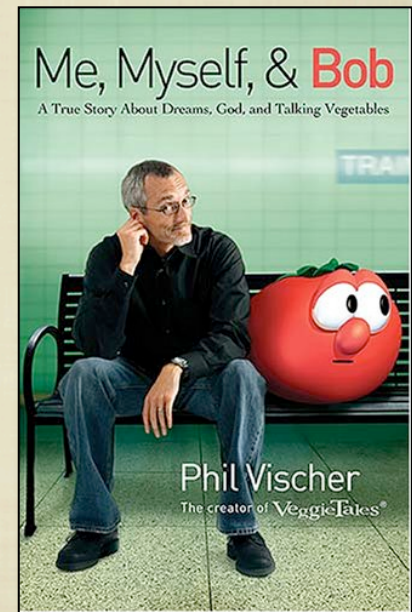




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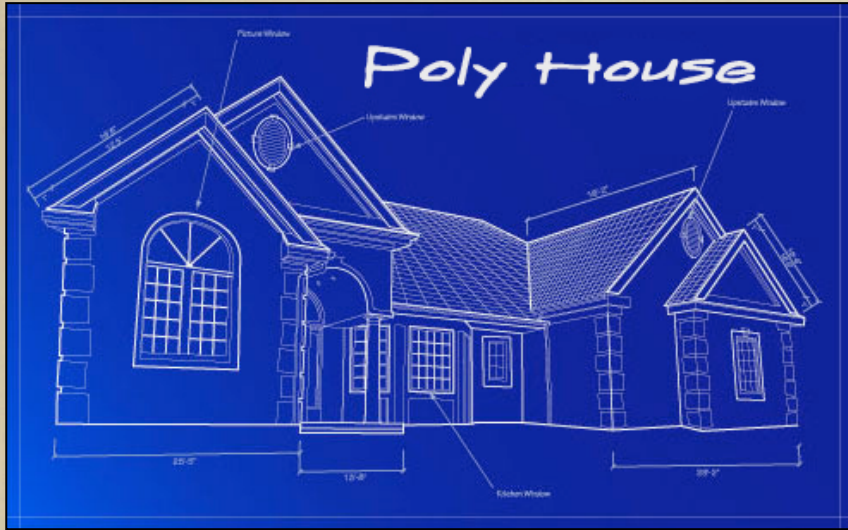
5,000, Walking on water, calm the storm,

pigs & chains.

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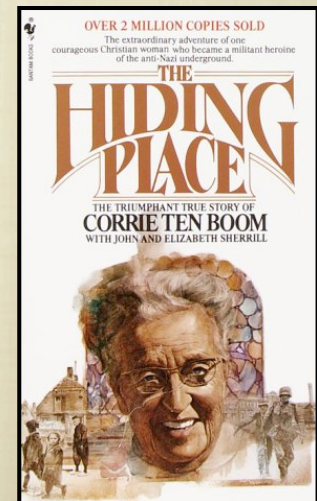
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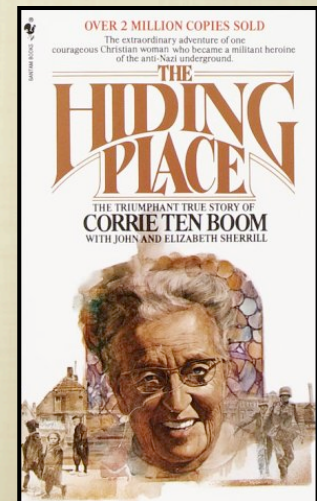
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